

NEWS RELEASE

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Credit Nancy J. Hopping

HIKE EVENT at Mount Wismer

Mount Wismer in Barrett Township, Pa., has a hike for all seasons. In summer, a steep scramble up the side is a popular choice. But in winter, coming in “from the top” gives a cold-appropriate outing offering stunning views across the valley.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, hike leader Carol Hillestad will show the way from the trailhead at 1,500 feet in elevation, along a wide woods road and into shifting, rocky paths.

While this hike is easier than the summertime trails, it’s still moderate to challenging in difficulty. Hikers here often use trekking poles or walking sticks.

See boulders separated from enormous slabs of rock on the cliff, a bird’s-eye view of a 50-acre marsh far below, and panoramas of the Delaware Water Gap and beyond. This “winter walk in the woods” is well worth it.

HIKE EVENT

WHAT: Carol Hillestad will lead a 2.5-mile out-and-back hike to the Mount Wismer viewpoint in Barrett Township. Difficulty is moderate to challenging; leaves and rocks underfoot, with stretches of steep climbs.

WHEN: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

WHERE: Meet at the trailhead off Route 447 in Barrett Township. From the Canadensis stoplight, take Route 447 north four miles. Sign for the trailhead is on your left. When you park, please do not block the trailhead gate. Trailhead GPS: 41.241858, -75.263485

COST: Free, but registration is required.

INFORMATION: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation. For information about this and other trails in the hiking series, see brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos/index.html.

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.