



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E !

CHECK YOUR LABEL! DOES IT HAVE A RED "X?"

IF SO, CHECK THE NUMBERS ABOVE YOUR NAME ON THE LABEL!

IF THE NUMBERS ARE 10491 or 20491,
YOUR DUES WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 1991
AND ARE NOW OVERDUE!

THEN, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST "BUSHWACK BULLETIN"

- September 8 8:00 A.M. MASON-DIXON TRAIL - OTTER CREEK TO FISHING CREEK RD 12.0 miles
E+ / Strenuous; Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Jeff Beuhler & Phil Day, 657-8281 [80 miles hwy]
- September 15 1:00 P.M. SHIPPENSBURG HISTORICAL HIKE 7.0 miles
C / Bring snacks & water.
Leaders: Mary Young, 545-8701 and Mary Morrisette, 774-6715.
[70 miles hwy]
- September 18 10:00 A.M. MIDWEEK HIKE 4-5 miles
Wednesday A / An easy hike; Bring picnic lunch & water; sneakers are O.K.
Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland.
Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196 [0 miles hwy]
- September 18 6:00 P.M. ICE CREAM HIKE 3-4 miles
Wednesday A / Meet at the Peaches & Cream Conery, Williams Grove Road.
Mechanicsburg.
Leaders: Louise Sis 774-0196 and Jane Greber, 766-1913.
[0 miles hwy]
- September 21 9:00 A.M. CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
Saturday A / Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Kingstown, PA.
Leader: Graig Dunn, 761-7723.

- September 22 1:00 P.M. MOUNT GRETNA HIKE 6.0 miles
B+
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [50 miles hwy]
- September 29 10:00 A.M. APPALACHIAN TRAIL - ROUTE 34 TO PINE GROVE FURNACE 8.6 miles
C+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Jim Oxley, 731-9471 [80 miles hwy]
- October 5 & 6
Saturday/Sunday KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tentatively scheduled for Raystown Resort Area, Huntingdon.
If interested in attending, call Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447
by Sep 20.
- October 8 6:15 P.M. BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 7:30 P.M. PROGRAM MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
Meet at the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA. Come and help plan your favorite hikes for the December, January, February Quarter.
Speaker will be Chris Doran, of Wildware, who will speak on "Hypothermia"—How to dress properly and warmly while hiking during the winter season.
- October 11—13
Friday, Saturday, Sunday TENTH ANNUAL GATHERING OF LONG DISTANCE HIKERS
Pipestem, WV. Everyone welcome.
Fee: \$10.00 for workshops and entertainment, plus a campsite.
Membership: \$7.00 per household annually.
For further information: Call Louise Sis, 774-0196.
- October 12—14
Saturday, Sunday, Monday WORLD'S END STATE PARK
Fall Foliage Hiking & Camping Weekend.
Saturday, 10:00 A.M. Loyalsock Trail Circle Hike, B+ 6.0 miles
Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Highrock Vista, D+ 10.0 miles
Monday, 10:00 A.M. Canyon Vista/Rock Garden, B+ 4.0 miles
Campsites: \$6.00 per night. For details, maps, and directions, call: Dan Jackson, 234-2917.
- October 13 9:00 A.M. APPALACHIAN TRAIL - GUTSHALL RD TO ROUTE 34 8.0 miles
C / (Boiling Springs to Mt Holly Springs.) Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 [40 miles hwy]
- October 16 10:00 A.M. MIDWEEK HIKE 4—5 miles
Wednesday A / Bring picnic lunch & water. Sneakers are O.K.
Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA.
Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196 [0 miles hwy]
- October 19 9:00 A.M. CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
Saturday Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Kingstown, PA.
Leader: Craig Dunn, 761-7723.
- October 20 9:00 A.M. CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK, MARYLAND 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743. [120 miles hwy]
- October 19 & 20
Saturday, Sunday HALLOWEEN HAPPENING - AYH YOUTH HOSTEL WEEKEND
P Pine Grove Furnace State Park.
Hikes open to all.
Call Jim Oxley, 731-9471, for details.

- October 27 JOINT HIKE - WITH COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND
For more information, call the Leader.
Leader: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335.
- November 3 8:30 A.M. STONY VALLEY & THE WATER TANK TRAIL 14.0 miles
E+ / Strenuous. Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387 [40 miles hwy]
- November 9 8:00 A.M. CONESTOGA TRAIL CIRCLE HIKE 4-9 miles
Saturday B+ - C+ / Bring lunch & water.
Wind Cave, bring rain gear for the cave.
Leader: John Stein, 533-3679. [120 miles hwy]
- November 10 9:00 A.M. S PINE GROVE FURNACE 10.0 miles
P D+ / New trails; Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [80 miles hwy]
- November 13 9:00 A.M. DOWNTOWN HUMMELSTOWN HIKE 4.0 miles
Wednesday A / Lunch in a restaurant; Meet at Sandree's Restaurant, along
Rte 322, Hummelstown. Sneakers are O.K.
Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196. [0 miles hwy]
- November 16 9:00 A.M. ↑ CUMBERLAND VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
Saturday Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, New Kingstown, PA.
Leader: Craig Dunn, 761-7723.
- November 17 9:30 A.M. CAMP TUCKAHOE LOOP HIKE 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335 [30 miles hwy]
- November 24 9:30 A.M. ↑ APPALACHIAN TRAIL - WHISKY SPRINGS TO BOILING SPRINGS
C+ / Bring lunch & water. 6.0 miles
Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281. [80 miles hwy]
- December 7 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday Gala covered dish affair; Plan to come and bring your favorite
Covered Dish. West Shore Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary
Ave., New Cumberland. Details in the next newsletter.
- December 8 9:00 A.M. CLARKS VALLEY POWER LINE 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335, and David Wittmoyer.
[40 miles hwy]

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.

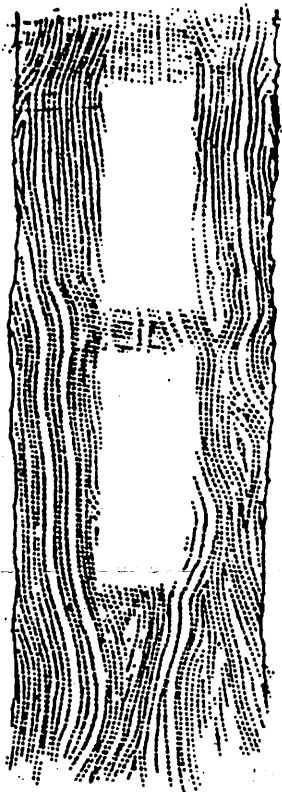
NO PETS ALLOWED

CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE

TRAIL BLAZES

No. 29

"SAVE STONY CREEK VALLEY" - PART 5



We had gained a breathing spell. The big question was how to take the best advantage of it.

When in a quandary like this, it is always good practice to hold a "brain-storming session." In such a session, everyone must take a positive stand; there can be no objecting to anyone's ideas. Every idea is kicked around, looking at its positive points. It is recorded, looked at, analyzed, perhaps used, perhaps discarded.

We held such a session, and out of it developed:

1. Our opposition spent months, even years developing their idea—in this case pump storage. Now, we must refute it in a few short weeks. This left us inadequately prepared.
2. When the opposition became too stiff, the Corporate idea was to put it on "the back burner," hoping that through inactivity we would "wither on the vine," and collapse.
3. The best defense is, of course, a good offense. The question: How do we take the offensive..
4. The ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (our best hope) was being overused, and coming under direct act. Therefore, it was of little use to us. We must find another defensive tactic.
5. The Commonwealth had a WILD & SCENIC RIVER PROGRAM. What if we used it? It probably would not stop the pump storage program since the pump storage was already in progress.

Therefore, we began to look into the Wild River program. There was one big difficulty. The Department of Environmental Resources had expended all of the Wild River Monies on several unsuccessful studies, including Pine Creek Gorge. Now there was no money left to conduct another study.

Then, it occurred to us. Why not turn the corporate idea against PP&L. We could do the study ourselves, at no expense to the State, and if we did it quietly, we could interject the element of surprise. Further, it would keep up our interest, so that our Coalition would not wither and die.

Each member of the Coalition was assigned some portion of the work. Your representative was assigned to study and map all trails and roadways in the corridor. And, he was also assigned to help with the study of the plants and trees within the corridor.

On the study of the trails, your representative would walk a portion, come back and set down with the cartographer, who would draw the actual map. After a number of such sessions, we had developed a fairly accurate map of all the trails within the Stony Creek Corridor.

Another organization studied the life in the Creek. Dr. Fred Howard, a biology teacher at Cumberland Valley High School, but now a teacher at Shippensburg University, did this work.

Eugene Wingert, also a teacher at Cumberland Valley High School, and now a part time biology teacher at the Harrisburg Area Community College, worked on the plants, assisted by your representative.

The York Grotto, represented by Dale Ibberson and Judy Stack, compiled the history of the corridor, while Del Zimmerman, of the Lebanon County Sportsmens' Groups, located the archeological sites.

Combined, we put together quite a large volumn of information, to be presented to the Legislature in support of Wild River Status. All voluntary--at no cost to the Commonwealth.

TRAILS IN TROUBLE

Each year, the American Hiking Society publishes a list of ten trails that are in the worst trouble. This year, five of these trails are in the east.

THE ACADIA NATIONAL PARK TRAIL SYSTEM, Maine, due to lack of funds for trail maintenance. [National Park Service]

THE FLORIDA TRAIL, Florida, due to encroachment by developments, as well as lack of maintenance. [Forest Service]

FOOTHILLS TRAIL, South Carolina, due to clear cutting and road construction. [Forest Service]

THE LONG TRAIL, Vermont, due to changes in land ownership, and threatened trail closures. [Private ownership and handshake agreements]

AMPERSAND MOUNTAIN TRAIL, New York State, due to overuse. This trail goes up a steep incline in Adirondack State Park, and the trail is devolving into a gully. [State Park System]

The American Hiking Society has asked Congress to

WILL THE REAL RELATIVE OF DR. CHAMPLAIN PLEASE STEP FORWARD

John Wozniak is doing some research on Dr. Champlain, the entomologist, who had a cabin in Clark's Valley, back in the thirties, and he would like make contact with any relative or any member with pertinent information concerning Dr. Champlain. John can be reached by calling: 545-8321.

increase funding for trail maintenance. This would increase the National Park budget for this purpose to almost 8 million. The Forest Service budget should be increased to 85 million, but 70 million of this could come by reduced road construction, which often leads to trail destruction.

The AHS, also, urges the various services to take better advantage of volunteer help, which is available in the AHS program, where the AHS advertises for volunteer help during the summer vacations in exchange for subsistence. The catalogue listing such advertisements is available for \$5.00 each year from the AHS.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Joseph Bunecicky, Jr
Nancy L. Craig
Jennifer Davis
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Kathy & Bob Silks

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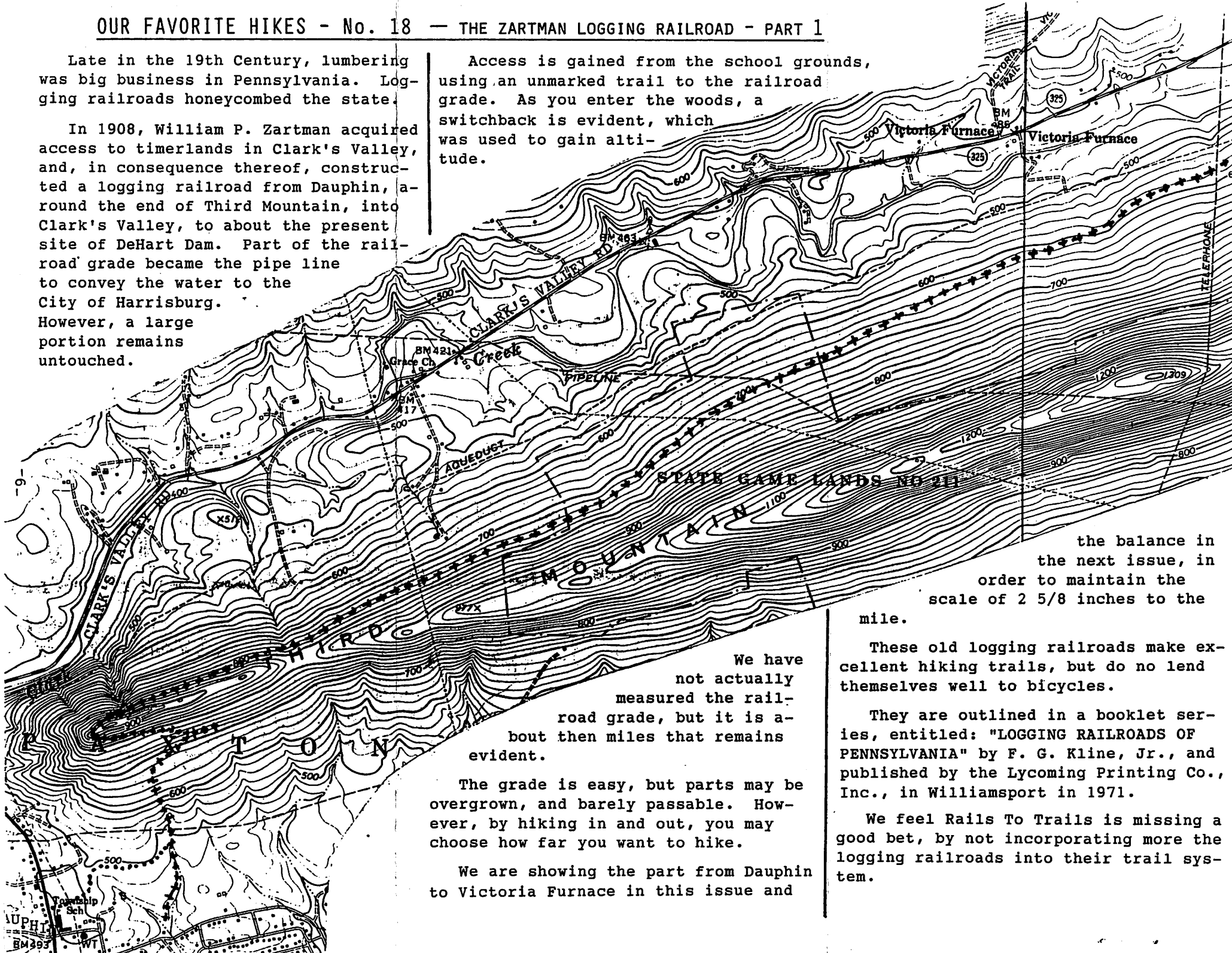
Jane E. Tuckey
Wendy Wilkinson
John Robert Wood

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 18 — THE ZARTMAN LOGGING RAILROAD - PART 1

Late in the 19th Century, lumbering was big business in Pennsylvania. Logging railroads honeycombed the state.

In 1908, William P. Zartman acquired access to timberlands in Clark's Valley, and, in consequence thereof, constructed a logging railroad from Dauphin, around the end of Third Mountain, into Clark's Valley, to about the present site of DeHart Dam. Part of the railroad grade became the pipe line to convey the water to the City of Harrisburg. However, a large portion remains untouched.

Access is gained from the school grounds, using an unmarked trail to the railroad grade. As you enter the woods, a switchback is evident, which was used to gain altitude.



the balance in the next issue, in order to maintain the scale of 2 5/8 inches to the

mile.

These old logging railroads make excellent hiking trails, but do not lend themselves well to bicycles.

They are outlined in a booklet series, entitled: "LOGGING RAILROADS OF PENNSYLVANIA" by F. G. Kline, Jr., and published by the Lycoming Printing Co., Inc., in Williamsport in 1971.

We feel Rails To Trails is missing a good bet, by not incorporating more the logging railroads into their trail system.

We have not actually measured the railroad grade, but it is about ten miles that remains evident.

The grade is easy, but parts may be overgrown, and barely passable. However, by hiking in and out, you may choose how far you want to hike.

We are showing the part from Dauphin to Victoria Furnace in this issue and

- A - Easy - Hikes up to six miles, with very little hill climbing. [Excellent for beginners.]
- B - Fairly easy - Hikes up to six miles, with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]
- B+ - Moderate - Hikes up to six 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.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
BUSHWACK BULLETIN IS OCTOBER 21, 1991

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

Date _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____.

- This is a new membership;
One sponsor is required.
- This is my renewal of membership.

Please send me the following:

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

All prices include postage and handling.

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

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) _____ *Please show
Zip plus 4*

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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