

Zipline through the trees, for the trees

Also: Beech Mountain revs up for season, new Swamp Rabbit Trail maps available

Avoid crowds on Black Friday by participating in Green Friday's zipline benefit for TreesGreenville. /PHOTO COURTESY OF ADVENTURE AMERICA

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Instead of shopping lines on Black Friday, try ziplines, and do it for a good cause: TreesGreenville.

A fundraiser set for Friday called "Green Friday" allows participants to have fun and raise money to buy trees that TreesGreenville will plant. Half of all tour fees at Chattooga Ridge Canopy Tours in Long Creek benefit the environmental group.

TreesGreenville's mission is to plant, promote and protect trees in Greenville County. The nonprofit has planted more than 2,200 trees since its founding in 2005.

For more information about the zipline canopy tours and to make reservations, visit www.adventureamericaziplinecanopytours.com or call 877-247-5535.

Find information about TreesGreenville at www.treesgreenville.org.

Let it snow

It's still a little early to dream of snow, but once you do, there are changes afoot north of the state line.

Skiers and snowboarders will find several new things this winter at Beech Mountain, N.C., starting with the name of their destination.

Beech Mountain Resort is now the official title of the snow sports resort, replacing Ski Beech. With the name change comes more snow, courtesy of the addition of 10 SMI Super PoleCat snow guns. The resort now has 23 of the ultra high-tech guns.

Also new at the resort is the opening of new terrain. Removal of an outdated chairlift created new space on two advanced runs: Robbin's Run and Southern Star. In addition, new beginner terrain has been created on the site of the former tubing run.

For complete info on winter 2011-12, visit www.beechmountainresort.com.

New Swamp Rabbit maps available

Need a map of the Greenville Hospital System Swamp Rabbit Trail?

You're in luck. Hot off the presses, 13,300 new maps have been printed. The maps are available at the Travelers Rest and Greenville city halls.

Or find a map online at http://greenvillerec.com/parks/swamp-rabbit/map/.