

NEWS RELEASE

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Please credit Nancy J. Hopping

Blazing new Jackson Township trail for hiking series

For nine years, 175 acres of open space on Sherwood Forest Road in Jackson Township, Pa., have remained unmapped and mostly unexplored – until now.

Saylorsburg teen Ambrose Cavalier has scoped out a trail network by linking overgrown roads using satellite images, Google Maps, GPS, and other mapping tools.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, Get Outdoors Pocono hiking series participants will use his trail map to discover the land now called Sherwood Forest Greenway.

Once a farm and then a proposed site for housing development (an idea abandoned after a few access roads were cut), the land became part of the Monroe County Open Space program in 2007. Since then, Mother Nature has reclaimed her own.

A woods walk – mostly beech, with oaks, maple, and some white pine and hemlocks, too – leads past a sturdy stone row and uphill through a leafy, dark green tunnel of arching beech saplings. At the summit – 1,125 feet up – participants get their reward: views of Delaware Water Gap to the left, Wind Gap to the right, a glimpse of Palmerton Gap and long vistas of Camelback and state gamelands.

HIKE EVENT

WHAT: Carol Hillestad will lead a moderate 90-minute hike of about 1.5 miles.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

WHERE: Meet at the parking area on the south side of Sherwood Forest Road in Jackson Township. Take Route 715 South past Jackson Township Fire Co. and Municipal Building, to the four corners stop. Go left on Neola Road. Take Neola Road 2.2 miles to Sherwood Forest Road. Go right. The parking area is half a mile on the left.

COST: Free, but registration is required.

INFORMATION: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. Trails may be wet and rocky. Wear sturdy footwear. 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.