



A Very Special Thank You to Everyone
who attended, supported and volunteered this year!

Trails & Trilliums

This year's Trails & Trilliums Festival showcased our amazing park and helped increase public awareness about the natural world ... from the kids activities (with over 300 attendees) to guided hikes and presentations geared for adults (which had more than 350 pre-registrations.)

Hundreds of guests, both familiar and new, were introduced to the wildflowers, waterfalls and wonders of the South Cumberland. And the event netted \$10,500 — with proceeds going to Every Child in the Park outreach programs and park improvements.

So many people contributed to the event's success. A big thanks to our sponsors: Lodge Cookware, Tower Bank, John Canale and Doug Ferris. The Dubose Conference Center was a great location for the festival, and we appreciate the staff's support.

The leadership team deserves a special shout-out: Lee Davenport, Mary Priestley, John Hille, Mark and Kay Hommrich, Louis Rice, Bruce Blohm, Trey Moore, Katie Goforth, Marietta Poteet, Sam and Kelley Baggett, Rick and Deb Dreves and Susan Campbell were among those who helped organized the multitude of events.

We also pay tribute to the 125+ volunteers who amassed 700 hours just during the weekend! From leading hikes to building forts and fairy houses with kids, our volunteers continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm and knowledge. Thanks also to the musicians who performed over the weekend and to our vendors, guest speakers, authors and presenters.

Notable events during the weekend included the opening of the new Nature Play Area at the park Visitors Center, the dedication of the CCC Camp interpretive site at Fiery Gizzard, the Wine & Wildflowers reception, the Cumberland Wild Forum and the Hootenanny, which we co-sponsored with the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance.

We feel fortunate to support and protect our park, to introduce people to its many facets, to add to its history, and to educate the children who will inherit it. Trails & Trilliums allows us to do all these things, and for that we are truly grateful.

Margaret Matens
Trails & Trilliums 2019 Event Chair