



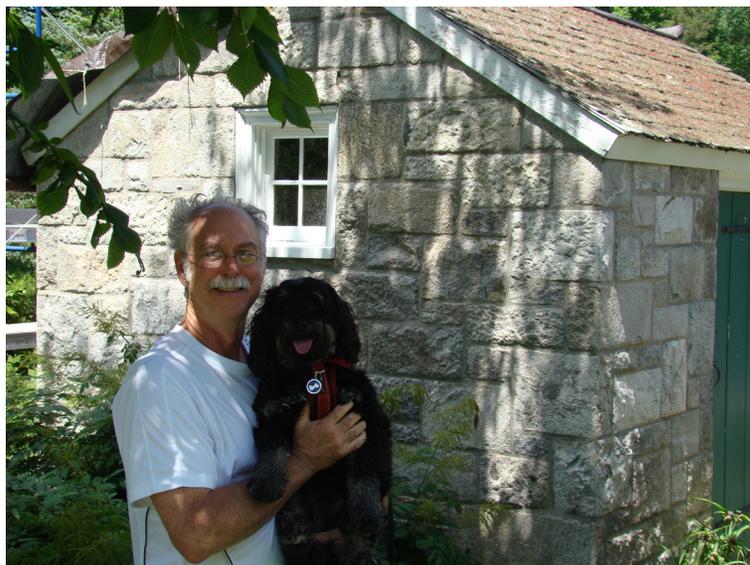
# Visitors of the Month

## *August 2013* *Richard and Rufus*

For the month of August, Weir Farm National Historic Site is proud to feature the dynamic duo, Richard and Rufus the dog! This awesome pair can often be found hanging out with our rangers in front of the visitor center, socializing with other visitors or dog walkers nearby, or taking a brisk stroll down one of our many hiking trails. Richard refers to himself as a “student of life” and is also a professor of photography. He is a husband, father of two, and also has two pets. Richard moved to the area with his family in 1999, and stumbled upon Weir Farm National Historic Site after seeing a sign for the park while driving his daughter to school.



*Richard and Rufus taking a break from an afternoon walk.*



*Richard and Rufus are always wearing wonderful smiles!*

At first, Richard viewed the park as just another place to take the kids and to walk the dog. But eventually, Weir Farm National Historic Site became one of his favorite places to visit. Richard says he fell in love with the area because of the beauty of the flowers, trees, and wildlife. He also appreciates this park particularly because it is so peaceful and quiet. Besides the lovely landscape, Richard is a fan of the art gallery in the visitor center, and the Artist-in-Residence program at the park. Rufus and Richard now visit the park two or three times a week either to talk with the rangers, take pictures, or just to sit and meditate and enjoy the surroundings.

Visitors like Richard keep our park alive and exciting, and we are so thankful to have him and his family stop by regularly. It truly brightens our day to get to talk with friendly neighbors and play with their pups. We cannot wait for the next time we see Richard and Rufus strolling up the gravel drive, and we are certain we won't have to wait long!

