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Caption: There are several small waterfalls on Cranberry Creek. This cave is the result of rock torn away, possibly by floodwaters, or possibly by roots of the trees growing in the rock surface penetrating and cracking the rock below so that it fell away. (Carol Hillestad photo)

June 26: Hike event at Cranberry Creek

Brodhead Watershed Association is once again venturing out with guided hikes in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. On June 26, registered participants will explore Cranberry Creek in Paradise Township, Pa.

The trail is wide and flat: a shady woods road. Five minutes of walking brings into view a simple bridge across the creek. Pause a minute to take in the view downstream — the creek widens here and islets of trees and water-loving plants have formed, a pretty sight in the morning sun.

Cross a bridge, and the trail becomes looser and rocky, taking hikers past witch hazel and blueberries, mixed oaks, hickories, maple and beech. Railroad tracks are just visible, curving along the shape of the hill to the right.

Ahead, hemlocks and rhododendrons appear as the trail trends down toward a small hollow — just a fold in the earth, really, but able to capture rainwater and seeps of groundwater and carry it down to the Cranberry.

The hollow it occupies feels somehow outside of time — a place just right for slowing down and rediscovering life.

JOIN US IN JUNE

Carol Hillestad, hike leader for Brodhead Watershed Association, will lead a 3-mile loop hike at Cranberry Creek on the Nothstein Preserve in Paradise Township. Moderate difficulty with some rocky, steep sections.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 26, 2021

WHERE: Directions will be provided to registrants. Do not block neighbor's driveway at the trailhead.

REGISTER: Hike is limited to 20 participants. Registration is required. Please be fully immunized. Call 570-629-2727 or email jimhill@ptd.net.

FOR INFORMATION about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to www.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.

