THE HISTORY OF DOGWOOD CANYON
A DEVOTED LABOR OF LOVE

Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a private wilderness setting, is Johnny Morris’ special commitment to nature. The property encompasses over 10,000 acres of stirring Ozarks beauty. Walking and biking tours are complemented by horseback riding, trout fishing and guided tram tours that attract visitors from all across the country.

Under the protection of the Dogwood Canyon Foundation, this preserve is an unspoiled expanse of forested ridges, deep hollows and limestone bluffs honeycombed with numerous caves, all covered in oak, pine and cedar. Texas longhorns, American boar and elk share the canyon with whitetail deer and wild turkeys. Archeological investigations have unearthed ancient Native American burials. Guest attractions also include hand-crafted bridges, scenic waterfalls, trout streams and more. Dogwood Canyon... the ultimate Ozarks adventure experience.

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS FOUND AT DOGWOOD CANYON

Dogwood Canyon is rich in history related to prehistoric occupation by Native Americans. Archeological investigations have documented burial sites at the Great Spirit Rock Shelter and Indian Burial Cave. Radiocarbon dating has revealed what is believed to be the oldest human remains ever found in the state of Missouri (6000 BC).

Fire Pit Cave contained rare stone beads, a well-preserved hearth, mussel-shell-ornamented turtle shells used as stimuli or rattles. Among other artifacts associated with these sites are arrow and dart points, pottery shards and flint tools. Careful consideration has been given to the proper treatment and care of these discoveries.

WHILE AT DOGWOOD CANYON PLEASE BE AWARE OF:

- Poison Ivy
- Ticks
- Copperhead Snakes
- Midland Water Snakes
- Northern Water Snakes
- Cottonmouth Snakes
- Timber Rattlesnakes
- Western Pygmy Rattlesnakes

VISIT OUR NEW TREEHOUSE!

Built by Pete Nelson and the crew of Animal Planet’s hit TV show, Treehouse Masters.
WHILE AT DOGWOOD CANYON NATURE PARK

Welcome to Dogwood Canyon. Please respect the beauty and history of this incredible canyon while keeping in mind the emphasis is on “nature.” Your assistance helps to ensure a bright future for this Ozarks treasure.

To enhance your visit, we ask that you follow a few simple but important guidelines while here:

• For your safety and the protection of the stream, do not wade, swim, or ride bicycles through creek crossings.
• No roller blades, skateboards, scooters, or alcohol allowed on property.
• Walk your bike across the covered bridge.
• Remove all trash from the canyon or place in containers found along the trail. Please leave only footprints, take only photographs.
• Yield right-of-way to trams.
• Videos and photographs of Dogwood Canyon are permitted for personal use only. Any use, re-use, or reproduction for commercial purposes without written consent of Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is strictly prohibited.
• Refrain from throwing rocks, sticks or other materials into the streams.
• Do not disturb anglers you may encounter along the tour.
• Dog waste stations are located in the following areas: Chuckwagon Site, Glory Hole and Wish Bowl Falls.

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TURKEY
Bald Eagle
Great Blue Heron
Belted Kingfisher
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MAP OF DOGWOOD CANYON NATURE PARK

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