

FIELD DAY THREATENED BY STATE PARK CLOSINGS

Selected state parks across Pennsylvania could face closure depending upon how the state budget battle turns out. The state is considering a list of 50 state parks that would be slated for closing to offset anticipated spending cuts. Blue Knob State Park is on this list. DCNR officials considered park operating budgets, revenues, visitation, location and proximity to other parks when drawing up the list. Not all 50 parks on the list will be closed, but DCNR officials must consider what combination of park closings would bring savings once a budget is enacted, said Chuck Ardo, spokesman for Gov. Ed Rendell. The final state budget, due by June 30.

We are scheduled to participate in the AARL Field Day using the Chapel Field at Blue Knob. If the park closes we will not be permitted to use this facility. Certainly there are other items that could be cut from the state budget before considering closing state parks. Please contact your state officials to share with them your opinion of this issue.

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