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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Cutline: Found it! This red oak, one of the items on the Ice Lake scavenger hunt list, is likely 250 to 275 years old. (Contributed photo)

### **SCAVENGER HUNT: Find some fun at Ice Lake**

Brodhead Watershed Association offers an adventure to young people wanting to get outside for a while: a scavenger hunt at Ice Lake in Monroe County, Pa.

Ice Lake is a little jewel of a preserve in Barrett Township – 70+ acres perfect for outdoor fun for families.

Armed with a checklist of natural features to find (see [brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos](http://brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos) for a printable list), kids can “collect” the scavenger items by snapping a picture. The hunt will include a huge old oak tree, hay-scented fern, lichen, a baby hemlock tree, wintergreen, barberry, witch hazel, and a very notable boulder.

It’s not just the scavenger hunt that will interest kids. There is a lot to see at the lake: fish jumping for insects, pollywogs basking on sunny underwater branches, and the deep “galoom-galoom” of bullfrogs. A log bridge spans Hardytown Run, and a dam provides a selfie background at the mossy waterfall where the creek leaves the lake, picks up speed and bubbles downstream.

A great way – and a great place – for a fun family getaway.

#### **IF YOU GO: SCAVENGER HUNT**

The scavenger hunt is fun for adults and elementary-age children. Get clues, photos, video and information at [brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos](http://brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos). Take only pictures and leave only shadows! Children up to age 12 may submit their photos to BWA for special acknowledgement.

- Ice Lake is off Route 390 in Cresco, Pa. GPS coordinates: 41.147435, -75.289393
- The trail is mixed: wide and well-groomed in some places, rocky and narrow in others. A hiking stick is helpful for balance. Stay on trails — poison ivy is abundant.
- Go to [brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos](http://brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos) for information on Ice Lake as well as other hikes in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. The series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.
- Special thanks to Tom Gregory of Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau for the videography.

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.

