



Forked River Mountain Views

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2004 Clean-up Wrap-up

Over 150 volunteers gathered this year to help clean up the mysterious place known as the Forked River Mountains. The weather was on our side for the eleventh straight year, enabling us to clean up all those spots that we had targeted for the cleanup. We met at Wells Mills County Park then drove out into the woods to reach this year's six cleanup sites. Three dumpsters were strategically placed a few days before as close to the cleanup sites as possible. Some debris had been there for years, and some made its way there during the past year. Young and old worked side by side and by noon all three dumpsters were full, more than 16 tons of debris had been collected. Over the past eleven years volunteers have helped remove more than 303 tons of debris from the woods around the Forked River Mountains. Afterwards, we all made our way up to the top of the mountain for some refreshments and entertainment. Some people who still had enough energy left went on a guided hike around the mountain. Plans are already underway for next year's cleanup. Cosponsoring the eleventh annual Forked River Mountain cleanup along with the Coalition

was the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and the Ocean County Parks Department.

Special thanks to the following for their donations of help and equipment:

A's Garden Center

AmerGen

Bamber Lakes Volunteer Fire Co.

Brick Wall Corp.

Forked River Butcher Shop

Jersey Devil ATV Riders Association

Joseph Brunetti Construction Co.

Lacey Liquors

Lacey Shell

MGS Corp.

Ocean County Clean Communities Task Force

Ocean County Department of Solid Waste

Ocean County Landfill Corp.

ShopRite of Lacey

Township of Lacey

Valerie Vaughn, folksinger

Save the Dates!

Lacey Day
August 21, 2004

Barnegat Bay
Decoy Show
September
25 & 26, 2004

Pinelands Month
Kick-off
October 3, 2004

Pine Barrens Jamboree
October 9, 2004

Batsto Country Living
Fair
October 17, 2004

Fall Field Day
November 6, 2004

Volunteers needed
see page two for
details. . .

FORKED RIVER MOUNTAIN TOURS SCHEDULED

The Forked River Mountain Coalition will offer the public an opportunity to see the famous, and mysterious, Forked River Mountain. Guided tours of the area will be given as part of this year's Pine Barrens Jamboree held at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown. The date is October 9, 2004 and the event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours will be given at approximately 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours each.

Persons attending a tour will be able to see spectacular views of the surrounding Pine Barrens. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come first-served basis. Interested persons may register for a tour at the Coalition's display on the day of the Jamboree.

If you can't wait for the Jamboree and would like to know more about the Forked River Mountains or the Coalition visit our web site at www.frmc.org or write to P.O. Box 219, Forked River, NJ 08731. Tax deductible contributions may also be sent to the Forked River Mountain Coalition at the same address.

Forked River Mountain Coaliton Election Results

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Forked River Mountain Coaliton was held on May 16, 2004 at Wells Mills County Park. Elected to two year terms on the Board of Trustees were:

Dee Burrowes
Paul Burrowes
Mickey Coen
Doug Cortelyou
Dawn Jennings
Robert Moyer
Lorraine Sansone

Other members of the Board of Trustees include:

Kerry Jennings, Dave DiEugenio, Carol Cortelyou, Theresa Lettman and John Sly.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lacey Day, August 21, 2004. Local Founder's Day celebration held this year at Lacey Township's Gille Park. Help out at our educational exhibit and fundraiser. Available shifts: 9am-11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. Call 609-971-1635.

Barnegat Bay Decoy Show, Sept. 25 & 26, 2004. One of the best shows in the nation. Held at Tip Seaman County Park in Tuckerton and at nearby Pinelands Regional High School & Middle School. Shuttle buses available. Help out at our educational exhibit and fundraiser. Available shifts: 8am-11am, 11am-2pm and 2pm-5pm both days. Call 609-971-1635.

Pinelands Month Kick-off, October 3, 2004. Learn about the Pine Barrens and the groups working to protect them. Help out at our educational exhibit and fundraiser. Available shifts: 9am-11am, 11am-1pm and 1pm-3pm. Call 609-971-1635.

Pine Barrens Jamboree, October 9, 2004. One of the best kept secrets--until now. Held at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown. Help out at our educational exhibit and fundraiser. Available shifts: 9am-12pm 12pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm. Call 609-971-1635.

Batsto Country Living Fair, October 17, 2004. Crafts, Crafts, Crafts. Probably the best outdoor show of the season. Held at historic Batsto Village in the Wharton State Forest. Help out at our educational exhibit and fundraiser. Available shifts: 8am-12pm and 12pm-4pm. Call 609-971-1635.

Fall Field Day, November 6, 2004. Scheduled work includes posting signs, painting over offensive graffiti, clearing brush and litter removal. We will meet at Wells Mills County Park, Route 532, Waretown at 9:00am and will return around 1:00pm. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves, insect repellent and tools such as hammers, nail pouches, loppers, pruners, shears and bow saws. Dress for the weather on that day, if cold or damp wear layered clothing. Hiking or work boots should be worn. Volunteers with four wheel drive vehicles are especially needed. Call 609-971-1635.

FALL FIELD DAY SET

This year's Fall Field Day has been set for Saturday, November 6, 2004. Scheduled work includes posting signs, clearing brush and litter removal. We will meet at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown at 9 a.m. and will return around 1 p.m. Bring work gloves, insect repellent and tools such as hammers, nail pouches, loppers, pruners, shears and bow saws. Volunteers with four wheel drive vehicles are especially needed. If you would like to lend a hand please call 609-971-1635.