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Winter 2023

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 1st, 11AM: First Day Hike at the King/Potter Reserves on Crowfoot Road. Park at the lot on Crowfoot Road and **be ready to set out at 11AM**. Shake off the celebratory woozies and breathe in the fresh air of the New Year. We'll check out the stream that meanders through the two reserves and see what we can see. Welcome 2023!

www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration FREE



Saturday, January 21, 10AM: Winter Walk with Lindsey at the Walter Reserve Join Lindsey Praksti at the Walter Reserve lot at 10AM Saturday, January 21st at the Walter Reserve on Weistertown Rd. Check out the pawpaws and Devil's Walking Stick along the trails, learn about plants in winter and about the **history** witnessed by this land.

www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration
FREE

Friday, February 3, 8PM: Owl Prowl at the Morosini Reserve. Enjoy a moonlight stroll and listen for the owls! We will be heading out from the Universal Pedestrian Trailhead at the end of Morosini Farm Road **promptly at 8PM**. (Last stop of the walk will be near lot #1 at the bend, so you'll want to park there and walk up the road to the Upper Trailhead). The house at the right is NOT part of the Reserve. Our events are always free; PLEASE register on our website www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration



Saturday, February 18, 9AM: Annual Apple Tree Rehab at the Morosini Reserve on Morosini Farm Road. This is year six of our quest to not only revitalize the old variety trees at the reserve, but to make others more comfortable with the process before trying at home. We have seen these trees bloom and produce the very same year! Be at the lower parking lot (#1) at the bend on the left by 9AM. Bring your work gloves, loppers, clippers, pole saws, and questions so that our team can share their experience.



Event Registration: www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration FREE



Westmoreland250

2023 marks Westmoreland County's sesquicentennial (250th) anniversary. In observance, watch for some "History Walks" on Westmoreland Conservancy Reserves on our Facebook page and on our website. For some interesting Westmoreland trivia, visit <https://westmorelandheritage.org/westmoreland-county-trivia/>

Monday, March 20, 5PM: First Day of Spring/AKA Vernal Equinox



Experience the onset of SPRING with us at our McGinnis Reserve. The seasons officially change at 5:23PM! We'll follow the trail around to see what may be emerging from the sleeping winter soils and talk about the **history** of the property.

It will likely be damp, so have rain gear and boots!

The hike will start **promptly** at 5pm from the parking lot on Hunter Drive, so come early!

www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration FREE

Saturday, April 22, 9AM: Earth Day at the Morosini Reserve

The international theme of Earth Day 2023 is "Invest in Our Planet".

Westmoreland Conservancy invests in Our Community...
Your Community...
every day.

Join us at 9AM Saturday 4/22/23 at the Upper Parking Lot of the Morosini Reserve for TRAIL BUILDING along the north side of the pond and maintenance of the earthen dam.



Annual Member's Meeting & Elections April 26, 7PM

Westmoreland Conservancy's Annual Members' Meeting and Elections are scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Delmont Public Library and on Zoom. Should you choose to attend via Zoom, please send an email to contact@westmorelandconservancy.org so that we can send you the link.



The Members' Meeting will open at 7pm with a review of the proposed slate for the election of our Board of Governors. This election is by our general membership, so

please plan to attend. **Your voice is important to us.** At the close of the Members Meeting, the Organizational Meeting will commence with the Board members electing the 2021 officers. The April Board meeting will then come to order.

Last Quarter 2022 Events

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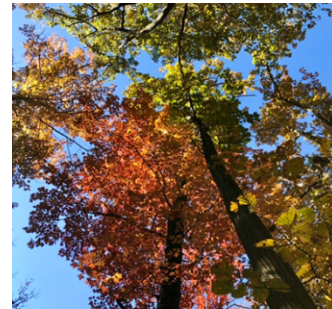
Witch Hazel Hike



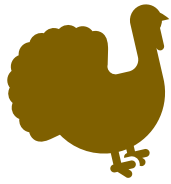
Autumn Enchanted Forest



Autumn Excursion to Coopers Rock



Last Quarter 2022 Events cont'd



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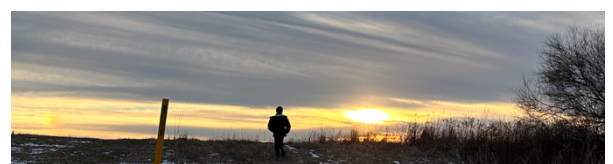
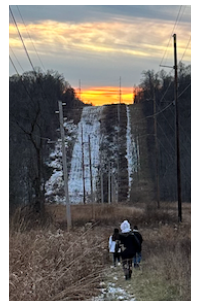


Hot Chocolate Hike w/Murrysville Rec

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Winter Solstice Walk at Morosini



Winter Appeal

This year Westmoreland Conservancy is raising funds to offset the \$12,000.00 cost to create the Pollinator Amphitheater at the Morosini Reserve. We have received a \$3000 grant toward the project and are hoping to at least match that amount in order to break ground before Spring. The project is a tremendous educational opportunity in addition to enhancing important habitat. There are community service hours available for students, Scouts, and even local businesses at various aspects of the project.

Your support is **ALWAYS** welcome. Our fiscal renewal is June 1st. Your donations help to support our projects and events. They help us achieve our goals and continue to grow, making nature available to EVERYONE!

Student (under 18):\$10
News Recipient.....\$25
Conservation Ally.....\$50
Steward Supporter.....\$100
Resource Partner.....\$500



Your commitment to making an annual donation helps us plan our operating budget, knowing what amount we can expect to receive every year. Any tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more qualifies for free membership (Annual Members Meeting in April). You can even arrange to make a MONTHLY donation! (\$5/mo adds up!)

You can renew your annual donation through the site or support us with a new donation. Any donation can be easily managed through our website using Paypal or credit card: <http://www.westmorelandconservancy.org/donate> or mailed directly to Westmoreland Conservancy, 1 Priority Lane, Unit 446, Murrysville, PA 15668.

Follow us on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages, as well as through our **website** and **newsletter**. We enjoy sharing our news, our events, and our plans with you!
Get to know us! We're good to know!

Westmoreland Conservancy Online:

Website: <http://www.westmorelandconservancy.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestmorelandConservancy>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/westmoreland_conservancy/

2022-23 Officers

Shelly Tichy – President
Rob Malley – Vice President
Bob Sloboda – Secretary/Stwd Coord.
Chip Brown– Treasurer/Stwd Coord.



2022-23 Board of Governors

Alan Halperin - Board
Rob Bowman - Board
Joann Reisch – Board.
Lindsey Praksti – Board

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Our Vision

To preserve natural, rural, and historic landscapes for Nature's benefit and the enrichment of future generations.

Our Mission

Westmoreland Conservancy preserves, enhances, and connects land, habitat, and green space through acquisition, stewardship, and cooperation with local communities and other organizations.

Schedule of Events

****Watch our Facebook page or sign up for email reminders for work days!****

Please wear sturdy shoes, leg protection and weather-appropriate attire. Scheduled Events may be canceled in case of Unsuitable Weather.

01/01/2023 **1st Day Hike**, 11AM King/Potter Reserves, Crowfoot Rd

01/25: **Monthly Meeting**, 7PM Delmont Public Library

02/03: **Owl Prowl**, 8PM Morosini Reserve. Park at Lot# 1, meet at upper trailhead.

02/18 **Apple Tree Rehab**, 9:30AM Morosini Reserve Lower Parking Area (Lot #1)

02/22: **Monthly Meeting**, 7PM Delmont Public Library

03/20: **1st Day of Spring/Vernal Equinox Walk** 5PM Flinn Reserve, Boxcartown Road

03/22: **Monthly Meeting**, 7PM Delmont Public Library

04/22: **Earth Day at Morosini**, 9AM Morosini Farm Road, UPT lot

04/26: **Annual Members Meeting & Elections** 7PM Delmont Public Library