



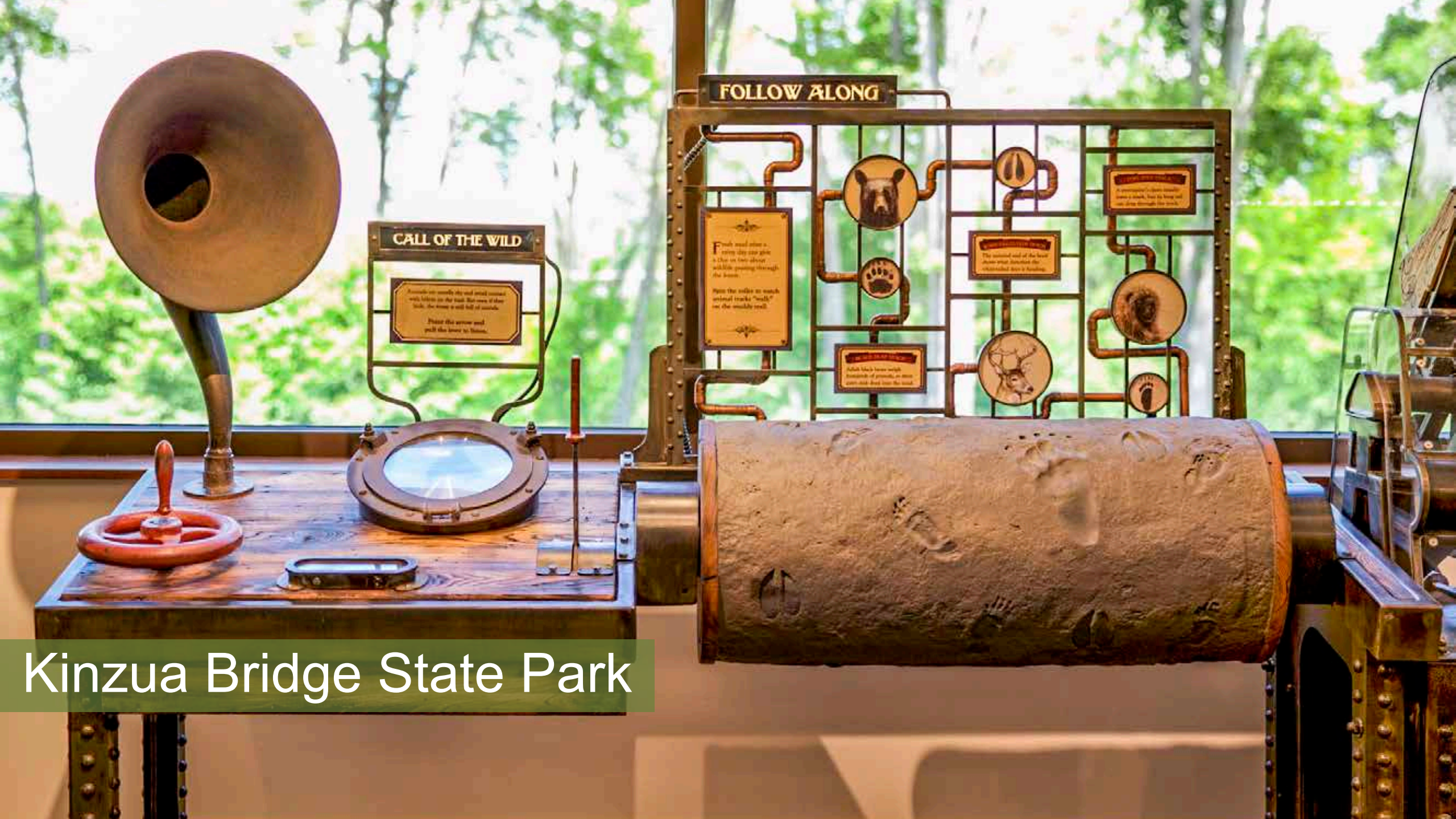
Kinzua Bridge State Park

"I am writing to you with deep appreciation! My best friend and I recently visited Kinzua Bridge State Park. Beyond the beauty of the park and bridge themselves, I wanted to acknowledge the excellence of the historical exhibit! It was incredibly well designed, informative, and engaging. It really blew me away! Massive props to whoever put that together..."

- Trip Advisor



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FOLLOW ALONG

CALL OF THE WILD

Animals are mostly shy and avoid contact with humans in the wild. But some, like bears, are more curious and will look at people.

Point the arrow and pull the lever to listen.

Fresh mud after a heavy rain can give a clue on how close wild life is passing through the forest.

Spin the rollers to watch animal tracks "walk" on the muddy soil.

WEIGH YOUR TRACKS
Adult black bears weigh hundreds of pounds, so their feet make deep tracks in the mud.

WALKING THROUGH DEER
The pointed end of the bear shows what direction the animal was heading.

WALKING THROUGH DEER
A comparison of these tracks shows a track that is long and thin and one that is short and wide.

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HERMIT THRUSH

Hermit thrushes build their nests on the forest floor with bits of pine needles, grass, and mud.



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Hickory Run State Park

"[The exhibit] brings you in, there are so many little things to discover.... All in all I couldn't be happier or more proud of the work we all did."

- Education & Interpretation Section Chief, Pennsylvania DCNR

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man

Take a sniff,
share a memory.



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Explore
Discover
Conserve

Ohiopyle State Park

RETURN OF THE OTTERS

River otters are a conservation success story. Once common in these waters, they disappeared in the early 20th century due to over-trapping and water pollution. A century later, water quality has improved and otters are again thriving here at Ohiopyle State Park and beyond.



Reintroduction:

In 1993, the DNR collaborated with Dr. Tom Scavia to reintroduce otters along the Tompghany River. This followed decades of work to remove sources of river runoff and other water pollution that had wiped out the small fish and streamflow otters depend on for food.

Current Status:

Today, the river and streams of the Laurel Highlands are much cleaner, small fish are increasing and otters are successfully spreading throughout the watershed.



"Our team is ecstatic, our funders are thrilled, and the final product is just incredible. Best part – the visitors are interacting well with [the exhibits] too and asking for information upstairs on how to get to the places in the park that are highlighted in the exhibits. The ultimate goal!"

- PA DCNR, Division Chief Outdoor Programming Services,
Division Bureau of State Parks

Ohiopyle State Park





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Get Outside

BUILD YOUR ADVENTURE

Ohiopyle State Park is famous for whitewater, but its 22 miles of rugged landscape offer so much more. While you are here, make the entire Laurel Highlands your playground. Take a hike, ride a bike, climb a (RE)ally awesome tree, fish or hunt. Go ahead, stick around awhile.

- TRY
- EXPLORE
- ADVENTURE
- RELAX
- BREATHE

TOUCH TO START

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WATER'S EDGE

A CONSTANT BALANCING ACT

At this intersection of habitats, animals at home in the water, land and sky meet in a web of who eats whom. Add in the diverse plants that provide shelter and food and the result is a complex, dynamic ecosystem.

KEEP THE BALANCE



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