

WV-VA Water Quality Monitoring Program Snapshot Day



Stuart Recreation Area – Elkins, WV
September 23, 2017 – 9:45am - 5:00pm

Join fellow monitors in the WV-VA Water Quality Monitoring Program for the 3rd Watershed Snapshot Day! This event brings together our volunteers from the entire region to monitor as many sites as possible within the Monongahela National Forest.

Snapshot Day helps establish baseline conditions and shows changes in water quality over time. The goal is to make this an annual event which expands our dataset to include the remote reaches of West Virginia. The data we collect will be useful in establishing baseline conditions in advance of any potential development within or adjacent to the forest, including pipelines and shale gas development.

Volunteers will work in teams, each team will receive a map and detailed directions to monitoring sites. Last year, volunteers collected data on 51 streams.



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Each participant will receive a bagged lunch for the field. Once folks return from monitoring we'll have a BBQ picnic.

Event Timeline

9:45am - Registration and route assignments

10:30am - Refresher training

11:00am - Volunteers head out to monitor with a bagged lunch

3-3:30pm - Volunteers return

3:30-5:00pm - BBQ picnic

Directions

The [Stuart Recreation Area Alpena Pavilion](#) is located just outside of Elkins, WV.

From Elkins: Take Highway 219 to Highway 33 Travel east for approximately 4 miles, turn north on old Route 33 and travel for 2 miles. Turn left at Highway 6 (at the Stuart Recreation Area directional sign) and drive .25 miles to entrance.

Local Lodging

Elkins is a beautiful part of the state in late September and it's a great time to visit! During the last Snapshot Day, many of our volunteers took the opportunity to stay in the area for the weekend and explore. Elkins has a number of hotels, which can be found on the [Randolph County CVB website](#), <http://www.randolphcountywv.com>.

Camping

Stuart Recreational Area

[Stuart Recreational Area](#) was constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Stuart is nestled in the mountains of West Virginia along the Shavers Fork River.

Bear Heaven Recreation Area

[Monongahela National Forest Bear Heaven](#), near Stuart Memorial Drive, has terrain suitable for hiking and climbing, as well as wonderful scenic trails.

Alpine Shores

Located just outside of Elkins, [Alpine Shores](#) has 80 RV sites. Call 304-636-4311.

To register for Snapshot Day, please email or call Jake Lemon, 814-779-3965, jlemon@tu.org.

When registering please include: Your full name, address, phone number, and any dietary restrictions. If you have not been trained by the WV/VA Water Quality Monitoring Program, please include any experience you have with water quality monitoring (no experience is required to participate in Snapshot Day).

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Dry Fork by Kent Mason

