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A New Year, a New Decade, and a New Management Contract

In December 2009, the Friends signed a new Management Contract with the Bureau of State Parks (BSP). It is for a three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2012.

Our original management arrangement provided that Susquehanna County undertake the management of Salt Springs for ten years. The County Commissioners then subcontracted with the Friends to assume all of the county's responsibilities during these years. After a ten-year track record of successful management, the BSP decided to contract directly with the Friends. That five-year contract expired on December 31, 2009.

The terms of the contracts have always remained essentially the same. The main difference are their lengths, which were shortened upon our request. Given the uncertain and sometimes volatile nature of the economy, we think having the option to re-negotiate the terms more often rather than less often is better.



Can You Say "Ichneumon"?

"ik-'new-mun"

Thank you Nicki Barnard, of Vestal, and Matt Purdy, of Laceyville, for the identification.

The Ichneumon is a parasitic wasp closely related to bees and ants. The one shown here is a female. She is boring into rotten wood with her ovipositor to lay an egg. Unlike the ovipositors of hornets, bees, and some other wasps, the Ichneumon's does not deliver a sting.



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Wheaton House Retrospective



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2009