

## White's Wood webinar focuses on public lands involvement

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Braden Meiter

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Including friends' groups and engaging the community are keys to successful management of public lands, according to the presenter of the Oct. 26 webinar by Friends of White's Woods.

Braden Meiter, lead supervisory park ranger, Allegheny County Parks, will discuss the current relationships between friends' groups, volunteerism and resource management in the Allegheny County Parks. Discussion will include ideas for partnerships, communication, community engagement and resource management strategies in relation to public lands and their stewards.

Braden is an IUP graduate who has spent much time in White's Woods. He oversees 12,000 acres of forest and trails where they do not timber.

Currently, they are racing to plant trees to fill canopy gaps because, he noted, this is the key to controlling invasive plants.

To register for the free webinar, which runs on Zoom from 4 to 5 p.m., send an email to [info@friendsofwhiteswoods.org](mailto:info@friendsofwhiteswoods.org).