

# Memberships/Donations

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## Membership Choices

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 15 Student      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Individual

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Non-Profit      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 35 Family

(2 Adults & Minor Children)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Patron      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 200 Benefactor

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,000 Friends Corporate Sponsor

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Donation

Payable to the Friends of Highland Recreation Area

All donations are tax-deductible in accordance with current applicable law.



The Friends of Highland Recreation Area (FOHRA) volunteer organization was established in 2007, and is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt non-profit organization operating under lease agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

## Contact Us:

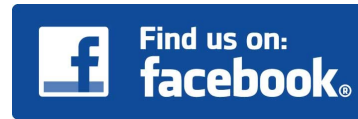
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# The Friends of Highland Recreation Area



Volunteer Organization for  
the Highland State  
Recreation Area

White Lake/Highland, Michigan



**“Where volunteering is just  
a walk in the park!”**



The Friends of Highland Recreation Area (FOHRA) are an all-volunteer organization comprised of

residents, local user groups, private businesses, and various resource organizations headquartered in Highland Township, Michigan. Under a lease agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, FOHRA is working to bring the three remaining Edsel and Eleanor Ford Haven Hill Estate structures back to life, while returning them more closely to their original design.



Within one of the most picturesque, fascinating, and historically significant state parks in southeast lower Michigan, the mission of the Friends of Highland Recreation Area is to combine the former Edsel and Eleanor Ford Haven Hill Estate history with Highland State Recreation Area's peaceful landscape, outdoor recreational opportunities, and other amenities.

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White Lake Township, Michigan in 1923. The plan was to construct a self-sufficient retreat as a diversion from the hustle and bustle of city life. Edsel and his family enjoyed the country estate, which included a secure Gatehouse entrance, a 6,900 square-foot main Lodge building on top of Haven Hill, a nearby



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Many alterations were made to the estate over the years to accommodate various uses, but ultimately state budget cuts in the 1980's lead to closure of the structures. The buildings suffered from lack of use, but continue to fascinate visitors and serve as a popular park attraction. Unfortunately the original Riding Stables and Lodge were lost to fire, and the Barn was severely damaged by a storm in 2008.



## The Haven Hill Estate

Edsel Ford, only son of Henry Ford, and his wife Eleanor began purchasing parcels of land in Highland and



Carriage House for cars and drivers, a Farm Center building, Riding Stables, and a huge livestock Barn. Edsel passed away in 1943, and a few years later his wife Eleanor sold the estate to our state park system, which when combined with



FOHRA members continue to rebuild and repurpose the remaining structures to preserve the history of Haven Hill for the future.

## Our Mission Statement:

“To enrich and foster awareness of the land, history, art, architecture, and people of Edsel and Eleanor Ford’s former Haven Hill Estate within Michigan’s Highland State Recreation Area for current and future generations.”

## Special Events

The Friends support the park in many ways including hosting events such as the



**Haven Hill Festival** on the last Saturday in August every year. The free event features educational historical displays, a Vintage Base Ball match, Model A Ford automobiles, summer food and

drinks, and children’s activities. FOHRA members also hosts Haven Hill tours, nature hikes, lectures, and other special events.

Work bees are held twice per month during which Haven Hill projects at the various sites are completed.



## NATURE



## HIKE

Contact us if you’d like to participate, coordinate, or sponsor an event at Haven Hill.