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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Caption: Many low falls like this are found along the path at Rail Gap Pocono Creek Preserve. (Carol Hillestad photo)

### Nov. 20: Get to know hidden Pocono Creek

Come explore Rail Gap Pocono Creek Preserve near Bartonsville, Pa., with a Brodhead Watershed Association guided hike on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

This 61-acre preserve is valuable: not just to people — for fishing, gorgeous views, and peace — but especially to the health of this stretch of Pocono Creek and its Class A Wild Trout Waters.

Here, both banks of the creek are thick with old-growth rhododendrons and groves of hemlock, white pine and hardwoods. Forested land like this cleans both air and water naturally, while trapping carbon and mitigating climate change. For free!

Pocono Heritage Land Trust, which manages this preserve, is planning more trails for the far side of the creek. Get acquainted with this preserve now, on a guided hike with Darryl Speicher, naturalist and birder extraordinaire — and look forward to more to come!

#### OUTING ON NOV. 20

Join hike leader Darryl Speicher for a leisurely exploration of less than a mile at Rail Gap Pocono Creek Preserve on the border of Hamilton and Stroud townships.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 20, 2021

**COST:** Free

**WHERE:** Directions will be provided to registrants.

**REGISTER:** Registration is required and limited to 20 participants. To register, go to [brodheadwatershed.org/events/railgap](http://brodheadwatershed.org/events/railgap)

#### ABOUT THE PRESERVE:

- No restrooms.
- Boots and hiking stick suggested.
- Leashed dogs of considerate owners allowed.
- Catch-and-release fishing permitted with license.
- Thanks to the people of Pocono Heritage Land Trust and Stroud Township who work to acquire natural forested lands for public enjoyment and to protect clean, abundant water. Visit [www.phlt.org](http://www.phlt.org) to learn about property protected by the land trust and [www.stroudtownship.org](http://www.stroudtownship.org) to learn about township parks and open space.

**FOR INFORMATION** about this and other events in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to [www.brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos](http://www.brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos). These events spotlight how forested land keeps drinking water safe and abundant. The 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](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) or 570-839-1120.