

BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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JUNE — AUGUST, 1991

OUR OBJECTIVES

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUES WERE DUE AND PAYABLE APRIL 1

HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PAID? CHECK YOUR LABEL!

WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS ABOVE YOUR NAME ON THE LABEL?

ARE THEY EITHER "10491" OR "20491?"

IF SO, YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, AND YOU ARE DELINQUENT!

ALL DUES MUST BE CURRENT BY JULY 1, FOR YOUR NAME TO APPEAR IN OUR YEARBOOK!

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| May | 26 | 9:00 A.M. | <p>▲ <u>APPALACHIAN & WATER TANK TRAILS</u> 12.0 miles</p> <p>B+ / Bring lunch & water. Meet at the <u>PARKING ISLAND</u>, in front of the former Greyhound Bus Terminal, on 7th Street.</p> <p><u>NOTE: CHANGE IN THE MEETING PLACE!</u></p> <p>Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [40 miles hwy]</p> |
| June | 2 | 1:00 P.M. | <p><u>CUMBERLAND VALLEY BRIDGES</u> 7.0 miles</p> <p>C / Bring lunch & water.</p> <p>Leaders: Janice Slaybaugh, 774-7686, and Dolores O'Brien, 697-4698 [30 miles hwy]</p> |
| June
Saturday | 8 | | <p><u>GETTYSBURG: DAY 2</u></p> <p>Joint Hike with the Council For The Blind</p> <p>Contact: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335 for details.</p> |
| June | 9 | 8:30 A.M. | <p>§ <u>R. B. WINTER STATE PARK</u> 10.0 miles</p> <p>P D+ / Bring lunch & water.</p> <p>Leader: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335 [140 miles hwy]</p> |
| June
Wednesday | 12 | 6:00 P.M. | <p>∩ <u>ICE CREAM HIKE</u> 3.0 miles</p> <p>B+ / Meet at the foot of Peters Mountain Parking Lot Area along Routes 325/225</p> <p>Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447</p> |

June	16	9:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>APPALACHIAN TRAIL--RT 225 TO WEST END CLARKS FERRY BRIDGE</u> D+ / Bring lunch & water. 10.0 miles Leaders: Dave Hibbs & Janice Wherley, 637-7713 [30 miles hwy]</p>
June Saturday	22	9:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION</u> Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Kingstown. Leader: Craig C. Dunn, 761-7723</p>
June	23	10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<p><u>DEAD WOMAN HOLLOW CIRCLE HIKE</u> 6.5 miles Fisher Plaza Big Flat Fire Tower C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Jim Oxley, 238-9014 & Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [80 miles hwy]</p>
June Wednesday	26	9:00 A.M.	<p>§ P <u>PINCHOT PARK</u> 4--5 miles B+ / Bring lunch & water. Meet at Light Post #1, Harris- burg East Mall. Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 [30 miles hwy]</p>
June	30	9:00 A.M.	<p>§ P <u>CALEDONIA STATE PARK</u> 8.0 miles C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [130 miles hwy]</p>
July Saturday	6	9:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>APPALACHIAN TRAIL MAINTENANCE</u> 5.0 miles Peters Mountain Seasonal trim of growth on SATC Section. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Craig C. Dunn, 761-7723 [30 miles hwy]</p>
July	7	9:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>CALADONIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CIRCLE HIKE</u> 12.0 miles Hiking on present and former routes of the Appalachian Trail; D+ / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Jeff Beuhler & Phil Day, 657-8281. [140 miles hwy]</p>
July Tuesday	9	6:15 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	<p><u>BOARD MEETING</u> <u>PROGRAM MEETING FOR ALL OF THE MEMBERS</u> Come and plan your favorite hikes for the Sep-Nov quarter. Speaker: Dale Tavis, who will speak on "IN THE WOODS--an update on Lyme disease and rabies." Meet at the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA.</p>
July	14	1:00 P.M.	<p><u>RIVER HIKE</u> 4 or 8 miles A or C / Bring snacks & water. Leader: Mary Morrisette, 774-6715 [0 miles hwy]</p>
July Saturday	20	9:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION</u> Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Kingstown. Leader: Craig C. Dunn, 761-7723.</p>
July	21	9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	<p>↑ <u>APPALACHIAN TRAIL--BIG FLAT TO CALADONIA STATE PARK</u> 10.0 miles D+ / Bring lunch & water. Meet at Trail Head, along Arendtsville--Shippensburg Road, near junction with the Ridge Road. Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014 [120 miles hwy]</p>
July	28	8:30 A.M.	<p><u>PRETTY BOY RESERVOIR</u> 10.0 miles D+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335 [120 miles hwy]</p>

- July 31 6:00 P.M. ICE CREAM HIKE - A.T. ON PETERS MOUNTAIN 3.0 miles
 Wednesday Ⓛ A / Meet at parking area at foot of Peters Mountain, at
 Junction of Routes 225/325.
 Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014 [0 miles hwy]
- August 4 8:30 A.M. S S.A.T.C. ANNUAL PICNIC - GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK
 9:00 A.M. P Leave Fisher Plaza
 Meet at Pavilion #3, Quaker Race Day Use side of the lake.
 More details on Page 5
- August 7 6:00 P.M. Ⓛ ICE CREAM HIKE 5.0 miles
 Wednesday Meet at Channel Discount Store, East Park Center, just
 off Derry St.
 Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 [0 miles hwy]
- August 11 11:00 A.M. TUBING
 Call leader for location, and to register by July 29.
 Bring your own tube.
 Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014. [?? miles hwy]
- August 17 9:00 A.M. ↑ CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL MAINTENANCE
 Saturday Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Kingstown.
 Leader: Craig C Dunn, 761-7723
- August 18 9:00 A.M. PORT CLINTON FIRE TOWER CIRCLE HIKE 10.0 miles
 D+ / Bring lunch & water.
 Leaders: Jean Shenk & Bob Keck, 534-1525 [120 miles hwy]
- August 23, 24, & 25 POCONO WEEKEND
 Friday, Saturday, Repeated by popular demand.
 Sunday Deadline for reservations: August 14. Limited to 25 members.
 A weekend of hiking in the Pocono Mountains. See article on
 Page 7.
 Leaders: Jane Gould & Randy Greber, 766-1913.
- August 24 8:30 A.M. ↑ A.T. MAINTENANCE ON PETERS MOUNTAIN
 Saturday Seasonal trimming on the S.A.T.C. Section.
 Bring lunch & water.
 Leader: Craig C. Dunn, 761-7723.
- August 31 through THE LONG TRAIL IN VERMONT
 September 8. A full week of hiking in the Green Mountains
 Saturday, through --north to the Canadian Border.
 the next Sunday. Deadline for reservations is August 11.
 Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, all hikes leave from FISHER PLAZA, [entrance to the State Library] behind the State Capitol Building. Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site will be the parking island in front of the former Greyhound Bus Terminal, on 7th St. Five additional minutes will be allowed at the alternate site.

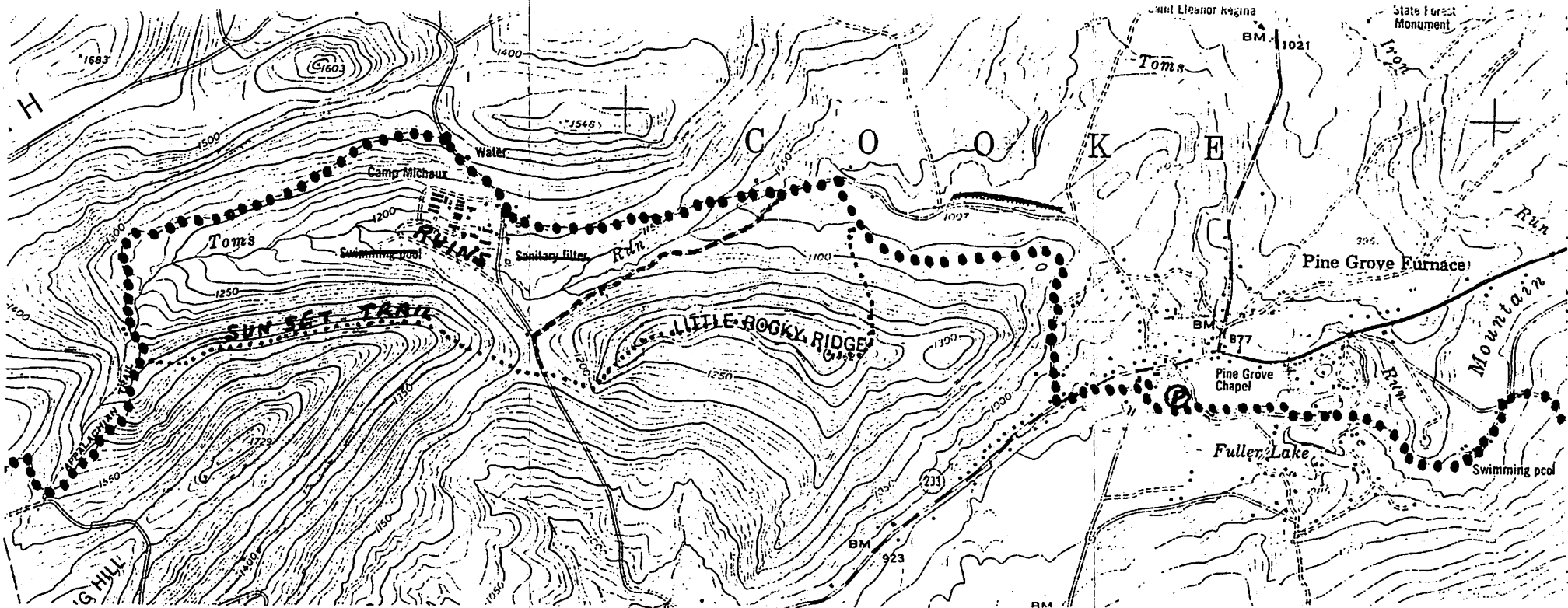
If you ride with someone, you should give the driver 4¢ times the highway mileage shown, to help defray the price of gas.

WE LEAVE PROMPTLY, AT THE TIME SHOWN.

NO PETS ALLOWED

CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 9

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 17 -- PINE GROVE FURNACE COMPLEX, ROCKY RIDGE



OUR FAVORITE HIKE this quarter features three hikes of varying distances over the same trails. They take us over Rocky Ridge, near Pine Grove Furnace State Park. This trail is also known as the Sunset Rocks Trail. The feature hike is about 7½ miles long, the second is about five miles long, while the shortest is about 2¼ miles long.

The first two versions involve parking at the Furnace Stack Parking Lot in the State Park.

The feature hike leaves from the Furnace Stack and follows the Appalachian Trail south, along Route 233..... 0.00
 Appalachian Trail turns right on wood road..... 0.38
 Then turns left off of the wood road..... 0.62
 Junctions with blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail..... 1.33
 Crosses Tom's Run on foot bridge..... 1.48
 Follows old road, then slashes to the right..... 1.62

Appalachian Trail turns right on Michaux Road..... 2.38
 Then turns left from Michaux Road..... 2.67
 Passes Tom's Run Shelters..... 3.76
 Leave Appalachian Trail and turn left on Blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail..... 3.86
 Trail crosses paved Michaux Road..... 4.95
 Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge..... 5.10
 Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent..... 5.81
 Junction with and turn right on the Appalachian Trail..... 6.17
 Follow Appalachian Trail and turn right on wood road..... 6.88
 Turn left on Route 233..... 7.12
 Reach Parking Lot at Furnace Stack..... 7.50

A shorter version of this hike, also, starts at the Furnace Stack.

Follow the Appalachian Trail south along Route 233..... 0.00
 Turn right on wood road..... 0.38

Continue along Appalachian Trail, and turn left, off of wood road..... 0.62
 Junctions with blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail..... 1.33
 Cross Tom's Run on foot bridge and follow old wood road..... 1.48
 Continue on old wood road, with Appalachian Trail slashing off to right..... 1.62
 Turn left on Michaux Road..... 2.33
 Junction with and turn left on blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail..... 2.43
 Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge..... 2.57
 Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent..... 3.29
 Junction with and turn right on the Appalachian Trail..... 3.65
 Follow Appalachian Trail and turn right on wood road..... 4.36
 Turn left on Route 233..... 4.60
 Follow the Appalachian Trail back to the Parking Lot at the Furnace Stack..... 5.02

An even shorter version of the Sunset Rocks Trail can be done, by parking along Michaux Road, near the Junction with the blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.

Park car along Michaux Road..... 0.00
 Turn off right side of Michaux Road and follow blue-blazed trail..... 0.00
 Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge..... 0.10
 Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent..... 0.81
 Junction with and turn left on the Appalachian Trail..... 1.19
 Cross Tom's Run on foot bridge and follow old wood road..... 1.33
 Continue on old wood road, with the Appalachian Trail slashing off to right 1.48
 Arrive at and turn left on Michaux Road 2.19
 Arrive back at your car..... 2.29

TRAIL BLAZES No. 20

"SAVE STONY CREEK VALLEY" - PART 4

Early on, the Coalition held public meetings, and, we all attended public meetings called by PP&L, or by the Game Commission.

In addition to PP&L, one group of antagonists we had to face were the Operating Union. They, too, attended the meetings, in support of PP&L, because they were hoping for employment. And, somehow, they always seemed to monopolize the meetings, giving the Coalition little opportunity to present our side.

PP&L promised to have the site open for recreation, but we didn't want a heavily constructed site for recreation--we wanted to be able to walk in quiet, secluded woods.

The Operating Union members were quite vocal, expressing the idea that we couldn't enjoy ourselves unless they had constructed the site. And they held out Little Buffalo State Park as their example.

They even came to our meetings, and tried to monopolize them. We had the feeling, that, if they could, they would have joined our Coalition, just to infiltrate us and destroy us from within.

Fortunately, we had a provision in our By-Laws, wherein we had to vote in our members.

We must say, that they never got nasty, and when Bill Beck, our Chair, after having heard them out, explained that our meeting was private, and we wanted to conduct our business in quiet and peace, they left.

Meanwhile, the Trout Fishermen considered Stony Creek an excellent trout stream and they began putting pressure on the Fish Commission to oppose the damming of Stony Creek.

PP&L, on the other hand, was urging that they be permitted to dam the creek, promising to maintain the quality of the water downstream.

A tug-of-war resulted, with the trout fishermen claiming that such a large lake would lead to warming of the waters downstream, making it uninhabitable for trout. PP&L, in turn, promised to draw off the stratified bottom layers, which are the cooler portions of any lake, and use it to provide the cold waters needed for trout habitat.

On hearing this argument, your representative to the Coalition pointed out that the rapid downflow of the water during the generating period would make the waters too turbulent for proper stratification.

The Coalition approached the Fish Commission with this argument, and as a result the Fish Commission asked PP&L to send a representative to Mississippi, and obtain a report from the Army Corps of Engineers about the feasibility of the proposal.

The Army Corp agreed with your representative and with the Coalition. PP&L now began to propose the use of deep wells to obtain cooler waters, or to try to cool the waters by evaporation, employing a fine spray. Needless to say, they never did get any support from the Fish Commission.

This represented the third setback that the Coalition dealt PP&L, and now it appeared that PP&L was on the defensive. They began to talk about "Having the Stony Valley Pump Storage Facility on the back-burner."

This gave the Coalition a badly needed breathing spell. The question, now, was how to make the best use of it.

THE HORSESHOE TRAIL

For several years the SATC has maintained the section of the Horseshoe Trail from Manada Gap to the Appalachian Trail on Stony Mountain. This project has been under the direction of individuals who were interested in the Horseshoe Trail. The current maintainer has indicated that he can no longer oversee the work on the Horseshoe Trail. Is there someone who is interested in overseeing this section of the trail? Unless someone volunteers to oversee this section, the Club will probably relinquish this responsibility.

Users of the Horseshoe Trail will be interested to know that the Horseshoe Trail Club is planning to relocate this section of trail. Difficulties in going through Fort Indiantown Gap have led the Horseshoe Trail Club to seek an alternate route.

It is now proposed to take the trail west from Manada Gap over the former Darlington Trail, then cut over to a pipeline which crosses Second Mountain and Stony Valley. In Stony Valley the trail will pickup the old Stagecoach Road to the top of Sharp Mountain, thence east to Rattling Run and the Devil's Run Course. At that point it would follow the earlier path of the Horseshoe Trail to join the Appalachian Trail on Stony Mountain, about six miles west of the present terminus of the Horseshoe Trail.

Because this route would be mostly on existing roads and trails, as well as the pipeline, it is not anticipated that the relocation will require major construction.

Anyone interested in maintaining this section of the Horseshoe Trail, or having any comments, may contact Bob Keyes, 763-7743.

MAIL DELAYS

As each member renews, we are changing the format of his/her label to all caps, no punctuation, and a white address panel. This is to insure that the BUSHWACK BULLETIN is compatible with the new letter sorting machines that the Postal Service has installed. This will help minimize delays.

If you still don't receive your BUSHWACK BULLETIN by the first of March, June, September or December, call or write Clarence V. Edlund, 564-1447, and he will mail another copy by first class mail.

POCONO WEEKEND

We have had several requests for a repeat of our Pocono Weekend, that we had in June of 1990. So here it is:

We will camp at a primitive group camping site, with pit toilets, on Friday & Saturday nights, no charge. We will eat breakfasts out, and have a cookout at Jane's family's home on Saturday night [\$4.00 charge.]

Bring food to pack for lunches. On Saturday, there will be 3 or 4 short hikes [about ten miles, altogether] with some moderate climbs, through hemlock forests with many waterfalls.

On Sunday, there will be a long hike at Delaware Water Gap, with at least one very strenuous climb.

Meeting time, tent and carpool arrangements will be made later. The trip is limited to 25 persons. Deadline for signing up will be August 14th. Optional motel arrangements are available.

Leaders will be Jane Gould and Randy Greber. Call Jane Gould, 766-1913.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I am pleased at being able to serve as President of SATC. And, I hope that my term will see the Club continue to grow and strengthen. We have a large membership with diverse interest and capabilities in hiking. I would hope that we can serve this range of interests. We can only do this with everyone's help. If you enjoy certain types of hikes, volunteer to lead a hike or help someone else to lead it.

Don't expect that the person, who has always arranged hikes, will always be able to provide the type of hikes that you desire.

I hope the officers and directors can rely on every member to promote hiking and the goals of the Club, relative to the Appalachian Trail, as well as the other trails.

Bob Keyes.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

WILL BE JULY 19

NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE, HELP US EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Jo Ann Baron
 Katherine J Bishop
 Catharine E Bond
 Robert & Dorothy Carbone
 Kathleen P Cherry

Susan Jane Crabb
 Melicia Sue Deibler
 Patricia B Eby
 Judy Edgett
 Evan E Evans

Harry S Garner
 Catherine Hinnenkamp
 Kristen A Kyler
 Thomas J Landis
 Charles R Lewis

Dennis M Lewis
 Stephen R Lezzer
 Dennis E Major
 Lori F Maxfield
 Shelvy J Moorhead

Lilo Mueller
 Louise S Owen
 Bernadette Paul
 Anna Pruett & Family
 Robin Adele Ramos

Sherry L Reinecker
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 G Stacy Sanchez
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Leslie Torresson
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 Larry Usseiman
 Patricia van Horn
 Kathleen Venerri

Erika Wollenhaupt
 Patricia A Yates

↑ P † n S R V Δ WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

They indicate that the hike is on an organized trail system or that it is a special type of hike.

↑ APPALACHIAN TRAIL

† TUSCARORA TRAIL

S STATE PARK TRAILS SYSTEM

V ICE CREAM HIKE

P DARLINGTON TRAIL

n HORSE SHOE TRAIL

R RAILS TO TRAILS SYSTEM

Δ NATURAL WONDERS HIKE

- A - Easy - Hikes up to 6 miles, with very little hill climbing. [Excellent for beginners.]
- B - Fairly easy - Hikes up to 6 miles, with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]
- B+ - Moderate - Hikes up to 6 miles, with more difficult climbs
- C - Moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with very little climbing.
- C+ - Moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with several significant climbs.
- D - Strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles, with very little climbing.
- D+ - Strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles, with several significant climbs.
- E - Difficult - Hikes of over 12 miles.
- E+ - Very Difficult - Hikes of over 12 miles, on very rugged terrain.

In addition, the leader(s) should describe the pace and footing, where this is essential, such as: Easy with a moderate or fast pace; or, Easy with nature study stops; or, Good footpath; or, Rocky and rough; etc.

- Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other materials should not be allowed while hiking.
- On breaks, smokers should go to the rear or to the front of the group, if they wish to smoke.
- Consistent with established wilderness practices, smokers will be responsible for packing out their waste materials--cigarette butts, package wrappers and the like--and for avoiding the dropping of lit cigarettes and/or hot ashes on the ground.
- The Bureau of Forestry will hold individuals, who are responsible for fires, financially liable for fire suppression costs. They are also subject to fine, imprisonment, or both and may be held financially responsible for damage to the forest.

For background on these Smoking Guidelines, we refer you to the Sep--Nov 1986 BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

Date _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____.

This is a new membership;
One sponsor is required.

Please send me the following:

This is my renewal of
membership.

Club Patch	\$2.00
Pennsylvania Trails	\$5.00
PA Appalachian Trail Guide	\$5.00
Set of PA Appalachian Trail Maps	\$5.00

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year for individuals; \$7.50 for joint memberships at the same address. Dues must accompany the application.

All prices include postage and handling.

Make all checks payable to:

THE SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, or simply S.A.T.C.

Name [in full] _____

Home Address _____

Post Office _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone(s) _____

Occupation _____

Signature of sponsor _____ [Required of new members, only.]

Applications and check should be sent to:

Clarence V. Fredlund, Treasurer
7901 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17111-5409

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DUES PAID TO APRIL _____

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LIST OF OFFICERS - 1991-1992

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SECRETARY: Mary M. E. Young

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§ Ineligible for another term.

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1993 § Craig C. Dunn

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