

Forked River Mountain Views

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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 23rd annual canoe trip down Cedar Creek on Saturday, May 27, 2017. We will depart William J. Dudley Park at 9:00 am and return by 3:00 pm. A donation of \$15 per person is requested. 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 the 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.

Treefrog Hike

If you would like to try your luck at discovering an endangered Pine Barrens Treefrog join us on the evening of Friday, June 9, 2017. We will meet across the street from the Bamber Lakes Fire Dept. at 7:30 pm and return around 9:30 pm. The Bamber Lakes Fire Dept. is located at 2630 Lacey Road, just west of the intersection of Lacey Road and Dover Road, or about 6 miles west of Parkway exit 74.



Pine Barrens Treefrog

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

A donation of \$5 per person is requested. You must provide your own transportation; preferably a four-wheel drive vehicle. 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.

Barnegat Bay Festival

The 20th annual Barnegat Bay Festival will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the Wanamaker Complex, Island Heights. The festival is a cooperative effort of non-profit organizations and government agencies dedicated to maintaining the health and quality of the Barnegat Bay and its vast watershed covering most of Ocean County. The festival is designed to heighten environmental awareness about the natural resources of the watershed and the impact of human activities on these resources.



Open space conservation in the Pinelands compliments efforts to protect Barnegat Bay because many of the streams and rivers that flow into the bay originate in the Pinelands. The Forked River Mountain area contains the headwaters to three major tributaries of Barnegat Bay, including the Cedar Creek, Forked River and Oyster Creek. For additional information call (732) 255-0472.

Whitesbog Blueberry Festival

The 34th annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 and Sunday, June 25, 2017.



Highbush Blueberry

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 is 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.

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

***** Just a Reminder *****

24th Annual Forked River Mountain Cleanup

Where: Wells Mills County Park
Route 532
Waretown

When: Sunday, April 23, 2017
Arrive 8:30 am
Return 1:00 pm



Refreshments & 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 23rd Annual Meeting and election of members to the Board of Trustees. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017

at 7:00 pm at Jakes Branch County Park. The Annual Meeting Notice is enclosed with 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 2017. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Registration / Renewal Form

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 27, 2017. Number attending X \$15 per person* \$ _____.
- I will attend the Treefrog Hike on June 9, 2017. Number attending X \$5 per person* \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to: Forked River Mountain Coalition
and mail to: P.O. Box 219, Forked River, NJ 08731

***Suggested donation. All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you!**

