

NEWS RELEASE

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HIKE EVENT: Winter wandering at Pasold Farm

The trail loop at Pasold Farm in Barrett Township, Pa., is only about a mile. You could hike it in 20 minutes if you hustled. But what a mistake that would be, especially in winter. Find out what makes it special during a free guided hike on Saturday, Feb. 16, hosted by Brodhead Watershed Association.

The low, near-solstice sun paints the leafless trees and their lanky shadows gold and black. You see long views of the land, its folds and rises. The trail, newly widened, is wet after record-breaking rains.

Through woods on either side, you see elephant-sized boulders with lichen and ferns growing from every crevice, like crazy-big Chia pets. Many of them are slowly being split by white pine seedlings, their thread-like roots working into microscopic fissures, the finest of filaments able to crack ancient rock.

The spring that once served Pasold Farm is beautifully preserved, and there's no risk of missing the spot, now that a hand-carved sign points the way. Water rises from among the roots of an old oak and is tamed in a square, manmade pool.

Flyfishing in America began on the Brodhead. It is still considered one of the finest trout streams in the world. Thanks to the people of Barrett Township who conserved this land, fishing this historic stream is open to all.

IF YOU GO

Join naturalist Patti O'Keefe for a winter walk at Pasold Farm.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019

WHERE: Canadensis, Barrett Township, Pa. Register for directions.

COST: Free; 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.

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.