

Paddle Perambulation at Saylor's Lake

A naturalist-guided paddle, sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association, will be held 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 4, featuring Saylor's Lake in Saylor'sburg.

As guests of Saylor's Lake Association, BWA members will have a rare opportunity to explore this beautiful, private glacial lake. BWA board member and local naturalist Don Miller will guide the paddlers.

Registration is open to a limit of 20 BWA members; pre-registration is required.

Waterfowl, water plants, riparian stream and lakeshore plant communities, and the human and natural history of this unusual, little-known Monroe County glacial lake and nearby Lake Creek will be featured during this easy, flatwater paddle.

Participants will also have a chance to tour Kitchen's Heart's Delight Cottage, which is part of the Bishop's Colony Cottages, an historic Saylor's Lake summer cottage community. Glacial geology, ice harvesting, brick making, railroad history, and a thriving vibrant summer recreation past are all intertwined in the natural history of this ice-sculpted landscape in the heart of Saylor'sburg.

Participants are invited to an after-paddle picnic at the lakeshore home of BWA board member and Saylor's Lake Association member Bob Heil. Grilled picnic fare will be provided by lakeshore homeowners and BWA members Linda and George Kitchen. They offer this as a thank-you to the many BWA and Pocono Heritage Land Trust volunteers who helped with the cleanup of Lake Creek two years ago (more than 150 tires and large amounts of other debris and trash were removed from about 2 miles of Lake Creek, downstream from Saylor's Lake).

Registration is by email only, please, to info@brodheadwatershed.org, and is limited to the first 20 registrants with additional registrants being placed on a waiting list. Registrants should provide both email and phone contact information. Paddle leader Don Miller will send a "final registration confirmation email" providing location directions and additional event information to registrants 10 days prior to the event.

Day of the event check-in begins at 1 p.m., rain or shine. Participants must provide their own watercraft (kayak or canoe) and paddle, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets and will be asked to certify that their craft is "invasive plant free" by being drained, wiped clean and "sun dried" for at least 48 hours prior to this event.

Participation also requires purchase of \$5 American Canoe Association one-day event insurance coverage (available on site the day of the event) and signed SLA and ACA event liability waivers. A suggested BWA event donation of \$10 and an optional covered-dish picnic fare donation and your own picnic chair are also asked of all event participants.

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 or 570-839-1120.