



Appalachian Forest Heritage Area

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Appalachian Forest Heritage Area Annual Spring Members Meeting May 11, 2017 -- Summersville, West Virginia

All AFHA stakeholders, members, partners and interested public are invited to participate in our 2017 annual meeting at Old Main, Summersville, on Thursday, May 11.

Schedule

Morning tours – (directions at bottom)

- 10:00 am Meet at Beaver Mill, tour and discuss redevelopment plans
- 11:15 am Meet at Whippoorwill Cemetery

Lunch

- 11:45 am Lunch at Old Main (donations accepted toward lunch cost – RSVP appreciated)
- 12:15 pm Tours available of Old Main

Annual Meeting

- 1:00 pm AFHA Introduction & updates. Business meeting
- 1:15 pm Local projects – Nicholas County panel discussion
 - Ray Moeller – WVSU Extension and Nicholas Old Main Foundation
 - Bob Johnson – Nicholas County Historic Landmark Commission
- 2:00 pm Conservation Project Partnerships panel discussion, featuring
 - Kent Karriker – Monongahela National Forest
 - Mike Powell – The Nature Conservancy
 - Cully McCurdy – National Wild Turkey Federation
- 3:00 pm AmeriCorps members showcase
- 3:45 pm Meeting adjourned

After meetings

- 4:00 pm AFHA Board meeting
- 4:00 pm AFHA AmeriCorps members team meeting

RSVP appreciated for lunch count and planning. Please email afha@appalachianforest.us or leave message at 304-636-6182

Our Host Site:

Nicholas Old Main is the former Nicholas County High School, which was constructed in 1913 and graduated its final class in 1978. The facility was then conveyed to the Nicholas Old Main Foundation, placed on the Historic Register, and has been preserved and restored for use as an Arts & Heritage Center. Old Main is currently hosting an AFHA AmeriCorps member who is working with the Old Main Foundation on projects and sustainability for the site.

Tour locations:

The Beaver Mill near Craigsville (12 miles distant) is an active preservation / restoration site in Nicholas County. The property has been purchased by the Nicholas County Building Commission. Beaver Mill is the last standing grist mill of the estimated 130 or so that were in the county. Hopes are to turn the mill site into an interpretive park.

Whippoorwill Hawk's Nest memorial cemetery is just south of Summersville (5 miles). The cemetery contains the remains of a number of unidentified workers who perished during the excavation of the Hawk's Nest tunnel on the New River. These worker's bodies were unceremoniously disposed of at a local farm and unearthed during the expansion of Highway 19. They were then relocated to the current site and several local residents have striven to provide a more appropriate memorial.

Directions

Beaver Mill --

From Rt 19 traveling south: follow Hwy 55 to the Subway Shop in Craigsville, take a sharp right onto Beaver Road and travel between 1-2 miles to the Beaver Mill site on your right.

From Elkins: travel on Hwy 219 south to CR 15, continue south and west to CR20, continue south & west to Craigsville, travel through the light onto Hwy 55, just beyond the Subway Shop turn onto Beaver Road and travel between 1-2 miles to the Beaver Mill site on your right.

Whippoorwill Cemetery --

From Beavers Mill, travel west on Hwy 55, then Hwy 41 to Summersville, turn south onto Hwy 19.

Go through Summersville(south) and over Summersville Lake on Hughes Bridge, look for Whippoorwill Road on your right, turn right then right again, downhill to the cemetery site.

Directions to Old Main –

From US Rt 19 traveling south: turn right onto Hwy 41 at the light near McDonalds, follow Hwy 41 several miles, through downtown, and through the only stop light in town west onto Hwy 39, when Hwy 39 turns sharply right, continue straight going uphill, turning left at the top of the hill at the Board of Education building.

From US Rt 19 traveling north (from Whippoorwill Cemetery) – turn left onto Hwy 41 (at the DQ), travel north to the main street light, turn left onto Hwy 39, when Hwy 39 turns sharply right, continue straight going uphill, turning left at the top of the hill at the Board of Education building.

Park anywhere in the parking lot near the Old Main building.

The building address is 405 Old Main Drive, Summersville which works in some GPS devices.

Call Gabe Dobbins (336-687-0887) or Ray Moeller (269-719-0504) for assistance.