



AFHA Stakeholders Meet 2014

Garrett County, Maryland

April 30 – May 1

Wednesday April 30 - Tours:

Come explore Garrett County's forest heritage! Tour times are approximate. If you are joining the group part way through and have trouble finding us, call Phyllis's cell 304-642-7427 or Dawn's cell 240-321-1146.

1:00 pm: Meet at the Oakland B&O Museum parking lot to view three museums:

- Garrett County Historical Museum: 107 South Second Street, Oakland, MD 21550
- Garrett County Museum of Transportation: Liberty Street, Oakland, MD 21550
- Oakland B&O Museum in the Train Station: 117 East Liberty Street, Oakland, MD 21550 (301-334-3204)

2:15 pm: Caravan to view the Kindness Demonstration Area of Garrett State Forest

- The tour will be led by Forest Manager John Denning.
- The Kindness Demonstration Area features a 1.25 mile self-guided hiking trail through 387 acres of forestland with signs explaining forest management and wildlife improvement practices. Often referred to as the "birthplace of forestry and conservation in Maryland," this area is part of the Garrett brothers' original 2,000-acre land donation which started Maryland's Forestry and Public Lands System. The interpretive signs were funded in part by Appalachian Forest Heritage Area mini-grants.

3:30 pm: Caravan to visit Blue Moon Rising Eco-tourism destination

- Located at 89 Blue Moon Rising Way, McHenry, MD · (240) 442-5287)
- Tour by Brian Oxford & Elliott Perfetti, Explore Garrett County's newest Eco-tourism vacation destination operated under sustainable policies, and hear about the programming they are developing for residents and visitors.

Dinner recommendations (cost on your own)

- Moonshadow Café, Accident MD. 110 S Main St, Accident, MD/moonshadowcafe.com
Farm fresh food, live music, no-cover blues jam that evening. (Entrees run about \$10)
- Mountain State Brewing Co. 6690 Sang Run Road, McHenry, MD
- Other options available at www.visitdeepcreek.com

Lodging – Wisp Resort

- Located at 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry MD / wispresort.com
- A room block has been reserved at Wisp Resort for \$74 + tax for double room. **Make your own reservation under by April 23** to get this rate. Ask for the "Appalachian Forest Heritage Area." Make your reservations by calling (301)-387-4000.
- For alternative lodging options visit www.visitdeepcreek.com

Thursday, May 1 - Meeting & Networking:

Annual AFHA Spring Stakeholders Meeting - Wisp Resort

8:30 – 9:45 am: Networking Breakfast

- Wisp DC's Restaurant (in Wisp Resort. cost on your own, entrees: \$5-\$10)

10:00 am: Meeting Convenes

- Held in conference room at Wisp Resort
(Directions: <http://www.wispresort.com/getting-here.php>)
 - Introductions
 - What is Appalachian Forest Heritage Area?
 - AFHA AmeriCorps program presentations
 - AFHA Council / Annual membership meeting

12:00 pm: Sandwich Lunch

- Provided on site

1:00 pm: Welcome to western Maryland

- Find out what's going on in Garrett and Allegany Counties!

2:00 pm: Heritage Areas Panel Discussion –

- What are heritage areas, and how can they benefit your community?
 - Dawn Hein – Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area
 - Deidra Ritchie - Canal Place Heritage Area
 - Phyllis Baxter – Appalachian Forest Heritage Area
 - Jeremy Morris – Wheeling National Heritage Area

3:00 pm: AFHA Board Meeting

- To follow larger meeting adjournment.

RSVP Information:

We request that you RSVP to assist with our planning. Please reply for Wednesday tours and/or Thursday meeting (lunch count). RSVP to info@appalachianforest.us or call 304-636-6182.

*Note reservation cut-off date of April 23 for room block price at Wisp.