

# Rockfish Valley Foundation

## February '25 Newsletter

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### Outdoor Learning Pavilion Completed!

Nature is the best classroom! We're thrilled to introduce **The Outdoor Learning Pavilion**—our newest space for hands-on environmental education, community gatherings, and outdoor discovery. Nestled **along the Rockfish Valley Trails**, this open-air pavilion offers a shaded, scenic setting for classes, workshops, and events.

This project was the result of a massive community effort, and grant support from the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation.

### Discover ENLIT in 2025

RVF's Environmental Literacy Project (**ENLIT**) aims to bring informative and engaging environmental education content to visitors to the foundation's Spruce Creek Park, Rockfish Valley Trail System, and Natural History Center.

Visitors to our ENLIT trail will discover interactive QR-codes along their hike. These codes lead to information, activities, and videos from RVF and partnered Virginia agencies of environmental stewardship.

With ENLIT, curious trailblazers can learn more about their local ecosystems, and discover new ways to give back or get involved in conservation efforts.

RVF looks forward to evolving and sharing ENLIT with everyone in 2025 - View the full map of interactive modules below!



*With ENLIT, hikers can enhance their environmental awareness and discover more about Virginian plants, rocks, water, animals, and local history and culture.*

# RVF: 60% to our Fund Drive Goal!

In September 2024, we began our annual fund-drive. Our goal: grow from 250 annual donors to 400 by March 2025. RVF depends on volunteers and donations for its future.

Contributions of any size help conserve and maintain crucial outdoor facilities like Spruce Creek Park and the Rockfish Valley Trail System and support educational programs like Walk’N’Talks, the Rockfish Valley Natural History Center exhibits, and more.

Join RVF and its stewards in protecting the natural resources and living history of the Rockfish Valley.

Be a Friend of the Valley—donate today!



To donate, scan the QR-code. Every donation helps RVF's mission: to serve, share, and sustain the resources of Rockfish Valley!



Thanks to our community, RVF is over 60% of the way to our fundrive goal

## Volunteers Needed - Help Us Help the Valley!

RVF has several areas of need where volunteers could make a huge difference to our mission.

Firstly, **we are always recruiting hosts for the Natural History Center** - while the museum doesn't open for the season until April, now is an excellent time to familiarize yourself with the facilities and staff. Hosting at the Natural History Center is a rewarding opportunity to learn more about the area, and share some wonder with guests!

**RVF also requires skilled volunteers for small construction and repair projects.** We have several pieces of equipment that require assembly, such as park benches, and need people who can help make an impact. This is an exciting **opportunity to improve to resources enjoyed by guests for years to come!**



Fill out our Volunteer Survey by scanning the QR-code!

Interested in getting involved? Contact [Curator@rockfishvalley.org](mailto:Curator@rockfishvalley.org).

### Two New StoryWalks!

Read along through [Animal Tails](#) by Mary Holland alongside our **Camille Trail!**

Visitors to **Spruce Creek Park** can interactively read-and-walk through [Owl Babies](#) by Martin Waddell.

