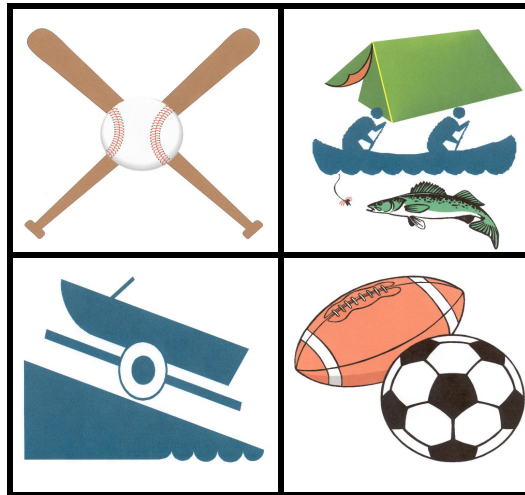


## Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Parks Foundation is to promote and support public parks and recreation activities in Polk County.



## Join Us!

### Friends of the Parks Foundation

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Polk County offers many opportunities for fun, adventure and relaxation in its parks, lakes and streams. You can run, walk, bike, skate, ride horses, visit historic sites, participate in all types of organized sports; water based recreation, and enjoy nature.

Parks have always been important to Polk County, but parks and recreation needs cannot be met through public funding alone. Help is needed to enhance and maintain our public parks as assets that your family, friends and visitors can be proud of.

**What is Friends of the Parks?**

The Friends of the Parks Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was established to promote and support public parks and recreation activities in Polk County and to promote gifts and donations from individuals, organizations and private industry.

**What Can Friends of the Parks Do?**

Friends of the Parks can help all of the parks and recreation agencies in Polk County to:

- Secure funds for parks and recreation programs without bureaucratic entanglement.
- Provide a forum for discussion and opportunities for citizen involvement.
- Promote public awareness of the value and benefit of parks and recreation programs.
- Encourage the acquisition of green space, lake access and the enhancement of public parks.
- Assist with special events and ongoing projects.
- Promote and facilitate management assistance and beautification of parks through our Park Partners Program.

**What Can You Do?**

You can make a personal commitment toward ensuring the quality of parks and recreation in Polk County now and in the future. To show your support:

- Become an annual member to receive park updates and special events invitations.
- Make a donation (money, supplies, equipment, land) with the option of designating a specific use or park location.
- Buy-A-Plaque - Personally inscribed as a special remembrance or a thought to share, these plaques are for permanent display at the IMC-Agrico Peace River Park boardwalk in Homeland.
- You, your club or organization can adopt all or part of a park to care for and promote.
- Consider supporting Friends of the Parks through a will, life insurance, trust or annuity. Please consult your attorney or financial advisor.

**Have Some Fun!**

Participate in our Trek Ten Trails Program. Hike ten featured trails and find treasure in approved geocaches along the way. Call or visit our website for details.

**Park Adoption**

Adopt a park with a pledge to improve that park and its recreational amenities. Adopt-A-Park Projects can be individually crafted to meet the needs of the park and your club or organization. Regular organization membership is complimentary with park adoption. Contact us to discuss the possibilities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names (If Family) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Annual Membership  
Suggested Donation**

_____ Student	\$5
_____ Individual	\$25
_____ Family	\$40
_____ Organization	\$100
_____ Corporate Silver	\$250
_____ Corporate Gold	\$500
_____ Corporate Platinum	\$1000

Individuals 18 years old or older are eligible for regular membership which includes voting rights at the annual membership meeting and eligibility for service as an officer or director.

**Gift Donation**

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

For property donation please call 863-534-4340

**Buy-A-Plaque Donation - \$25**

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