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FAW plans backpacking trip into proposed wilderness area

WARREN — Friends of Allegheny Wilderness (FAW), a Warren-based non-profit organization, has scheduled an overnight backpacking trip into the proposed Minister Valley Wilderness Area in Southern Warren County for the weekend of March 5-6.

The hike will begin that Saturday morning at the Minister Creek campground, and the group will primarily use the seven-mile Minister Trail loop north to the North County National Scenic Trail and the popular Triple Forks area.

There may be some off-trail hiking as well, depending on the consensus of the group, and as evening approaches the group will stop along the way to make camp before dark.

Hikers should bring all of their own food and camping equipment, and come fully prepared for the weather.

The hike is free and open to the public, and will give hikers a fine sense of wild, unroaded nature of what many environmental and other groups view as an eminently qualified prospective addition to America's National Wilderness Preservation System.

FAW has been working to get Congress to permanently protect additional portions of the Allegheny National Forest as wilderness areas under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

To RSVP, or to obtain more information, contact FAW via phone or e-mail at info@pawild.org, or log onto the website www.pawild.org