

# NEWS RELEASE

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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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*Photo: Cherry Creek flows through Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. (Credit: Nancy J. Hopping) Download at <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AlusXBzdArEwoHQ3RH0kOxv19FZa>*

### **Annual Ramble in Cherry Valley includes wildlife, winery and farm fun**

Explore the environmental treasures of the Cherry Creek watershed during the annual Ramble, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5.

The drive-yourself eco-tour, starting and ending at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, will focus on the agricultural legacy of Cherry Valley which has resulted in a strong land- and water-conservation ethic.

This event is sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association and the Friends of Cherry Valley. The wildlife refuge is at 2138 Croasdale Road, Stroudsburg.

Families and hikers who arrive a little earlier will find even more fun: at noon, a guided hike through the refuge, and at 12:30, snorkeling in Cherry Creek for kids. Those two events are free and require preregistration; see [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org) for information. Afterward, join the Ramble!

Starting at 1 p.m., Ramble participants will tour natural highlights along a mapped driving route, each spot staffed by some of the area's finest naturalists eager to share their knowledge and love of the watershed. Stops will feature the Josie Porter Farm, Eagles Rest Cellars and its vineyard, and Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. At the national wildlife refuge, Ramblers will see the creek improvement projects made by Trout Unlimited's Brodhead Chapter, and how stream monitoring by East Stroudsburg University students provides real-time data on water quality.

Enjoy food and conversation at the after-Ramble party, 4 to 5 p.m. at the refuge. Please bring your own refillable water bottle! In keeping with BWA's environmental standards, no bottled water will be available. Filling stations will be available at each Ramble stop.

Suggested donation for the Ramble is \$10 for FOCV and BWA members, \$15 for nonmembers, with a \$2 discount for pre-registration by Aug. 1. Children under 12 attend for free. The after-party is included in the cost. Ticket sales benefit FOCV and BWA.

To register, see [brodheadwatershed.org/Ramble.html](http://brodheadwatershed.org/Ramble.html). For information, call 570-839-1120 or email [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org).

This year's Ramble is sponsored by the generosity of Cherry Creek Hideaway, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Bolock Funeral Home & Crematory and Mountain Creek Stable.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) or 570-839-1120.