

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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(Please do not print after Nov. 20, 2016)

HIKE EVENT: Paradise-Price Preserve for everyone

Paradise-Price Preserve in Monroe County, Pa., offers 777 acres of woods-walking – some that anyone can do, no matter their fitness level. On Sunday, Nov. 20, Brodhead Watershed Association hike leader Carol Hillestad will introduce participants to an easy, 1-mile trail, and then another trail leading to waterfalls.

Along the way, enjoy a view of open woodlands, blueberry bushes and boulders. A very easy, wide and grassy stroll leads through a sunny forest of mixed hardwoods, to a glacial split-rock boulder as big as an elephant.

After the first walk, a six-minute drive over the ridge reaches the eastern boundary of the preserve, with a glorious stretch of Brodhead Creek. Upstream is the only natural waterfall on the Brodhead, a shining and picturesque horseshoe falls. A short trail downstream through large white pines leads to trout pools, exposed bedrock, and evidence of beavers in the bank and in the stream. An eagle may swoop by.

In addition to the two trails described here, many trails and woods roads crisscross the preserve. Work is underway to link existing trails to form larger loops — including a footpath to a waterfall overlook — and to connect with nearby preserves.

HIKE EVENT

WHAT: Carol Hillestad will lead a very easy 1-mile woods walk in Paradise-Price Preserve, then show the way by car to the Brodhead Creek side of the preserve, along Route 447. This hike is suitable for families and seniors.

WHEN: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

WHERE: Meet at the parking area on Henry's Crossing Road in Paradise Township. Take Route 191 to Cranberry Creek Road. Turn onto Henry's Crossing Road and head north, crossing the railroad tracks. Turn right at a small green sign – "Preserve Parking" – to enter the parking lot.

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.

IMPORTANT! Paradise and Price townships intend to permit hunting on the preserve. Always wear orange during hunting seasons.

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.