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Caption: Benches at Ice Lake offer peaceful views at every season. (Carol Hillestad photo)

Jan. 15: Explore Seven Pines, Ice Lake with BWA

Brodhead Watershed Association offers a walking tour of two connected public lands with naturalist and educator Darryl Speicher at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022.

Trails link the ballfields of Seven Pines with walking paths and Ice Lake. The protected land also connects to Game Lands 221. The complex straddles the boundary between Barrett and Paradise townships, and the parking areas are right off Route 390.

There is more to these popular spots than meets the eye, says Speicher. “You can often see evidence of game birds like pheasant and grouse and mammals like fox, coyote, deer and bear. In spring, this is a great place to listen for bullfrogs and green frogs,” he said.

A large white oak, estimated at 250 years old, dominates one section of the path. A low, 6-foot-wide stone wall suggests that the area was once farmed.

The land of Seven Pines and Ice Lake was purchased by the people of Barrett and Paradise townships to provide outdoor recreation and to protect Hardytown Run, which flows through the property. Waters of the creek flow into Cranberry Creek, to the Paradise and Brodhead creeks, eventually reaching the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Though the trails are considered “easy,” sections have many roots and rocks, and there is one steep section. A walking stick is recommended.

To read more about Ice Lake, go to <https://brodheadwatershed.org/ice-lake-scamenger-hunt/>

OUTING ON JAN. 15, 2022

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. Hike goes “drizzle or shine.”

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/sevens-pines-ice-lake-hike. *Deadline to register is noon Thursday, Jan. 13.*

FOR INFORMATION about this and other events in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to 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 or 570-839-1120.