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HUNTERDON LAND TRUST'S NEW LAND STEWARD TO LEAD HIKE AT HORSESHOE BEND PARK

The Hunterdon Land Trust Invites the Community to Join the Hike on March 2nd

Flemington, NJ — The Hunterdon Land Trust invites the public to the scenic Horseshoe Bend Park in Kingwood Township for a hike at 10a.m. on Saturday March 2nd. The hike will showcase the important natural resources and recreational opportunities that have been safeguarded through the efforts of the Land Trust and its partners.

The Land Trust recently expanded these efforts with the assistance of a very generous donation. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, funded a dedicated Land Steward position that will focus on enhancing and improving public access to local preserved lands. The new Land Steward, Thomas Thorsen, a Rutgers alum and AmeriCorps veteran, is very excited about his new post and getting out on the land. After visiting Horseshoe Bend Park on his first day at work, he said, “The views from the preserve are incredible. I am proud to be part of an organization that protects special places like this”.

Horseshoe Bend is an inspiring park that offers a little something for everyone including spectacular views of the Delaware River and more than 300 acres of meadows and forests that support seven miles of trails. The fields are home to meadowlarks, bobolinks, redwing blackbirds, and many other grassland species. Copper Creek and other small streams flow through the park before tumbling down the bluffs into the Delaware River.

The park's preservation in 2011 created a corridor of protected lands extending 800 acres. "These greenbelts are a cyclist's dream", said Michael Heffler, a member of the Princeton Free Wheelers and Central Bucks Bicycle Club. "They say spring will come early this year. We'll be exploring this beautiful countryside on bike soon, and I'm happy to support the work of the Land Trust to ensure there are always places like this to enjoy". Heffler will co-lead the hike at Horseshoe Bend with Thorsen.

The address of the park is 140 Horseshoe Bend Road, Frenchtown, NJ. To join the hike, follow Route 12 west from Flemington and make a sharp left onto Horseshoe Bend Road. Turn right at the first entrance to the park (located between Route 12 and Spring Hill Rd). Follow the driveway to the large barn with the green roof to park. (From the south, take Route 519 north and make a left onto Fairview Rd. Bear right onto Horseshoe Bend Road. Turn left into the second entrance to the park and continue to the parking at the barn).

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