

# PARK FRIENDS' GUIDE TO: GROUP BYLAWS

## INCLUSIVE & TRANSPARENT MEMBERSHIP!

- RECOGNIZE**  Openly discuss the shared mission and values of your Friends group. What do you consider most important to your park group? Start with individual priorities, and elaborate on the various topics as you go.
- BRAINSTORM**  Consider the basis for transparent engagement. Categorize your group's main activities. Examples include a mission statement, membership, meeting protocols, leadership, committees, elections, etc.
- COLLABORATE**  This is a great opportunity to work together. You are welcome to take inspiration from other Friends group bylaws. Organize a subcommittee that is willing to help draft the initial framework for your own bylaws.
- SHARE**  Share your bylaws with the park group, and collectively approve and adopt them. The main takeaway is to be inclusive, allowing for open pathways to participation.

## ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

- Contact your Stewardship Coordinator for support or example bylaw templates.
- Adapt your bylaws as your group continues to develop and grow.
- Make sure your bylaws align with the Park Friends Network value statement.
- Be inclusive, respectful, and welcoming.



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**Questions?** Contact:

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