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1 College Hill Wilderness Sanctuary celebrates its first
2 birthday with a guided hike

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5 The Northeast Wilderness Trust will celebrate the first
6 birthday of College Hill Wilderness Sanctuary with a guided hike
7 led by Wildlands Ecology Director Shelby Perry Saturday, July 11,
8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Jamaica.

9 The group will hike to the summit of College Hill,
10 exploring some of the Sanctuary's oldest forest habitats and
11 discovering the plants and wildlife there. Along the way, Perry

12 will share insights into the ecology of these forests and discuss
13 why protecting large connected wildlands is essential for
14 biodiversity, wildlife movement, and long-term ecological
15 resilience.

16 At the summit, a commemoration of College Hill's first
17 year of forever-wild protection will be presented, and hikers will
18 learn more about the Chickadee Addition, a proposed expansion
19 of the current Sanctuary that will safeguard even more space for
20 College Hill's forests, wildlife, and ecological communities to
21 thrive.

22 The hike, following an old roadbed, will be a steady but
23 gradual climb for about a mile and a half to the summit. There
24 will be periodic stops along the way to discuss the remarkable
25 qualities of this landscape and enjoy a longer break at the summit
26 to take in the view.

27 Hikers will return the way they came in, and should
28 expect mild slopes and uneven terrain. Participants should bring
29 a bag lunch, wear multiple clothing layers, carry plenty of water,
30 pack snacks, apply bug spray or a head net, and wear good
31 hiking boots or shoes.

32 Perry oversees all aspects of the ecology program, which
33 conducts, supports, and shares ecological research pertaining to
34 wildlands and inventories ecological values on the Wilderness
35 Trust's protected lands. As a lifelong learner, and professional
36 ecologist and naturalist, she has spent countless hours observing,
37 recording, and investigating tiny moments of wonder in nature.

38 To RSVP, visit bit.ly/872-wilder.

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