

FRIENDS OF BLACKWATER

Dear John,

Can we protect West Virginia's special places?

At Friends of Blackwater, we think the answer to this question is "Yes!" – thanks to concerned people like you.

Today, one of our most special West Virginia places, **the Blackwater Canyon region, is at grave risk from bulldozers, superhighways, and damaging big-box development from Corridor H.**

People who love Tucker County are fighting to preserve the region's unique economy and ecology. They are demanding a safer, saner "Northern Route" for the proposed Corridor H highway between the Towns of Parsons and Davis.

In last week's Washington Post, Linda Reeves, who owns the Studio Gallery in Thomas, was quoted in a major article: "The reasons why people have chosen to stay here for generations, and why people come to visit, is because of the wild beauty, and the feeling of history and culture,"



Blackwater Falls by Frank Gebhard

The Post's feature article went on: "Looking at a big bridge with trucks and noise and lights and smells means there will be no more peace in the valley," said Judy Rodd on a recent tour of the historic town of Coketon, -- near Blackwater Falls State Park and the Blackwater Canyon.

Please help make these voices heard! Please donate today to support this important effort!

Our latest Friends of Blackwater newsletter features FOB programs to help young people understand the ecology of West Virginia's highest mountains. It also highlights our latest history program "Shootout at the Depot," and our new historic signs for Davis. There are updates on a water pollution treatment system for the North Fork of the Blackwater, and the Blackwater Loop between Thomas and Davis.

We can do all of this because of donations from you, **our wonderful members, friends, allies, and supporters!**

Thanks again and have a great winter season!

Sincerely, Judy Rodd, Director, Friends of Blackwater



Blackwater Rail Trail Coloring Book- \$7.00



Flying Squirrel Puppet \$20.00

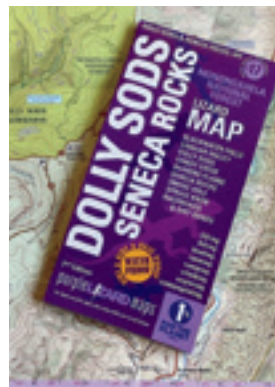


Large Bat \$15.00
Small Bat \$12.00

Friends of Blackwater Holiday Gifts



Save Blackwater Canyon Shirt Small-2XL \$25.00



Dolly Sods OR Elkins Lizard Map \$17.00



FOB Sticker \$1.50



FOB Tote Bag \$15.00

Books:

Stories From West Virginia's Civil Rights History \$12.50

Virginia Slavery and King Salt in Brooker T. Washington's Boyhood Home \$8.00

An Allegheny Triumph of Justice \$23.00

Tucker County History \$23.00

West Virginia's Allegheny Mountains: A Photographic Journey \$48.00



To order online visit our website at <https://www.saveblackwater.org/shop> OR Scan the QR Code!

Customer Information

NAME:	EMAIL:
PHONE:	PAYMENT METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Circle One)
ADDRESS:	ORDER DATE:

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			

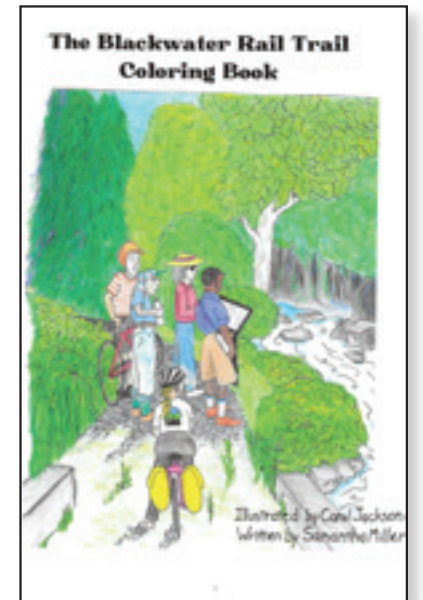
New & Improved FOB Website

Friends of Blackwater just unveiled our new website! We are still using the same web address, saveblackwater.org. Our Project Coordinator, Frank Gebhard, designed the new site with ease of navigation in mind. We are currently adding to our species accounts to provide information and interesting facts about the plants and wildlife that live in the Blackwater Watershed. We have also updated our website to provide information about our current projects. (Scan the QR code or search for the web address to check it out)



Blackwater Rail Trail Coloring Book

Friends of Blackwater's Botany Specialist, Samantha Miller, and Artist, Carol Jackson, collaborated to create a children's coloring book that highlights our work along the Blackwater Rail Trail. The book includes scenes of the ecology of the North Fork of the Blackwater River, historical resources along the Blackwater Rail Trail, native & invasive plants, and more! The book is currently on sale on our website, saveblackwater.org.



Upper Cheat River Timbering Project

Unfortunately, the US Forest Service is proposing to log 3,671 acres of the Monongahela National Forest (94% of which is clear-cutting). This proposal would injure endangered Virginia Big-Eared & Indiana Bats, as well as threatened Northern Long-eared Bats. Flooding & sedimentation from cutting along steep slopes will degrade native Brook Trout and endangered Hellbender habitat. There will be a rally against this proposal on Monday, November 14th in front of the US Forest Service office in Elkins, WV (200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV 26241) at 1:00pm. Come out and support the health of your local



forests! (Click the QR code to RSVP)



Updates on Corridor H Parsons to Davis Section

The Washington Post published an article on Corridor H highlighting the concerns people have with the Canyon Route. The WVDOH is violating a legal standard by encroaching on the Blackwater Industrial Complex with their Canyon Route. FOB, along with over 2,700 others, believe that the Alternative Northern Route is superior; it avoids splitting the towns and preserves the Blackwater Industrial Complex along with the scenic views of the Blackwater Canyon and Blackwater Falls State Park.

(Click the QR code to learn more)



Fall 2022



Electronic Services Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
P A I D
PERMIT NO. 1409
CHAS WV 25301

P.O. BOX 247 - THOMAS, WV 26292
saveblackwater.org



Fall Foliage by Canaan Loop Road



Blackwater Canyon by Frank Gebhard