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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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River Ramble returns with new natural highlights

Enjoy water, wine and a fine time outdoors at the River Ramble, a popular annual outing showcasing McMichael Creek. Brodhead Watershed Association hosts the event.

The Ramble runs 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, starting at Pohoqualine Fish Association in Chestnuthill Township. Participants tour natural highlights along a mapped route, each spot staffed by some of the area's finest naturalists eager to share their knowledge and love of the McMichael.

There will be a variety of activities – including electro-fishing – to enjoy at this celebration of McMichael Creek and the Brodhead watershed in which we live and play.

New this year is a stop at Mountain View Winery and Distillery in Neola. Learn how the vineyard's farming practices contribute to the McMichael's status as an Exceptional Value creek. Owners Randy and Linda Rice are committed to sustainable agriculture, growing their grapes with minimal environmental impact and preserving open space. Randy Rice will discuss his vineyard expansion plans on preserved farmlands, as well as water and pesticide minimization.

Ramble stops will include McMichael Creek at Stone Lake Inn, a bed-and-breakfast recently opened on 6+ creekside acres in Saylorburg; and Big Woods Natural Area. The scenic drive between stops, on back roads and along McMichael Creek, also passes several family farms which have been preserved through the County Farmland Preservation Program to ensure they remain farmland forever.

Afterward, enjoy good food and conversation at the traditional after-Ramble party, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Pohoqualine Fish Association, a club not usually open to the public.

The association, a long-established private fishing club, will open its grounds for casual tours of the property. This unique opportunity will give visitors a glimpse into past history of the private fishing clubs and early conservation history of the Poconos.

Suggested donation is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, with a \$2 discount for pre-registration. Children under 12 participate for free.

To register or for information, call 570-839-1120 or visit brodheadwatershed.org/riverramble.html.

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.