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The Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA) and Friends of Cherry Valley announce the date for this year's annual River Ramble, **The Cherry Valley Ramble**.

Sunday, May 24 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Space is limited so pre-registration is requested by May 20. Call Anne Fetherman at 570-424-8121.

This year's event will focus on one of its major waterways, the Cherry Creek Watershed just outside of Stroudsburg. Cherry Valley was designated a National Wildlife Refuge in December 2008. This is the first event to be held since its designation as a nationally protected area. This day will be a wonderful opportunity to take a pleasant walk and photograph this beautiful site and to learn about the special features of the valley from the experts.

The Ramble will start with a sign-in between noon and 1 p.m. at the Fetherman home. Participants will receive name tags, walk departure schedules and directions to the sites. A \$10 individual or \$15 family donation is requested.

Participants will proceed to the first site, park and walk a short distance into each property. Each visit will last about 45 minutes and there is 15 minutes travel time between sites.

Anne Fetherman, Chairman of the event states, "We have a wonderful educational and relaxing day scheduled with many knowledgeable experts volunteering to provide information about water quality, wildlife and the native flora and fauna. As in previous years; a memorable experience for all."

Sites include:

Blakeslee Farm: Saved from development by the Nature Conservancy. Cherry Creek flows through this former dairy farm.

Walker tract: Protected by Pocono Heritage Land Trust.

Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center: On a farm owned by The Nature Conservancy.

Totts Gap entrance to Appalachian Trail: The Appalachian Trail runs along the ridge above Cherry Valley. Stroud Township partnered with PA DCNR to provide this trail entrance.

The Ramble concludes at the Fethermans' for the presenters and ramblers to unwind and get together with refreshments.

Additionally, the BWA will continue its Native Plants Sale at Fethermans' before and after the Ramble, starting at noon.

Directions to the River Ramble at the Fethermans' at 1343A Cherry Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA are:

Rt.80 WESTBOUND to Exit 307/Broad Street. Left at end of ramp onto Broad St./RT. 191 South. Go aprox. 1 mile up hill and then down hill to Cherry Valley Road. Turn hard left onto Cherry Valley Road, continue 7/10 mi. east on Cherry Valley Rd to the Fethermans' Driveway on Right.

Rt.80 EASTBOUND/209 Northbound to Exit 307/Park Ave. Right at end of ramp onto Park Ave./RT. 611 South. Go aprox. 1/2 mile around bend to Rt. 191 south. Turn Right, go up hill and then down hill to Cherry Valley Road. Turn hard left onto Cherry Valley Road , continue 7/10 mi. east on Cherry Valley Rd to the Fethermans' Driveway on Right.

The Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA) is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to protecting and improving water resources and the environment in the Brodhead and Cherry creek watershed. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs, stream monitoring and baseline data collection and stream cleanups.