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Meadowcroft to Host a Walk in Penn's Woods

-Meadowcroft staff will lead a series of educational woodland walks as part of a statewide event-

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 26, 2019 – Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will host a **Walk in Penn's Woods** on **Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.**

Meadowcroft is one of more than 50 sites across Pennsylvania hosting educational walks for all ages and skill levels as part of the Walk in Penn's Woods program, which aims to raise awareness of Pennsylvania's forests and their importance.

Meadowcroft staff will lead a series of three educational woodland walks (one half-mile walk and two one-mile walks) amidst the fall foliage that will highlight the natural resources used by the region's inhabitants from prehistory through modern day.

In addition, visitors can explore the Meadowcroft Rockshelter, a National Historic Landmark recognized as the oldest site of human habitation in North America; a 16th-century Monongahela Indian Village; an 18th-century Frontier Trading Post; and a 19th-century rural village.

The Walk in Penn's Woods program is a joint initiative with the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, The Center for Private Forests at Penn State, Penn State Forestry and Wildlife Extension, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Forest Stewards, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, and the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

The Walk in Penn's Woods program is included with regular admission: \$15 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens, and \$7 for students and children ages 6-17. Children ages 5 and under and History Center members get in free.

For more information, visit heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft or call 724-587-3412.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village operates in association with the Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian and Pennsylvania's largest history museum. Meadowcroft, a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest site of human habitation in North America and features a massive rock overhang used by the region's earliest inhabitants for shelter more than 19,000 years ago. The 16th century Monongahela Indian Village includes wigwams, recreated prehistoric artifacts, and hands-on activities related to agriculture. Two 18th century structures help to spotlight the similarities and differences between the everyday lives of European settlers and American Indians in the Upper Ohio Valley. Meadowcroft's 19th century village features a covered

bridge, one-room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and church that create a charming country village setting. Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is located in Avella, Pa., Washington County, within an hour's drive of Pittsburgh. For more, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft.



Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village in Avella, Pa., will host educational woodland walks as part of a statewide Walk in Penn's Woods program on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.

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