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JUNE eNEWSLETTER

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## Summer Fun Programming

With social distancing and mask wearing restrictions being lifted this summer, we are looking forward to seeing more of our park-goers happy faces! As you're making plans for your summer fun, we hope you will consider some of the programs we have planned at RHP. There's a little something for everyone!

Check out our upcoming events to see what all we have planned!



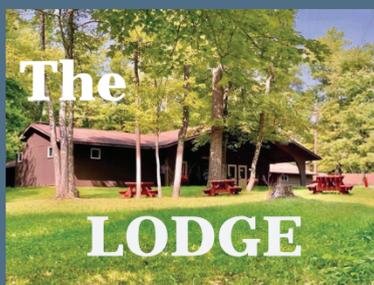
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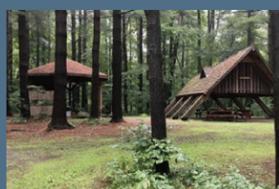
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### BOATING SEASON

One of the many ways to enjoy our park during the summer is on the Upper Lake. We want to remind everyone that our lake is for non-motorized watercrafts **ONLY** and personal flotation devices are mandatory for everyone's safety. If you haven't seen our Facebook LIVE! Video with information on how to get your kayak or stand-up paddle boards down to the waterfront this year, please take a moment to get updates on our **NEW** drop-off rules.

### HIKER & HORSE SAFETY

Equally important is safety for both our horseback riders and those hiking and sharing the

same trail. Although horses are to stay on the marked bridle trails, hikers can venture out on bridle trails as well. Do you know the basic safety rules when approaching a horse on a trail? We have a great LIVE!@RHP video which outlines this for everyone. Take a look!

### GOOD RHP DOGS

We love dogs at RHP. It's important, however, to remind everyone that dogs follow their owners' lead in order to do the right thing. Remember, all dogs **MUST** be **ON LEASH** and must stay on the trails. Of course, our four-legged friends also depend on their humans to clean up after them and properly dispose of the bagged up waste. It's simple but is worth reminding all dog owners again. We will be monitoring this more closely than ever and rewarding those dogs who exemplify what it means to be an RHP Top Dog!

### SUMMER RENTALS

Although anyone can have a small picnic on our open lawn areas at the park, there are shelters that can be rented for your family gatherings. Please take note of all of the options. To learn more, take a look at our story in this issue on rental opportunities.

We hope this month's eNewsletter gets you excited about summer at Richfield Heritage Preserve. I look forward to seeing you out on the trails!

*David Green*



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Some of our best summer memories are from the times we spent at the park where we can do so many of these things and more. Summer isn't complete without taking a long hike in the woods to observe the birds and wildlife under the shade of a mature forest of trees. Or the times spent

sitting at a spot overlooking the lake and watching dragonflies landing on the water lilies and listening to the frogs calling out on the lake.

This summer, Richfield Heritage Preserve wants to be part of your summer memories. In addition to all the intrinsic things we enjoy being out of doors at the park, we are also now offering more programming, independent participation and hands-on activities, informational hikes and tours, and some special events.

In this issue we feature our monthly calendar of activities, programs and events. We hope you'll refer to it often and make plans to join us.

Visit our [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#) to see some of the ways you can create #Summer-MemoriesAtRHP.

Be sure to use our hashtag when posting photos of your Summer at Richfield Heritage Preserve.



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## LIVE! @ RHP Returns Subscribe to Stay Up to Date

Every Wednesday we will be coming to you LIVE!@RHP with interesting topics, special guests and information about Richfield Heritage Preserve. LIKE us on Facebook, SUBSCRIBE to receive our LIVE! Notifications and be sure to tune-in!

So far, we have shared information about the start of non-motorized watercraft season at the Upper Lake, as well as information about the start of Bridle Trail Season.

Check out our videos below!



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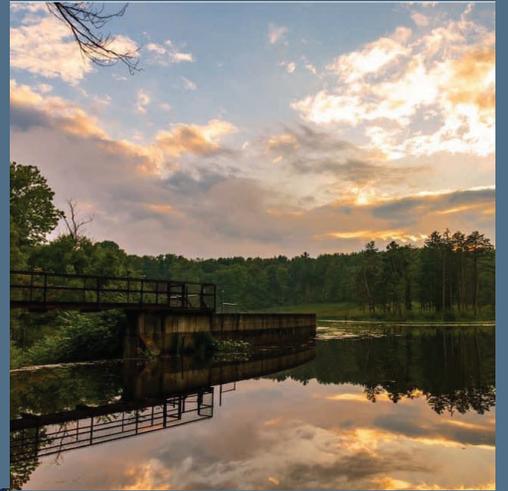
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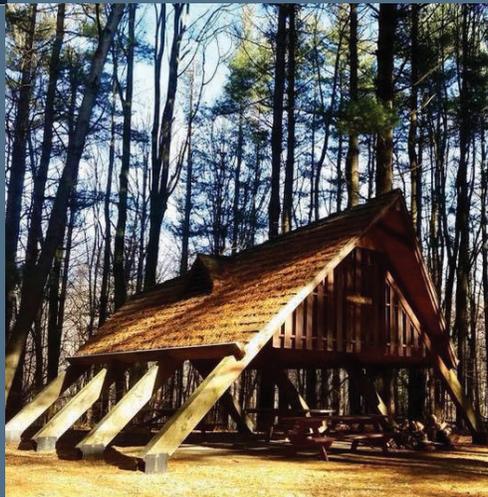


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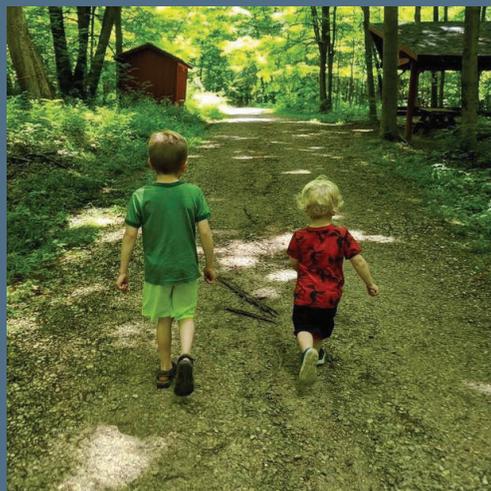
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