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The Bald Knob Overlook

Newsletter of The Mountain Lake Conservancy

Projects Completed:

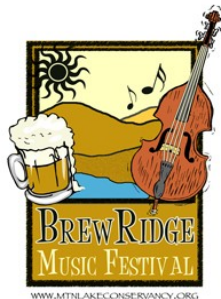
- New Website!
- Day-use parking created for visitors at Stables
- New feeder tube for P-lot
- Color Topo Trail Maps
- Trail Access Passes
- Moonstomper Trail

In the Works:

- New River Sampler Canoe Trips & Picnic Hikes for Guests
- Fresh Naturalist Programs
- Food Plots for new Handicapped Youth and Veteran Hunting Program
- Pump Track next to the Stables
- Disc Golf Course adding nine more challenging holes
- Sponsorships are needed for MLC Benches as a fundraiser
- Toejammer Trail

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2008 Recreation Season Kicks Off with new BrewRidge Music Festival



Our season has kicked off with our first ever BrewRidge Music Festival. Highlighted by Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group on Saturday afternoon. Other bands that filled the palate included The Jugbusters, Locust Mountain Boys and Ridgewind Band.

There was 'Spring-like' weather, live music and frosty libations. We had many microbrews on tap for sampling from commemorative mugs ordered especially for the event.

Recreation All New for 2008: We are excited to announce our newly hired Recreation Staff including Outdoor Recreation interns and similarly focused students from both Radford University and Virginia Tech who will be regular employees. Also, we welcome Becca Obert aboard for the season as our Naturalist Programs Specialist. Becca is working with us as she completes her practicum for her Master's degree. She will be designing many new and exciting programs for us focused on the many unique natural aspects of our flora and fauna.

Introducing Charles Gallo, as our Game Land Coordinator: Starting with the 2008 hunting season, MLC will begin a new community outreach program designed to

On the Horizon...

May 30th-31st
Youth Retreat at the Horton Center.

June 14th and 15th
Dirty Dawg Cycling Weekend is hitting the roads and trails of Mountain Lake, including a Trek - Gary Fisher 'Ride the Best' Demo, live music Saturday nite and Dirty Dawg MTB Race on Sunday.

July 13th and 19th
Adventure Mountain Lake Week featuring family oriented outdoor experiences from mountain biking and kayaking to climbing walls and caving.

give handicapped youth and veteran hunters a chance to experience the thrill of hunting big game on our property from specially prepared hunting blinds. Charles Gallo of Pembroke, also volunteers for the Legends Ranch Quest Ministries Program
www.legendranch.com/youthHunt.php

The Mountain Lake Freefall: The 2009 season will bring an exciting new event to the mountain the last weekend of May. 'The Mountain Lake Freefall' will astonish and amaze onlookers as Rt. 613 is taken over by gravity speed professionals from

around the world on specially prepared skateboards. The event will be a World Cup Race for the International Gravity Sports Association joining events located from France and Switzerland to California.
www.igsaworldcup.com



Support our trails!

We have completed our new Trail Access Parking Area, added a feeder tube for \$3 / car parking fee donations, and set up an informational kiosk with a map. Now available: Trail Access Passes and custom topo maps now available for sale. Passes \$30, maps \$4.

July 23rd - 24th
Mountain Lake Teacher Work Shop for Giles Co. Funded by MMNE, for science teachers to improve students' understanding of science in our environment.

Elderhostels
May 11th-16th
Taking Flight: Birding and Butterflies for Everyone.

June 22nd - 27th
Natural History of Appalachia's Mountain Lake:
A Unique "Sky Island"

On the web: www.MtnLakeConservancy.org