

STATE OF  
NORTH  
CAROLINA

Department of the  
Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of  
North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and  
hereto attached ( 4 sheets) to be a true copy of

CHARTER DOCUMENTS

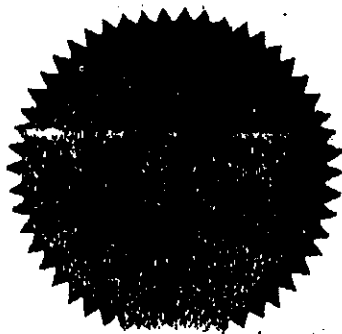
OF

FRIENDS OF STATE PARKS, INC.

the original of which is now on file and a matter of  
record in this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal.

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this \_\_\_\_\_ 15th day  
of April, in the year of our Lord 19 82.



*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State  
*[Signature]*  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Secretary of State

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FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE

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THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, being a natural person of the age  
SECRETARY OF STATE ( ) years or more, a citizen of the United  
OF NORTH CAROLINA States and resident of the State of North Carolina, does  
hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation  
for the purpose of forming a corporation under Chapter 55A  
of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina and  
to that end does hereby set forth:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is FRIENDS OF STATE PARKS,  
INC.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation shall be  
perpetual.

ARTICLE III

This corporation is organized exclusively for educa-  
tional, charitable and scientific purposes within the mean-  
ing of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
1954 and specifically to assist and cooperate with state, fed-  
eral and local agencies, officials and communities in en-  
hancing and perpetuating the state park system of North  
Carolina for the enjoyment and benefit of all the state's  
people; to preserve and protect natural areas of unique or  
exceptional scenic value; to promote the establishment and  
operation of state parks, natural areas, state natural and  
scenic rivers, and state scenic trails; to portray and inter-  
pret plant and animal life, geology, and all other natural  
features and processes included in the various state parks  
and natural areas; to promote the preservation, protection  
and portrayal of scientific sites of statewide importance; to  
promote public awareness of the importance of the state parks  
system.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE V

Membership in the corporation shall include all of those  
persons who are now members of the Friends of State Parks, an  
unincorporated association and other members of the public who  
comply with the membership requirements set forth in the by-laws

ARTICLE VI

There shall be three classes of memberships: individual,  
family, and donor, each of which shall have one vote on all  
matters subject to vote by the membership and family member-  
ships shall be entitled to one additional vote by virtue of  
this class.

IN S. CURRY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
100 EAST MAIN STREET  
RDU, N. C. 27610

ARTICLE VII

The following persons shall constitute the initial Board of Directors of this corporation to serve until the organizational meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified:

- (a) Mr. Alexander T. Davison, Route 4, Box 525, Hillsborough, N. C. 27278
- (b) Dr. Hollis J. Rogers, 420 East Radiance Drive, Greensboro, N. C. 27403
- (c) Mrs. Ruth Noonan, 412 Rosewood Drive, Lexington, N. C. 27292
- (d) Mrs. Hollis Wild, Route 1, Roaring Gap, N. C. 28668

ARTICLE VIII

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation and the registered agent at such address shall be:

Mr. Joe C. Matthews  
305 Government Center  
8 West Third Street, Post Office Box 575  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27102  
Forsyth County

ARTICLE IX

This corporation shall have all of those powers enumerated in North Carolina General Statutes, Section 55A-15 and 16 except that:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue law).

deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE X

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation in compliance with Article 7 of Chapter 55A of the NCGS and in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Directors shall determine, any assets not so disposed of shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, of Forsyth County, State of North Carolina, to be distributed by him exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Mr. Alexander T. Davison

Route 4, Box 525

Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1973

Alexander T. Davison  
Alexander T. Davison

NORTH CAROLINA

ORANGE COUNTY

I, Lynwood J. Brown Sr., a Notary Public  
do hereby certify that Alexander T. Harrison  
personally appeared before me this 15 day of Dec.  
1978, and acknowledged the due execution of the fore-  
going Articles of Incorporation of Friends of State Parks,  
Inc.

Lynwood J. Brown Sr.  
Notary Public

9-26-79  
My Commission Expires

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N. S. CURRY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
54 MAIN STREET  
BORO, N. C. 27510

Return to: John S. Curry, P. O. Box 130, Carrboro, N. C. 27510

State of North Carolina  
Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to §55A-10-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation hereby submits the following Articles of Amendment for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Friends of State Parks, Inc.

2. The text of each amendment adopted is as follows (state below or attach):  
Please see attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The date of adoption of each amendment was as follows: October 30, 2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. (Check a, b, and/or c, as applicable)

a.  The amendment(s) was (were) approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors or incorporators, and member approval was not required because (set forth a brief explanation of why member approval was not required)

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b.  The amendment(s) was (were) approved by the members as required by Chapter 55A.

c.  Approval of the amendment(s) by some person or persons other than the members, the board, or the incorporators was required pursuant to N.C.G.S. §55A-10-30, and such approval was obtained.

5. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified: \_\_\_\_\_

This the 5th day of November, 2021.

Friends of State Parks, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Corporation



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

David M Pearson, Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or Print Name and Title

Notes:

1. Filing fee is \$25. This document and one exact or conformed copy of these articles must be filed with the Secretary of State.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF FRIENDS OF STATE PARKS, INC.

By vote of the membership at the annual meeting held on October 30, 2021, the following changes to the Articles of Incorporation for Friends of State Parks, Inc. were enacted:

ARTICLE VI is amended to read as follows:

There shall be three (3) classes of memberships: individual, family, and organizational, each of which shall have one (1) vote on all matters subject to vote by the membership.

ARTICLE IX is amended to update the correct statutory provisions as follows:

This corporation shall have all of those powers enumerated in North Carolina General Statutes, Section 55A-3-02 except that:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

(a) By a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue law), deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).



ARTICLE X is amended to update the correct Section under the NC Nonprofit Corporation Act and replace the county for deposit of any assets not disposed of by action of the board as follows:

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation in compliance with Article 14 of Chapter 55A of the NCGS and in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as and exempt organization or organizations under Sections 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Directors shall determine, any assets not so disposed of shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, of Wake County, State of North Carolina, to be distributed by him exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.