



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\*19<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Safari!\*

Bull Run Mountains Conservancy (BRMC) is once again excited to invite the residents of Northern Virginia to take part in our annual Halloween Safari on October 20th, 26th, and 27th. Come participate in the region's most unique Halloween event as you take a night-time hike through the Bull Run Mountains and meet native "wildlife," this year with brand new animals and a longer trail!

The night begins after you park your car and walk down the candlelit road to the registration booth. After registering, you and your family and friends can all enjoy a bonfire, hot chocolate and cider, and live music as you wait in the crisp night air for your group to assemble. When your moment arrives, a guide leads you along a forest trail where you encounter a series of native "wildlife" that perform natural history skits based on their characters. This educational, non-scary event is a treat for all ages to enjoy together. Each year there is a new cast of animals, so don't miss it! After finishing your mile long hike, you are welcome to return to warm up around the bonfire, munch on popcorn cooked over the coals, try out the face painting, and enjoy Peter McCorey, The One Man Band.

All participants should make sure to bring good walking shoes and a flashlight. You can pre-register online at [www.brmconservancy.org](http://www.brmconservancy.org) for time slots between 7 and 8pm, and walk-ins are welcome anytime 7:00pm to 8:30pm on an as-available basis. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Groups of 15+ receive the discount rate of \$8/ticket.

This event is part of BRMC's diverse educational program, which is a cornerstone of our commitment to the preservation of the Bull Run Mountains through education, research, and stewardship. 2018 marks the 19<sup>th</sup> annual hosting of the Halloween Safari event. Visit BRMC's website at [www.brmconservancy.org](http://www.brmconservancy.org) or call (703) 753-2631 for more information. Our host property for this event is the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve, which is owned and operated by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, a public organization dedicated to the preservation of our state's open-space lands. The Preserve is located 3 miles west of Haymarket at 17502 Beverley Mill Drive, Broad Run, VA, 20137.

BRMC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 to protect the Bull Run Mountains through education, research, and stewardship. At BRMC preservation does not mean a hands-off policy, but rather a focus on drawing people to appreciate the resources at hand and the completion of research to better understand and protect those resources. Our programs focus on the ecological, historical, and cultural features of the Bull Run Mountains.