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Ridge and Valley Conservancy

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The Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a non-profit local land trust based in Blairstown, NJ. The mission of RVC is to preserve the farmland, historic sites, forests, watersheds, and wildlife of the Kittatinny Ridge and Valley region. At White Lake, this preservation includes unique shoreline and aquatic ecosystems, the legacy of industrial and agricultural use, as well as many rare plant, insect, and bird species in the surrounding forests and meadows. RVC welcomes you to experience the many natural and recreational opportunities available at White Lake.

For more information about the management of White Lake or volunteer opportunities, please contact us at: whitelakeinfo@gmail.com or give us a call at: 973-937-8748.

Volunteers Needed:
Individual & Group Opportunities
For All Ages

- Trail Building & Clearing
- Invasive Species Removal
- Construction & Maintenance
- Cleanup & Recycling
- Special Events and more!

Call (908) 453-2650 to get started!

WHITE LAKE
NATURAL
RESOURCE AREA

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History of White Lake

The White Lake Natural Resource Area (NRA) is a 396-acre preserve in Hardwick Township owned by Warren County.

White Lake is a deep 69-acre spring fed water body. Beneath the clear blue water lays a chalky marl bottom composed of freshwater mollusk shells and clay.

A variety of habitats surround the lake, including fertile meadows, karst limestone exposures, sinkhole ponds, and stands of mature hemlock and hardwood forests. The shoreline is also home to various endangered or threatened plant species.

In addition, the preserve is dotted with several cultural and historical points of interest, including a lime kiln and the stone wall remnants of an ice house/marl processing facility.

Explore Responsibly:

- This park offers opportunities for walking, hiking, biking, and wildlife observation.
- Please stay on the marked trails and do not disturb sensitive habitats.
- Please remove and carry out any trash.
- Hunting by permit only.
- Electric motors permitted in lake.
- Removal of plants, animals, wood, stone, or other natural materials is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles (such as ATVs) and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Directions From Route 80:

- Take Exit 12 Hope/Blairstown.
- Take CR 521 north towards Blairstown for 5 miles.
- Turn Left on Route 94 and travel 0.5 miles to the first traffic light.
- Turn Right at the light and continue on CR 521 (Stillwater Road) for approximately 2 miles.
- Cross the intersection with Route 659 (Spring Valley Road) and continue 0.2 miles.
- The entrance to White Lake will be on your right.

The Board of Recreation

Commissioners would like to thank you for visiting our beautiful White Lake Natural Resource Area here in Warren County!

Nestled in the quiet hills of the Ridge and Valley Region, this preserve offers residents a chance to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors. Whether you kayak across the clear blue water of the lake, or hike the meandering trails through the meadows and into the woods, be sure to stop, breathe the fresh air, and take it all in. There is a lot to enjoy here. In fact, there is much to enjoy throughout Warren County, so please be sure to visit the many other natural and historic sites. By doing so, we hope you will walk away with a deeper appreciation for the people and places which make Warren County so special.

About White Lake Natural Resource Area:

The White Lake Natural Resource Area (NRA) is significant due to the globally and state-rare species and communities, recreational opportunities, and historical sites that are found on site.

Fishermen visit the lake on a daily basis year-round and hunters frequent the woods during the winter months. In addition, naturalists and nature clubs often visit the site to view the diverse populations of birds, dragonflies and butterflies while others just come to enjoy the serene atmosphere and historical sites found along the Ridge and Valley trail.

White Lake NRA also serves as an outdoor educational center. A series of public programs are offered each year, such as the following:

- A spring Wildflower Walk
- Spring Bird walk to highlight bird migration and White Lake importance to these travelers.
- Dragonflies and damselflies of White Lake to highlight the importance of these insects and the importance of water quality for their survival.
- White Lake butterfly walk. One of our most popular programs during which we highlight the meadow restoration project and the importance of nectaring insects.
- Moth night at White Lake. In celebration of National Moth Week visitors enjoy seeing the great variety of moths species attracted to special lights. The importance of moths as indicators of forest health is discussed throughout the night.

Enjoy miles of new trails, including the Ridge and Valley Trail and Paulinskill Valley Trail which extend beyond our county parkland.



Watch the bustling wildlife around you. Bald eagles, osprey, black bear, snakes, bobcats, and rare butterflies have often been spotted here.

Set out on your kayak or canoe and enjoy the crystal clear waters of the lake or go fishing for brown or rainbow trout, bass, sunfish, and even landlocked salmon!



And don't forget to stop by our next-door neighbor to learn how the Hardwick Historical Society is working with the County of Warren to rehabilitate the Historic Vass Farmstead!



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