

How can you help?

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help make the Forest Canopy Walkway a reality. The costs below for the various parts of the Forest Canopy Walkway project are only estimates. Based on the experience of Canopy Construction Associates these are accurate estimates. Final cost can only be determined when the final designs are completed and accepted.

Design and Engineering	\$ 70,000
Accessible Bridge and Hub	\$ 62,000
Swing Bridge	\$ 74,000
Canopy Tower	\$170,000
Maintenance Fund	\$ 15,000
Total Project Cost	\$391,000

Donor Levels: \$100 for a 2" x 4" deck plank plaque



\$500 for a 3" x 4" bench plaque



\$1,000 for a 4" x 4" post plaque



\$5,000 for a 4" x 6" gold entrance plaque



Directions to The Discovery Center – site of the future Forest Canopy Walkway

The Deep Creek Lake State Park Discovery Center is a 6,000 square foot facility that includes a classroom and meeting areas, a Nature Shop and educational displays and programming. For more information about the Discovery Center call (301) 387-7067.

From Pittsburgh: Take I-79 south to I-68 east. Exit 14A (Route 219 South Deep Creek Lake). Continue on Route 219 South for 18 miles. Turn left onto Glendale Road.

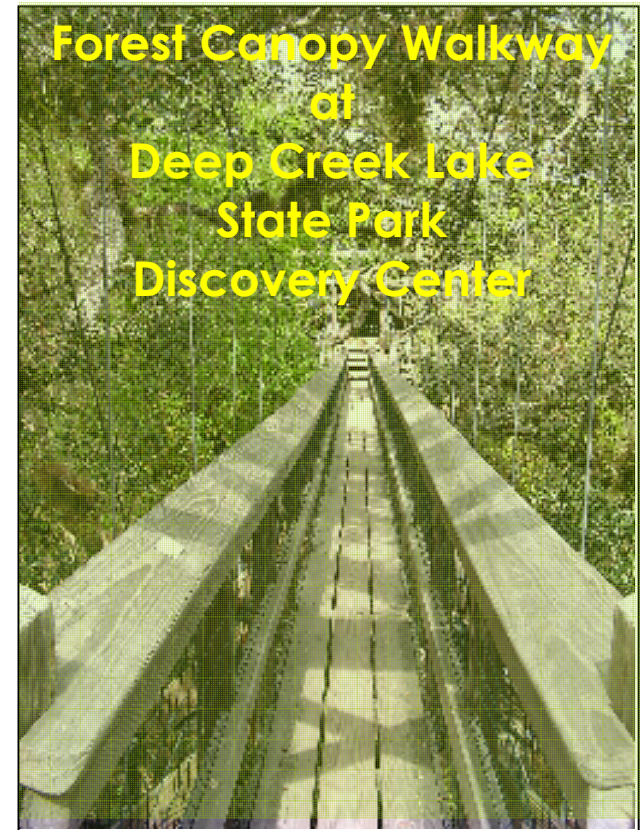
From Washington, D.C.: Take 270 north to I-70 west to I-68 west. Exit 14A (Route 219 South Deep Creek Lake). Continue on Route 219 South for 18 miles. Turn left onto Glendale Road.

From Baltimore: Take I-70 west to I-68 west. Exit 14A (Route 219 South Deep Creek Lake). Continue on Route 219 South for 18 miles. Turn left onto Glendale Road.

From all directions: Once on Glendale Road continue for one mile, crossing over the Glendale Bridge. Immediately after crossing the Glendale Bridge, turn left onto State Park Road. Continue on State Park Road for one mile until you see the information sign for the state park facilities.

Visit the website of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at www.dnr.maryland.gov or call 1-877-620-8DNR for more information.

The facilities of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are available to all without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or physical or mental disability.



The Forest Canopy Walkway is a project by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Park Service and Forest Service.



What is the Forest Canopy Walkway?

Canopy walkways allow access to the upper parts of the forest--the canopy--which is where most of the action is. From the walkway, birds, butterflies, flowers, and various other species of animals, plants, and insects that live in the roof of the forest, and which are otherwise invisible, can be seen up close.

The Forest Canopy Walkway at the Discovery Center will be comprised of three main sections.

- The Accessible Canopy Bridge
- The Catenary or Swinging Bridge
- The Canopy Tower

The Accessible Canopy Bridge will attach to the rear deck of the Discovery Center and make an almost 200 foot "loop" to the parking lot. The construction will be very similar to the existing deck and railing system. At the turning point of the loop will be an octagon that will allow Walkway visitors to gather for programs, observation and reflection. This platform will be the hub of the Accessible Canopy Bridge and the Swinging Bridge will attach here. The Accessible Bridge will slope slightly up toward the Hub from the parking lot and The Discovery Center. This will place the height of the Hub approximately 24' off the ground and be located in natural clearing surrounded by the grove of oak and hemlock trees.

The Catenary or Swinging Bridge will be accessed by climbing a spiral staircase attached to this octagonal hub. The bridge will be 100' long and attach to the Forest Canopy Tower at 50' off the ground. The Swinging Bridge will be designed to give the visitor a genuine experience of being in the treetops.

The Canopy Tower will be located at the end of the swinging bridge in another grove of trees. Because of the importance of fire and fire fighting in the Maryland Forestry and Parks history, the Canopy Tower will be designed to reflect a fire tower the Forest Service historically used to locate fires. Visitors can ascend to the top of the tower, 80' in height, or descend to the ground and exit the Canopy Walkway.



Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check Level of Donation: _____ \$100 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$5,000 _____ Other

If requesting a plaque, please print the name as you wish it to appear.

Please make checks payable to the Western Garrett County State Parks Volunteers (WGCSPV), a 501(C) 3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please send your donation along with this form to WGCSPV c/o Deep Creek State Park, 898 State Park Road, Swanton, MD 21561