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Membership Choices

\$ _____ 15 Student \$ _____ 20 Individual

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

(Family 2 Adults & Minor Children)

\$ _____ 100 Patron \$ _____ 250 Benefactor

\$ _____ 500 Steward

\$ _____ 1,000 Friends Corporate Sponsor

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\$ _____ 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.

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The Friends of Highland Recreation



Volunteer Organization for Haven Hill and the Highland State Recreation Area



White Lake/Highland, Michigan



The Haven Hill Estate

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

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 on top of Haven Hill, a nearby 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

other surrounding lands eventually became Highland State Recreation Area.

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.



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

Our Mission:

“We enrich the historical, natural, and recreational experiences at Haven Hill and Highland State Recreation Area.”

Special Events

The Friends support the park in many ways including hosting events such as the annual **Haven Hill Festival**.



The free event features educational historical displays, a Vintage Base Ball match, vintage Ford vehicles, summer food and beverages, and children's activities.



FOHRA members also host 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. Guests are always welcome to drop by to volunteer or to meet our members and ask questions.

NATURE



HIKE

Contact us if you'd like to participate, coordinate, or sponsor an event at Highland State Recreation Area and Haven Hill.

The Friends of Highland Recreation Area (FOHRA) is 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 supports the Highland Recreation Area and 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 objectives of the Friends of Highland Recreation Area include combining the former Edsel and Eleanor Ford Haven Hill Estate history and structures with Highland State Recreation Area's peaceful landscape, outdoor recreational opportunities, and other wonderful amenities.

