

FOWLFEST 2019 ANNOUNCEMENT

FOWLFEST 2019 will be held on the traditional date on the 4th Saturday in August, August 24, 2019, in the Bobwhite Pavilion in Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg, MD. It will take place from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm –rain or shine! This is the same great location as last year.

This event, co-sponsored by PVRC and NCDXA, is made possible by the unselfish generosity of Fred Laun, K3ZO, longtime PVRC and NCDXA member and current NCDXA President. Joel Knoblock, W3RFC, of The RF Connection has graciously made a donation to cover the cost of the pavilion rental and alcohol permit.

THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A FOOD COMMITTEE - 3-4 FOLKS ARE NEEDED TO STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST WITH THE SELECTION, PROCUREMENT, PREPARATION AND SERVING OF MAIN ENTREES. *FOWLFEST WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE FORMATION OF THE FOOD COMMITTEE. BESIDE DEALING WITH OTHER LARGE FAMILY ISSUES, YOUR ORGANIZER IS TRYING TO REBUILD AND REASSEMBLE HIS KITCHEN AFTER A WATER LEAK CALAMITY EARLIER THIS SUMMER AND IS UNABLE TO PULL OFF FOWLFEST WITHOUT THIS ASSISTANCE.*

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED –Bottled water, iced tea, lemonade, assorted soft drinks, deli coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad, all paper products, utensils, etc. and of course, lots of tasty barbecued chicken. (BY popular demand the menu will also include Hotdogs and or Brats (to be decided by food committee.)) A variety of chips and dips will also be provided. You may bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, wine or beer for yourself or to share.

APPETIZERS, SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS WELCOME–Please bring an appetizer, a side dish to complement barbecued chicken and ____, or a dessert to share, serving 4-6 people. Suggestions are: raw vegetables with dip, hummus with pita chips, corn relish, cucumber salad, pasta or macaroni salad, tossed green salads with dressing, three-bean salad, couscous salad, brownies, watermelon or fresh fruit salad.

OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING-While there is covered seating for 50 available in the pavilion, some of it will be used as the serving bar for holding side dishes, etc. You should consider bringing a lawn chair to sit under the shade of the pine trees on the perimeter of the pavilion area to spread the crowd around and encourage socializing.

ADDRESS AND DIRECTIONS–Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The park is approximately 2 miles away after taking Exit 10 off I-270 Northbound and about 1.5 miles from Exit 11 off I-270 Southbound.

Below is a link from Google maps to the park. Please use it to obtain directions from your area or enter the park's address into your personal GPS unit.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/11950+Clopper+Rd,+Gaithersburg,+MD+20878/@39.1506826,77.2517584,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b62dadd5b374b1:0x2de1ac2b5ddfba87!8m2!3d39.1506826!4d-77.2495697>

Printed directions to Seneca Creek State Park and to the FowlFest are at the end of this announcement.

PARK ENTRANCE FEE: There is a \$3.00 service charge per person for MD residents and \$5.00 charge per person for out-of-state residents payable in cash only at the front entrance gate. Maryland Park Service Golden Age cardholders presenting their membership card at the entrance gate will enter the park free-of-charge.

FOWLFEEST REGISTRATION: PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING YOU ARE BRINGING TO SHARE. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR PARTICULAR CHICKEN PARTS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE NEED SOME ADDITIONAL FOLKS TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP SET UP (3 FROM 1030-1130 AM), AND TO HELP WITH CLEAN UP (3 OR 4 FOLKS FROM 3-4pm). PLEASE RSVP WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO phillipbarsky@gmail.com or telephonically at 301-330-3693 or 301-266-6666(cell). **We expect some last minute deciders and welcome you, but please let us know that you are coming.**

FowlFest Pavilion

Directions to FowlFest:

From points South: From I-270 North toward Frederick, MD take Exit 10, Clopper Road – West Diamond Avenue. After exiting I-270, stay in two rightmost lanes and follow exit around Park-and-Ride to traffic signal at end of exit ramp. Turn RIGHT onto MD-117, Clopper Road. Stay on Clopper Road for 2 miles and six (6) traffic signals. Park entrance is on your LEFT immediately after passing Game Preserve Road on your RIGHT. Turn LEFT into park and stay on main road for 0.2 miles to main entrance gate.

From points North: From I-270 South toward Washington, DC. Take Exit 11, Montgomery Village Avenue –Quince Orchard Road. After exiting I-270, keep RIGHT. At end of exit ramp, turn RIGHT onto MD-124 South, Quince Orchard Road. Follow for two traffic signals. At second traffic signal, turn RIGHT onto MD-117 West, Clopper Road. Stay on Clopper Rod for approximately 1.5 miles. Park entrance will be on your LEFT immediately after passing Game Preserve Road on your RIGHT. Turn LEFT into park and stay on main road for 0.2 miles to main entrance gate.

After you go through the pay station, make the first right turn onto the main park road. You will be following this road about 1 mile or so going down a deep depression and then climbing out. At the top of the climb, turn left and enter into the QUAIL RIDGE area. The Bobwhite Pavilion is straight ahead - park in the parking lot that you get to before the pavilion, if there are no spots at the pavilion itself.

SEE YOU ALL THERE ON 8/24.

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