

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Credit Nancy J. Hopping

HIKE EVENT at Bruce Lake Natural Area

Beavers, giant boulders and a bounty of trails await intrepid winter hikers at Bruce Lake Natural Area, north of Promised Land State Park in northeastern Pennsylvania.

On Saturday, March 18, Carol Hillestad will guide a hike through the natural area and along the 47-acre Egypt Meadow Lake. Brodhead Watershed Association sponsors the grant-funded free event.

Dammed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, the lake accommodates many beaver lodges, and four of them are visible along the trail.

Enormous tumbled boulders are everywhere. Mountain laurel, beech, many kinds of oak, maples, and evergreens abound. One tall, old hemlock has a girth of more than 12 feet.

HIKE EVENT

WHAT: Carol Hillestad will lead a 2.2-mile loop hike at Egypt Meadow Lake in the Bruce Lake Natural Area of Palmyra Township. Difficulty is moderate, with rocks underfoot and wet areas.

WHEN: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18

WHERE: Meet at the trailhead on the east side of Route 390, just south of Route 84. Please do not block the trailhead gate. Trailhead coordinates 41.359356, -75.203335

COST: Free, but registration is required.

INFORMATION: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. For information about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

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.