



FRIENDS OF CHERRY VALLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

A NEW FALL FESTIVAL!

Mark your calendars:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

At the Headquarters of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 2138 Croasdale Rd, Stroudsburg.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service took on the challenge of organizing the festival, with the Friends of Cherry Valley assisting, following federal Covid guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. Activities will be outdoors, with some limited use of the building:

All your favorite family fun, plus guided walks, fishing instruction and more.

Flyer coming soon with full details.

Visit our table at:

Ross Township Day – September 17

Polk Township Day – October 2

TRAILS

Two areas of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge have trails open daily from dawn to dusk:

Headquarters (former Cherry Valley Golf Course)

2138 Croasdale Road, off Cherry Valley Road.

On August 28, volunteers cleared overhanging and fallen branches off the blacktop paths of the "Upper Nine" trail, so enjoy the invigorating climb and beautiful views.

Headwaters Tract, Lower Cherry Valley Road -

Next to Cherry Valley Winery. Trails were mowed and cleared on August 29 with assistance from the NJ Youth Corps, ready for you to enjoy the fall colors in this scenic wooded area.

CHERRY CREEK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

If you noticed Blakeslee Road closed at certain hours in August, it was not for road work but for a Cherry Creek stream restoration project by The Nature Conservancy. The project was completed in partnership with the USFWS's Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program. In past years, cows walked into the creek for water and gradually over-widened the stream. The cows are gone from the farm, and stream restoration will now help the stream to recover. During the construction stage of the restoration project, heavy equipment reshaped streambanks and added coarse woody debris, which can include deadfall, tree trunks, and large severed branches. The improved structure in the stream provides shelter for fish, amphibians and mammals by modifying the flow of water and sediment, providing numerous water quality and ecological benefits. Funding for the project was provided primarily by The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with supplemental support from the William Penn Foundation.

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SPRING FLING PHOTOS – a wonderful day



Wildlife Specialist Jared Green teaches archery. Photo by Carol Stolfi.



Birdhouse building at Spring Fling. Fall Festival will feature bat houses. Photo by Carol Stolfi.



Tree stumps narrow the channel of the Cherry Creek. Photo from The Nature Conservancy.