

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Credit Nancy J. Hopping

HIKE EVENT: Put spring in your step at Chestnut Mountain

From thousand-year glaciers to short-lived loggers, Chestnut Mountain's natural history is evident at the 479-acre nature preserve in Barrett Township, Pa. On Saturday, April 15, hike leader Carol Hillestad and local educator Karen Tetor will take participants on a 2.8-mile tour of the wooded wonderland.

The hike, part of the Get Outdoors Poconos series, is free. Registration is required.

After a developer's plans to build townhouses here failed, the new owner chose to timber the land. It took the Buck Hill Conservation Foundation almost 20 years of persistent negotiation and fundraising to save the property, in turn protecting the water that runs through it.

Hikers will see a confluence of creeks, glacier-dropped nuggets of pink and white quartz, and a sweet circular view that includes a privately conserved tree farm, along Pocono Plateau to Spruce Mountain, Mount Wismer and Skytop's West Mountain beyond.

HIKE EVENT

WHAT: Carol Hillestad will lead a 2.8-mile loop hike at Chestnut Mountain in Barrett Township. Difficulty is moderate, with some steep areas, rocks underfoot, and wet areas. Writer and educator Karen Tetor will share information about how the preserve was acquired and plans for its future.

WHEN: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017

WHERE: Meet at the trailhead on the east side of Route 191, marked by a sign and kiosk. From Mountainhome, where Routes 191/390 split near Mountainhome Diner, take 191 north for 4.3 miles. Turn right into the parking area. Trailhead GPS coordinates: 41.211407, -75.307811

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.