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**BACKPACKING:** The Friends of Allegheny Wilderness will hold its annual winter backpacking trip this weekend.

"This year we will be hiking off-trail into the untrammeled wilds of the proposed Allegheny Front Wilderness Area in Warren County," a press release from the group explains.

The FAW reports hikers will travel downhill from Pleasant Road in Watson Township and down Hedgehog Run to the Allegheny River.

"This wild, remote valley will give one a fine sense of the area's roadless qualities and allow hikers to understand why the area has been a focus of wilderness designation efforts since the initial Pennsylvania surveys of the early 1970s," the release states.

Hikers are responsible for their own food, camping gear and winter weather supplies during the two-day hike.

Anyone interested can contact the FAW for more information.