

# NEWS RELEASE

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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Free hikes at Mount Wismer: Two trails, many beautiful views**

The free hiking series "Get Outdoors Poconos" continues with two options on Saturday, Aug. 29, in Barrett Township.

The first option is for hikers who like a challenge: a scramble up Mount Wismer. Participants will hike trails passing by deliciously ripe blueberries, a boulder field, milkweed in bloom and the butterflies it attracts, native rhododendrons in full flower, and spring-fed pools. The best reward: a wrap-around panorama view from the top.

Mount Wismer is a 90-acre preserve abutting the 170-acre Gravel Family Preserve, where an easier hike will be held simultaneously. This family-friendly option is suitable for all abilities, although the trail is occasionally wet. Participants will see a beautiful marsh.

**When:** 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29

**Where:** Meet at the trailhead off Route 447, on Gravel Road in Barrett Township. Continue east on Gravel Road, just past the green nature preserve sign. Take the dirt lane on your left to the trailhead. Parking for 8 to 10 cars.

**Challenging option:** Carol Hillestad will lead the hike up Mount Wismer, which is strenuous in parts and not suitable for children. Parts of the trail are wet; wear sturdy boots or shoes.

**Easy option:** Patti O'Keefe will guide this walk through the Gravel Family Preserve on mostly flat but sometimes wet terrain. Wear sturdy boots or shoes.

**Cost:** Free, but registration is required. Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727, see [www.brodheadwatershed.org](http://www.brodheadwatershed.org) or email your name and contact information to [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) (subject line: Mount Wismer).

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit 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. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.

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