

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Wildlife Area Has A lot to Offer**

Rhinebeck NY - During a walk through the Dutchess County Fair, you'll notice a beautiful corner of the fairgrounds protected by a canopy of leafy trees and evergreens. This is the Wildlife Exhibit, and it is hosted by the Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun Club. Members of the Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club have operated and maintained the Wildlife Exhibit since 1933. Members volunteer their time to work and set up the exhibit each year.

“We are not just about hooks and bullets” said, President Todd Abrahams. “We have two primary goals”, continued Abrahams, “The first is to get our young people connected to the outdoors and the second is to educate the adults about our programs. This exhibit tells even more of the story about just who is part of this organization and exactly what they do as members.”

Over the past several years, the area has undergone some changes with less live wildlife but including reptiles, birds and fish and an educational component. The emphasis is on sharing the many activities offered to sportsmen and sportswomen.

New to the 2023 wildlife exhibit this year are interactive activities that include Airsoft, archery, hatchet throwing and the First Bite Fishing Tank. First Bite Fishing Tank is a hands on fishing exhibit where you can catch a fish or just watch, this attraction is fun for families and kids of all ages.

Many of the old favorites such as the demonstrations by the Boy Scouts, taxidermy exhibits, survivalist demonstrations and fly-fishing tying demonstrations will still be a part of the wildlife area.

Be sure to visit the Wildlife Area during the 2023 Dutchess County Fair. The fair dates are August 22-27. Visit [dutchessfair.com](http://dutchessfair.com) for more information.

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