

Protecting Clean Water Together Series: Find Out Where YOU Fit into Our Water World

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CAPTION: If you live in the Brodhead Watershed, you live near a beautiful creek like this one. Find out about it! You can pinpoint your place in the watershed by visiting www.brodheadwatershed.org. Click on “Programs” then “Explore Your Watershed.”

Here’s an easy nature exercise for you and the kids with no risk of poison ivy, getting lost, or (ugh) ticks.

Next time you’re on your way home in the car, notice the stream signs you pass. They’re the simple blue-and-white signs posted at roadway bridges over creeks everywhere in our area: “Brodhead Creek,” “Cranberry Creek,” “McMichael Creek,” for instance. Point them out to the kids.

What's the name of the creek closest to where you live? If they're old enough, ask them to write that name down. If they're not, ask them to remember it (and remember it yourself, just in case). Then go to www.brodheadwatershed.org, click on "Programs" and "Explore Your Watershed."

Below the colorful map that shows Brodhead Creek's subwatersheds, you'll find names of the largest creeks that feed into the Brodhead. As you click through them, you can bring up the names of all the smaller creeks.

So if you click on, say, the "Lower Brodhead Subwatershed," you'll see a list of all the townships and boroughs that are part of the Lower Brodhead — and also a list of the creeks.

When you find the subwatershed that covers your area, it's easy to figure out just about exactly where you live. Trace your nearest creek — where does it come from? Where does it go? Can you see where other subwatersheds join yours? Do you see that all the water flows eventually to the mighty Delaware River — and the Atlantic Ocean?

One special quirk of the natural world is its ability to take our breath away. To make you go "oh, wow." To open up children's eyes. Once you've found your own special place in our water world, take the next step: go on outside!

Find Out More Ready to take it outside? Download BWA's hiking booklets here <https://brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos/> — you'll find dozens of trails, almost all near a creek or stream.

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