

## **PVRC/NCDXA FOWLFEST – Saturday, August 26 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

FowlFest, the annual PVRC/NCDXA late Summer social event, will QSY from W3NRJ's QTH and be held on Saturday, August 26 in a covered pavilion in Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg, MD this year. We have reserved the "Bobwhite" pavilion located on the Southwestern side of Clopper Lake in a beautiful and private setting with towering pine trees and ample shade. Parking is adjacent to the pavilion and rest rooms are a short walk away.

FowlFest will be held from 11:30 am until 3 pm - "rain or shine". All PVRC and NCDXA members and their families are invited to attend. Seneca Creek State Park is also "dog friendly".

This event, co-sponsored by PVRC and NCDXA, is made possible by the unselfish generosity of Fred Laun, K3ZO, longtime PVRC and NCDXA member and current NCDXA President. Joel Knoblock, W3RFC, of The RF Connection has graciously made a donation to cover the cost of the pavilion rental and alcohol permit.

**WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED** – Bottled water, iced tea, lemonade, assorted soft drinks, deli coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad, all paper products, utensils, etc. and of course, lots of tasty barbequed chicken. A variety of chips and dips will also be provided. You may bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, wine or beer for yourself or to share. Thank you again Fred for your generosity and gift to our club membership to help continuing this long-standing tradition!

**APPETIZERS, SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS WELCOME** – Please bring an appetizer, a side dish to complement barbequed chicken or a dessert to share, serving 4-6 people. Suggestions are: raw vegetables with dip, hummus with pita chips, corn relish, cucumber salad, pasta or macaroni salad, tossed green salads with dressing, three-bean salad, couscous salad, brownies, watermelon or fresh fruit salad.

**OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING** - While there is covered seating for 50 available in the pavilion, some of it will be used as the serving bar for holding side dishes, etc. You should consider bringing a lawn chair to sit under the shade of the pine trees on the perimeter of the pavilion area to spread the crowd around and encourage socializing.

**ADDRESS AND DIRECTIONS** – Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The park is approximately 2 miles away after taking Exit 10 off I-270 Northbound and about 1.5 miles from Exit 11 off I-270 Southbound.

Below is a link from Google maps to the park. Please use it to obtain directions from your area or enter the park's address into your personal GPS unit.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/11950+Clopper+Rd,+Gaithersburg,+MD+20878/@39.1506826,-77.2517584,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b62dadd5b374b1:0x2de1ac2b5ddfba87!8m2!3d39.1506826!4d-77.2495697>

After leaving the main entrance gate, follow and stay on the main road approximately 0.2 miles mile to the next intersection. Merge right onto the main park road, and follow map directions (accessible by the link below) to the Bobwhite pavilion in the Quail Ridge area. Please follow park rules and park on asphalt surfaces only.

Click on the link below to access a file with printed directions to the park, a park map with directions to the FowlFest pavilion (Bobwhite pavilion) and pictures of the site.

<http://www.ncdxa.org/FowlFest%20-%20Info%20II.pdf>

**PARK ENTRANCE FEE:** There is a \$3.00 service charge per person for MD residents and \$5.00 charge per person for out-of-state residents payable in cash only at the front entrance gate. Maryland Park Service Golden Age cardholders presenting their membership card at the entrance gate will enter the park free-of-charge.

**TELL US IF YOU ARE ATTENDING** – Announcements sent out in late July will include a link to a brief FowlFest registration form in Google Forms. Please click on the link, provide the information requested and you will be registered. The form will be used to let us how many will be attending, what you will be bringing in the way of side dishes, etc, your preference for chicken parts and beverages and if you can volunteer a little time. This will greatly help final planning of the event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – A few volunteers are still needed to help with the following items:

- (1) Deli sides pickup – someone who lives close to DC and can pick up a prepaid order of side dishes from **Rockland's Barbeque and Grilling Company** at 2148 Wisconsin Ave in DC on Friday, August 25, store them overnight in their refrigerator and bring them to FowlFest in a large cooler preferably filled with ice, by 10:00 am on Saturday, August 26.
- (2) Large cooler(s) needed – one or more large coolers filled with ice may be needed to hold side dishes and to serve as the communal "ice buckets".

All volunteers will be reimbursed for expenses incurred and items purchased for FowlFest.

Please let us know via Email ([jackference@gmail.com](mailto:jackference@gmail.com)) if you can help.

**CLUB MEETINGS (Anyone may attend)**

1:30-2:00 PM - PVRC

2:00 -2:30 PM – NCDXA

**QSL CHECKING** - QSL checking will be also performed on site by Don Search, W3AZD – sorry, 160m cards cannot be checked.

**NO RAIN DATE** – This year, FowlFest will go on “rain or shine”.

Come, join the group in the dog-days of Summer and swap stories of DX worked, brag about your standing in the DXCC Challenge, share your experience with JT-65 working the world on 6 meters this season, etc., and update us on the status of your latest finished and unfinished ham radio projects.