

Forked River Mountain Views

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***** Just a Reminder *****
Forked River Mountain Cleanup

*Where: Wells Mills County Park
Route 532
Waretown*

*When: Sunday, April 23, 2006
Arrive Between
8:30 am and 9:00 am
Return Between
12:30 pm and 1:00 pm*



** Optional Hike Afterwards**

***For more information or to pre-register call
(609) 971-1635 or visit our web site at www.frmc.org***

Annual Meeting Set

A special **Thank you** to the dozens of individuals who recently joined or renewed their membership with the Coalition. This support will enable the Coalition to continue our grass-roots initiative so we can all realize our goal of preserving the Forked River Mountains and the vast wilderness that surrounds them.

Members of the Coalition will be able to participate in the twelfth Annual Meeting and election of members to the Board of Trustees. The Annual

Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at Wells Mills County Park. The Annual Meeting Notice is included in this newsletter.

If you are not currently a member of the Coalition but would like to join, or if you are a member and have not yet renewed your membership, simply complete the registration form in this newsletter. Be sure to mark the appropriate box and return the form along with your membership dues for 2006. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Join Us in the Great Outdoors. . .

Here are some exciting opportunities to learn more about the Forked River Mountains. . .

Canoe Trip



The Forked River Mountain Coalition will sponsor our twelfth annual canoe trip down Cedar Creek on May 29, 2006. We will depart Double Trouble State Park at 10:00 am and return approximately 3:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. There is a three (3) person limit per canoe.

Bring lunch, drink, insect repellent, sun tan lotion, hat or sun glasses. Long pants and sneakers are recommended. No alcohol.

We will provide canoes, life preservers and transportation back to Double Trouble State Park.

Persons who are interested in attending should complete and return the registration form in this newsletter or call (609) 693-1268 for more information.

If you would like to try your luck at discovering an

Treefrog Hike

endangered Pine Barrens Treefrog join us on the evening of Friday, June 2 2006. We will meet at the former Bamber Store at 7:30 pm and return around 9:30 pm. The Bamber Store is located at the intersection of Lacey Road and Dover Road about 5 ½ miles west of Parkway exit 74.

There will also be an opportunity to view several unique plants during the hike including sundews, pitcher plants and the endangered curly-grass fern.

The cost for this program is only \$5 per person. You must provide your own transportation. Long pants and boots are recommended. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Persons who are interested in attending should complete and return the registration form in this newsletter or call (609) 971-1635 for more information.



Pine Barrens Treefrog

Ocean County Preserves Forked River Mountain Acreage

In two recent purchases Ocean County, through its Natural Lands Trust Fund Program, has preserved 935 acres of Pinelands surrounding the Forked River Mountains. These purchases are significant for several reasons. A large amount of acreage was preserved through each purchase and secures a critical link for wildlife habitat and a future hiking trail for the area. The land also helps link together other parcels that have been purchased for open space as part of the Forked River Mountain project area. The property located adjacent to Wells Mills County Park along Route 532, is located in both Ocean and Lacey Townships and is known to support threatened and endangered species. Last, but certainly not least, is that the development of dozens of new houses has been prevented and the areas water quality has been preserved. We applaud Ocean County's decision to acquire these parcels as part of its Natural Lands Trust Fund Program.

Whitesbog Blueberry Festival

The 23rd annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006.

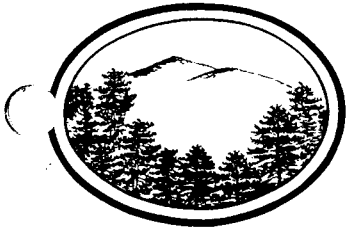
The Blueberry Festival commemorates the cultivation of the blueberry and the birth of the blueberry industry. The festival is held at Historic Whitesbog Village, located on the outskirts of Browns Mills in Lebanon State Forest. The festival provides activities, music, food and fun for the entire family including guided tours and walks of the area.

The festival is presented by the Whitesbog Preservation Trust who are working to restore this important piece of New Jersey heritage. Oh yes and don't forget the blueberries! For more information call (609) 893-4646.



Highbush Blueberry

**Some illustrations from a field Guide to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, by Howard Boyd, Plexus Publishing, Inc. Medford, NJ*



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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 20, 2006

4:00 P.M.

WELLS MILLS COUNTY PARK

The Forked River Mountain Coalition is pleased to announce that the Twelfth Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. at Wells Mills County Park, Route 532, Waretown. A brief meeting will be held to update members on current projects and activities and to elect members to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will also elect officers at this meeting.

This year's Annual Meeting will be conducted at the historic lakeside cabin. All persons are asked to park in the main parking lot and walk to the cabin, which is to the right of the nature center along the lake. A picnic will be held after the meeting in recognition of our twelfth year of operation. All members who are planning to attend the picnic are requested to RSVP by May 12, 2006 by calling 609-971-7192 or by sending an e-mail to info@frmc.org.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Dave DiEugenio, Dawn Jennings and Lorraine Sansone. They have prepared the following slates of candidates:

Trustees

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

Terms

2 years
2 years
2 years
2 years
2 years
2 years
2 years

Officers

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Kerry Jennings
Robert Moyer
Dawn Jennings
Theresa Lettman
Dave DiEugenio

Terms

1 year
1 year
1 year
1 year
1 year

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Day (_____) _____ Eve

E-mail _____
address _____

I have enclosed my membership dues of \$20 (individual) \$35 (family) Please circle: New Renewal

- I have enclosed an additional contribution of \$_____
- I will attend the Canoe Trip on May 29, 2006. Number attending X \$10 per person \$_____.
- I will attend the Treefrog Hike on June 2, 2006 Number attending X \$5 per person \$_____.
- I would like to volunteer, please call me.
- Please send information on how to include the Coalition in my will.

Please make checks payable to:
and mail to:

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All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you!



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