

# NEWS RELEASE

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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Caption: Buck Hill Falls, which is not usually open to the public, will be open for tours during the Ramble on Aug. 4.

## **Annual Ramble will tour unique sites on two of county's purest creeks**

This year's Ramble – an annual event hosted by Brodhead Watershed Association – offers an insider's glimpse at Barrett Township sites rarely open to the public.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, the Ramble will take participants to one of the highest waterfalls in the Poconos, a private deer enclosure, old-growth forest, and an innovative park on the site of a once-iconic, historic inn.

The self-driving tour includes visits at Buck Hill Creek and Rattlesnake Creek.

Buck Hill Conservation Foundation will host guided tours of Buck Hill Falls surrounded by Jenkins Wood, one of the largest stands of old-growth forest in eastern Pennsylvania and an example of what forested land looks like when it's not overbrowsed by white-tail deer.

Visit nearby Rattlesnake Creek and trace its course to Mill Creek, once the industrial heart of historic Mountainhome. Learn about public trails in state gamelands and how to get to Rattlesnake Creek falls.

Register between 1 and 2 p.m. at The Friendly Community Center, 6638 Route 191 (across from Mountainhome United Methodist Church) and receive your map of the tour.

Guides will take groups at 1:30 and 3 p.m. to sites at Buck Hill Falls. Visit Rattlesnake Creek with Ryan Gildea, gamelands land manager, and Carol Hillestad between 1:30 and 4 p.m.

From 4 to 5 p.m., enjoy light refreshments at the former site of the Buck Hill Inn and learn about the conservation work of Buck Hill Conservation Foundation. In case of rain, the after-Ramble refreshments will be at The Friendly Community Center.

Tickets are \$15 for members of BWA or Buck Hill Conservation Foundation, \$20 for non-members. Pre-register by July 31 for a \$2 discount! For information and to register online, see [brodheadwatershed.org/Ramble.html](http://brodheadwatershed.org/Ramble.html). Call BWA at 570-839-1120.

**FREE PRE-RAMBLE HIKE!** An out-and-back hike to Rattlesnake Creek falls will leave State Gamelands 221 at noon. Free, but advance registration is required. Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727.

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.

