

# Why an endowment?

We have established an endowment of funds for the park's long-term benefit. The investments we gather will be professionally managed with the goal of providing current and future income to the Friends of the Ledges for the direct benefit of the park in perpetuity.

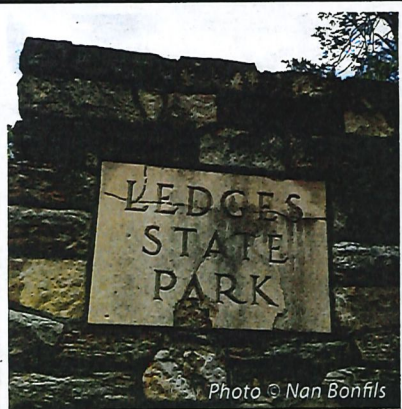


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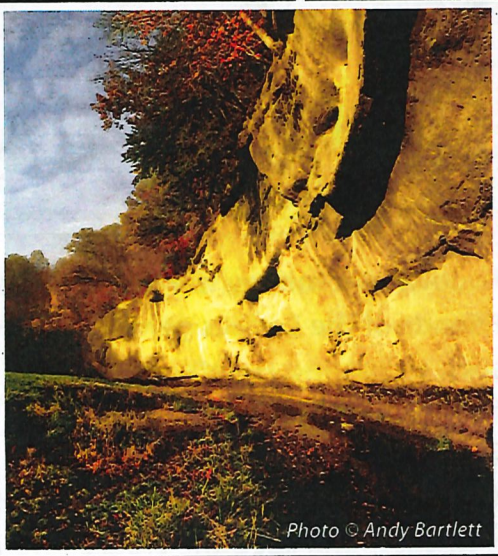


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**LEDGES STATE PARK**  
**ROCK SOLID 100 YEARS**

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# Thank you

Our first 100 donors can expect special designation and honors recognition.

If you have any questions, please call one of these members of the endowment steering committee:  
EB Lawlor | 612-432-9846  
Don Adams | 515-230-6364  
You may leave a message at the park office, 515-432-1852 or send an email to: [friendsoftheledges@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheledges@gmail.com)

**Friends of the Ledges monthly meetings**  
You are welcome to attend a FOL meeting - Third Thursday monthly (except December and January) at 6:30 pm, Park Headquarters, 1515 P Avenue, Madrid, Iowa.

FRIENDS OF THE LEDGES  
PO BOX 375  
BOONE, IOWA 50036

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# Endowment for the Friends of the Ledges

The Ledges State Park marks its centennial year in 2024. The Friends of the Ledges, a 501(c)3, is hosting events to honor park history, celebrate its centennial, encourage volunteer service, and establish a legacy for the park's future.

That legacy comes in the form of an endowment to protect and provide for the distinctive wonders of the park, both natural and manmade, that inspired citizens to establish the park 100 years ago.

*You are invited to make a gift to the Friends of the Ledges Endowment Fund.*



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## How will the money be managed?

The investments within the endowment are managed to provide yearly income to Friends of the Ledges' projects in perpetuity.

Sam Byriel with Edward Jones in Boone is managing these.

## How can I donate to the endowment?

There are a variety of ways to give to the endowment. Writing a check to our 501(c)3 is the traditional way of giving. While this gift is tax deductible, there are many ways to give which could be even more tax efficient.

Appreciated investments or required minimum distributions from retirement plans (RMDs) can also be donated.

Please contact Sam Byriel to see if you can benefit from these methods. He can be reached at [sam.byriel@edwardjones.com](mailto:sam.byriel@edwardjones.com) or by calling 515-432-7128.

## How will the earned income be spent?

The Friends of the Ledges group will make endowment spending decisions in keeping with its mission to advocate for the park, its programs and resources. Expenditures will focus first on the preservation of the geological features of the park, along with unique plant life and wildlife, for which the park was created 100 years ago. Preservation of CCC stone structures will also be a priority, as well as trail maintenance, since trails help to protect the fragile sandstone outcroppings from damage caused by energetic visitors.



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Endowment money will not be spent on Friends of the Ledges general operations such as hosting events, or on other fundraising activities. Rather, the endowment will support the park's long history of nature immersion and birdwatching, keep the creeks running clear, maintain the oak woodlands, and ensure that everyone can make memories at the Ledges for generations to come.

## Endowment for the Friends of the Ledges

CLIP OUT AND RETURN TO: FRIENDS OF THE LEDGES, PO BOX 375, BOONE, IA 50036

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please have Sam Byriel at Edward Jones contact me about my endowment gift.

*Make checks payable to the Friends of the Ledges. Please note ENDOWMENT on the memo line.*