



The Ruffed Grouse Society  
announces the  
32nd Annual South Eastern Pennsylvania Field Day  
hosted by the  
Charles E. Bechtel Chapter  
Reading, Pennsylvania  
**Saturday – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
at  
**Blue Marsh Lake**  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Bechtel Chapter is returning to Blue Marsh Lake to join the US Army Corps of Engineers and the PA Game Commission to continue work on an American Woodcock habitat project. This exciting project of is the creation of early succession growth on a wetlands tract at Blue Marsh Lake is a one of a kind project for this area. We will get to see work that was previously completed that was part of a 2015 Drummer grant that the Bechtel and Media Chapters submitted.

The day will start at 9:00 am with light refreshments at the Stilling Basin at Blue Marsh Lake. This is the parking lot on the downstream side of the dam. If you use a GPS, just input 1268 Palisades Drive, Leesport PA, 19533. There will be an RGS directional sign at the intersection of Palisades drive and the Stilling Basin Road. You will receive a welcome from the Bechtel Chapter and hear about the Chapters activities. Group discussion will be encouraged on a variety of topics.

We will then proceed to several work sites where Jeff Piscanio, a Natural Resource Ranger for the Corps of Engineers, will explain the importance of the project and the need for habitat improvement. We then plant aspen seedlings to improve the overall benefits of this project. So wear work clothes, sturdy boots, and gloves and be prepared for the weather conditions of the day. Bring a shovel to help plant the seedlings.



When the planting is complete a light lunch will be hosted by the chapter's committee. After lunch we will discuss some of the other opportunities that the Blue Marsh Project has to offer as well as future projects for the chapter. Bring a chair and/or field table so that you can eat lunch in comfort. This is a very local project and we look forward to enjoying the day.

For those of you who annually attend the Bechtel Chapter Field Day, please note the day is two weeks later. We want to guarantee that seedlings will be available for planting.

#### Blue Marsh Lake – Stilling Basin – Auxiliary Lot

Take Route 183 north from Route 222. At the first light, turn Left onto West Leesport Road. At the first stop sign turn right onto County Welfare Road. Stay on County Welfare road until it comes to a T at Palisades Drive. Turn Left on Palisades Drive. Make the first right into the Stilling Basin, follow the road to the parking lot at the Stilling Basin (there are two, turn left into the first one to meet the group).

You can find a map of Blue Marsh Lake at the Corps website;  
<http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/BlueMarshLake.aspx>

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#### **REGISTRATION**

**In order to meet your needs for the day, you must register.**

**Complete the registration form and mail it to John C. Cave, 1220 Milestone Road, Robesonia, PA 19551 or send an email to [Cavescorner@comcast.net](mailto:Cavescorner@comcast.net).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL BEFORE APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>.**