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SUBJECT: SPECIAL EVENTS AT SHIKELLAMY STATE PARK

A busy summer is planned at Shikellamy State Park in Sunbury. The Friends of Shikellamy State Park have planned several special activities including brunches, concerts, and rowing events. Shikellamy State park is divided into two facilities – the Marina along the portion of the Susquehanna River known as Lake Augusta, and the Overlook on Blue Hill across the River

“The State Park is another of the great natural resources along the Susquehanna Greenway,” said Trish Carothers, Development and Outreach Officer, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, “All summer long Lake Augusta is filled with boats of every kind, while the Overlook on Blue Hill is perfect for picnics and special family events.”

At the Marina, there will be four *Sunday Brunch at the Park* events this year – June 5, July 3, August 7, and September 4. Area restaurants provide the meal, for a nominal fee, and music is offered by local musicians. Evening concerts will also be held at the Overlook on Blue Hill, coupled with wine, cheese, and chocolate tasting, again for a nominal fee. Concerts on Blue Hill are scheduled for June 9, July 14, and August 11.

The annual Paddle Between the Parks is August 6 as canoeists and kayakers paddle from the Milton State Park to Shikellamy State Park. The summer comes to a close with a Sunday concert, September 18, featuring the Ann Kerstetter Blues Band and country music from the Frank Wicher Band.

Julia Marano, Co-Chair of the Friends group, believes summer’s special events provide more than entertainment, “By coordinating public events at the Marina and the overlook, Friends of Shikellamy encourage the use and care of this natural treasure at our doorstep.” More information on special events at the Park this summer can be found at the Friends’ web site, www.friendsofshikellamystatepark.org.

The Friends Shikellamy State Park is one of many chapters of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation. The mission of the “Friends” groups is to enhance Pennsylvania's parks and forests, protect Pennsylvania's natural resources, and support conservation and environmental programs.

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