

# BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

## NOTICE: ALL MEMBERS

DUES ARE DUE APRIL 1, EVERY YEAR.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? CHECK YOUR LABEL!

If the number above your name reads: 10492 or 20492, your dues are due April 1, 1992

- February 23 9:30 A.M. **S** CALEDONIA IN WINTER 8.0 miles  
**P** C+ / Bring lunch & water.  
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [140 miles hwy]
- March 1 8:30 A.M. BLUE MARSH LAKE 12.6 miles  
D / Beautiful trail with rolling hills. Bring lunch & water.  
Optional: Dinner stop after the hike.  
Leaders: Jane Greber, 766-1913 & Louise Sis, 774-0196  
[140 miles hwy]
- March 8 9:00 A.M. RIM TRAIL TO THE PINNACLE 9.0 miles  
D+ / Circle hike; "Lunch on the rocks with dessert in a cave."  
Leaders: Jeff Pinsler, 273-2073 & Dan Caruso, 761-3838  
[120 miles hwy]
- March 11 9:00 A.M. COUNTY TO COUNTY 5.0 miles  
Wednesday B / Mechanicsburg Area - Meet at the Camp Hill Shopping Center  
near the Theatre. Lunch at a local restaurant.  
Leaders: Frank McKniff, 921-8593 & Louise Sis 774-0196
- March 14 9:00 A.M. **∩** HORSESHOE TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEAR MANADA GAP  
Saturday Meet on Rte 39 at I-81  
Leader: John Stein, 533-3679
- March 15 9:00 A.M. PETERS MOUNTAIN CIRCLE HIKE 10.0 miles  
D+ / Bring lunch & water.  
Leaders: Jim Oxley, 731-9471 & Bob Keyes, 763-7743.  
[35 miles hwy]

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March	21		<u>ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE HERSHEY ITALIAN LODGE</u>	
Saturday		6:00 P.M.	Social hour - Cash bar.	
		7:00 P.M.	Dinner - Roast Turkey or Vegetarian platter.	
			Program: Outdoor sports For Every Season	
			Speaker: Charles "Skip" Shoell	
			Information: Call Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 or Bob Keyes, 763-7743.	
March	22	1:00 P.M.	<u>S GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK</u>	6.0 miles
			P B / Bring water & snacks.	
			Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743	[40 miles hwy]
March	28	9:00 A.M.	<u>APPALACHIAN TRAIL MAINTENANCE</u>	9.3 miles
Saturday			SATC Section on Peters Mountain	
			C+ / Bring lunch & water.	
			Leader: Craig Dunn, 761-7723	[30 miles hwy]
March	29	11:00 A.M.	<u>P LAMBS GAP CIRCLE HIKE</u>	7.3 miles
			P C+ / Bring lunch & water.	
			May also meet us at Lambs Gap Parking area about 11:20	
			Leader: Jim Oxley, 731-9471	[30 miles hwy]
April	5	9:00 A.M.	<u>LAKE REDMAN, YORK COUNTY</u>	10.0 miles
			D / Circle hike; Bring lunch & water.	
			Leader: Jeff Brethauer, 393-3039, Pres., Lancaster Hiking Club	
			Robert Keck, for SATC, 534-1525.	[70 miles hwy]
April	11	9:00 A.M.	<u>A CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSTRUCTION</u>	
Saturday			B+ / Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Kingston	
			Leader: Craig Dunn, 761-7723.	
April	12	1:00 P.M.	<u>A ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, HAWK ROCK</u>	8.0 miles
			C+ / Bring water and snacks.	
			Leaders: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 & Thyra Sperry, 258-5261.	[30 miles hwy]
April	14	6:15 P.M.	<u>BOARD MEETING</u>	
Tuesday		7:30 P.M.	<u>PROGRAM MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC</u>	
			Meet at the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA. Come and help plan your favorite hikes for the Jun-Jul-Aug Quarter. A slide program "Hiking Trails in Pennsylvania"	
			Speaker: Jeffrey R. Buehler.	
April	15	8:30 A.M.	<u>MIDDLE CREEK GAME REFUGE</u>	4.0 miles
Wednesday			B+ / Near Kleinfeltersville. Bring lunch & water.	
			Meet at Light Post #1, Harrisburg East Mall	
			Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196.	[80 miles hwy]
April	19	12:00 Noon	<u>RAUSCH GAP</u>	8.0 miles
EASTER SUNDAY			C / Easy hike. Bring lunch & water.	
			Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743.	[60 miles hwy]
April	26	8:30 A.M.	<u>A HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL WITH US</u>	13.1 miles
			E+ / Between Routes 443 and 501. Bring lunch & water.	
			Leaders: Jane & Randy Greber, 766-1913.	[97 miles hwy]
April	26	10:00 A.M.	<u>S LITTLE BUFFALO STATE PARK</u>	6.0 miles
			P B+ / Bring lunch & water.	
			Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318	[60 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 4

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|---------------------|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| May 2<br>Saturday   | 7:30 A.M.  | <u>CATOCTON TRAIL IN MARYLAND</u><br>E / Hike a lovely ridge trail. Bring lunch & water.<br>Optional dinner stop.<br>Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743  | 18.0 miles<br>[120 miles hwy] |
| May 3               | 12:00 Noon | <u>§ POLE STEEPLE / PINE GROVE FURNACE CIRCLE HIKE</u><br>P C+ / Climb the steeple to a beautiful view of the valley surrounding Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Bring lunch & water.<br>Leader: Janice Slaybaugh, 774-7686.   | 8.0 miles<br>[80 miles hwy]   |
| May 10              | 8:30 A.M.  | <u>▲ APPALACHIAN TRAIL / RT 501 TO SHARTLESVILLE</u><br>E+ / Hike the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania with us!<br>Bring lunch & water.<br>Leaders: Randy & Jane Greber, 766-1913  | 16.0 miles<br>[120 miles hwy] |
| May 13<br>Wednesday | 8:30 A.M.  | <u>CONESTOGA TRAIL</u><br>B+ / Bring lunch & water. Sneakers are O.K. Meet at Light Post #1, Harrisburg East Mall. Joint hike with the Lancaster Hiking Club. This is the first of a series of hikes on this trail.<br>Leaders: Ted Kaufhold, 684-4424 & Louise Sis, 774-0196 | 5.0 miles<br>[60 miles hwy]   |
| May 15<br>Friday    |            | <u>DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND HIKE</u><br>See hike listing at top of Page 4.  |                               |
| May 16<br>Saturday  | 9:00 A.M.  | <u>▲ CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSTRUCTION</u><br>B+ / Helping hands are needed. Bring lunch & water.<br>Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Kingstown, Pa.<br>Leader: Craig Dunn, 761-7723.  |                               |
| May 16<br>Saturday  | 5:30 P.M.  | <u>FULL MOON ANNIVERSARY HIKE / STONY MTN FIRE TOWER</u><br>C+ / Bring flashlights, drinks and Hors d'Oeuvres to share.<br>Leaders: Randy & Jane Greber, 766-1913.  | 9.0 miles<br>[30 miles hwy]   |
| May 17              | 9:00 A.M.  | <u>SOUTH MOUNTAIN CIRCLE HIKE / WHITE ROCKS AREA</u><br>C+ / Bring lunch & water and a covered dish for a buffet supper.<br>Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261.   | 8.0 miles<br>[36 miles hwy]   |
| May 19<br>Tuesday   | 6:00 P.M.  | <u>∇ CLARKS VALLEY ICE CREAM HIKE</u><br>A / Meet at the parking lot, junction of routes 225 & 325, above Dauphin. Sneakers are O.K.<br>Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196  | 3.0 miles<br>[0 miles hwy]    |

May 22-25  
Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday, Monday

PINE CREEK VALLEY CAMPING WEEKEND

C+ hikes / North of Williamsport. Reservation deadline is May 15.  
Leaders: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 & Jim Oxley, 731-9471

May 31 9:00 A.M.

MASON-DIXON TRAIL / MUDDY CREEK TO PEACH BOTTOM

9.0 miles

C+ / Scenic section on back country roads and on rough terrain.  
Bring lunch & water.

Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281

[100 miles hwy]

CODES FOR THE HIKING SCHEDULE

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|------|----------------|--|
| A -  | Easy           | - Hikes up to six miles, with very little hill climbing.<br>[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 GUIDELINES

- 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

APRIL 27, 1992

NEW MEMBERS

Please, help us extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Doris Allamong  
Melissa Armstrong  
Eugene H Bentzel  
Dan Dubbs  
David & Susan Gurock

Cheryl Horsey  
John Lenahan  
Thomas L Lewis  
Joanne T Martin  
Bud Myers

Renee Smialek  
Barbara Van Horn  
Wanda Weary  
Robert Gary Yates

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this is being written, we are still waiting for the first (late) snow storm of the winter. But spring and summer will soon be here. It is not too early to start thinking of hiking and vacations. In addition to club hikes, many people include hiking in their vacations. One group of club members is planning a trip to Glacier National Park, in Montana, this year. In the mail that comes to me as club president, there are frequently announcements and advertisements of interesting sounding trips—"Walk Europe" or "Hiking Inn To Inn" for example.

Some people use vacations to volunteer to build and maintain trails. The Appalachian Trail Conference, among others, sponsors week long work trips every year. These offer the opportunity to repay some of the debt we owe to others for all the trails we enjoy. A few years ago, a woman came from California to work on the Appalachian Trail. She spent most of her week helping to clean up a dump by the side of the trail. That is not the typical task, but the experience of living and working with other hikers may be just what you need.

In any case, include hiking in your plans for this spring and summer.

A comment on the hike schedule for this quarter. The "serious" hikers should find much to enjoy. Those who want short hikes may be disappointed. Very few people offered short hikes. The next meeting is April 14, at the West Shore Senior Citizens' Center. If you want to lead a hike, but can't make the meeting, call Thyra Sperry or any member of the board to have your hike scheduled.

Bob Keyes.

## NEEDED!!

## A PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

### THE CLUB NEEDS SOMEONE TO DO PUBLICITY

The primary responsibility is sending notices of the hikes to local newspapers and magazines for publication.

Anyone interested in doing this important job for the club,

contact: Bob Keyes, 763-7743

## HIKING IN GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

### INTERESTED?

Planned for August/September  
but dates are negotiable

### PLANNING MEETING

March 19, 1992 - 7:30 P.M.  
HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Hershey Room  
30 E. Granada St., Hershey  
717 533-6555

### FOR DETAILS CALL OR WRITE

John W. Stein  
452 Laurel Dr.,  
Hershey, PA 17033  
717 533-3679

## HORSE-SHOE TRAIL RELOCATED

HORSE-SHOE TRAIL CLOSED, MAY 1991

### SUGGESTED ALTERNATE ROUTE

#### MANADA GAP TO THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

- 0.0 m. Leave Manada Bottom Road 0.2 miles south of junction with Rte 443 in Manada Gap. Follow abandoned Darlington Trail, orange blazes. First a very steep ascent, then trail flattens out.
  - 1.5 m. Sharp right, toward north, a short steep descent.
  - 1.7 m. Behind home of landowner, then west on a gravel road.
  - 2.3 m. Gravel road becomes paved. Named "Appalachian Trail -East."
  - 2.7 m. Left in front of Church in Picketown, the right on Sleepy Hollow Road.
  - 3.5 m. Bear right on Pine Tree Avenue.
  - 4.0 m. Turn right on Rte 443 for 0.1 mile only.
  - 4.1 m. Left up gravel drive, enter State Game Lands 211. Follow road north.
  - 4.6 m. Cross pipeline, then at wye take left fork.
  - 5.1 m. Pipeline again, Bear right and follow it for 3 miles
  - 6.1 m. Top of Second Mountain. Good rest stop with views.
  - 8.1 m. Cross Stony Creek, not responsible for condition of cable bridge. Bear right on dirt road.
  - 8.2 m. Left on abandoned railroad bed. (Access at Ellendale Gate, Game Commission Parking Lot.)
  - 8.4 m. Reach pipeline again, bear right and follow it up hill.
  - 8.5 m. Leave pipeline, and bear right on Gameland service road.
  - 8.8 m. Hairpin curve to right, now heading up Sharp Mtn.
  - 10.2 m. Reaches flat top of mountain; radio towers on left.
  - 12.6 m. At wye, trail goes right; left leads to fire tower.
  - 16.1 m. Devil's Race Course. Steep and rocky. Take sharp left across field of rocks. (Straight ahead is the Kabob Hiking Club monument.)
  - 16.2 m. Turn left uphill, begin climb of Stony Mountain.
  - 17.1 m. Junction with Appalachian Trail.
- Rte. 325 and parking lot is 3.2 miles to the left and west on the Appalachian Trail.

Map of half of this relocation is shown in this issue of the BUSHWACK BULLETIN. The other half should be in the next issue.

# TRAIL BLAZES

No. 31

## "SAVE STONY CREEK VALLEY" - PART 7

We had obtained Wild River Status for Stony Creek Valley, yet the lands remained with PP&L. Every attempt to find out their intent was in vain.

Nature Conservancy had tried to help us, but they were not interested in purchasing the lands, nor could they under the law. But now, your representative suggested that perhaps Nature Conservancy could find out from PP&L what they intended to do about the lands.

Audrey Megahan, representing Appalachian Audubon, offered to contact the Pennsylvania Office, in Philadelphia, and see what could be done. Some few weeks later, Audrey reported complete failure in obtaining a reply from Nature Conservancy.

Ernie Hilton, the Chairperson, announced that he would contact the Philadelphia Office. He was sure they would respond to a request from the Chair. Again, no reply.

About this time, your representative was detailed to Philadelphia for a week. So, he asked permission to try. It was granted. The next step was to write for an appointment, using the excuse that some mail problems existed. They did, and Bud Cook agreed to meet to discuss the problems. First we went over and corrected some of his mailing list; then changed his format to get a little better service. Now we discussed the problem of Stony Valley. Audrey failed to identify herself as a member, and Ernie was not a member. Yes, Bud Cook would be glad to see what he could do to help a member obtain the information desired.

It took about three months, and then we got a reply from Bud Cook. PP&L was simply waiting until the proper tax break came along, and then would turn the lands back to the Game Commission. Further, Bud managed to sign up PP&L as a Corporate member at \$1,000.

Finally, late in 1981, the day arrived when PP&L turned the lands back to the Game Commission. And, early in 1982, we began thinking about disbanding.

We had a little under \$21,000 left in our war chest. And, Del Zimmerman located three water colors of Cold Springs and the resort hotel, painted in 1851. They were for sale at \$700. We voted to purchase them, and donate them to the Lebanon County Historical Society.

At the meeting to discuss disbanding and what to do with the money, we suddenly found organizations coming out of the woodwork to lay claim to the left over funds--organizations who never turned a finger to help us. A representative of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen sent a speaker, who haranged for the better part of three hours. Yet they did not qualify, since they did not have 501.c.3 status. That didn't matter, they could put it through the sister organization, the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation.

Most of our organizations were never even heard. Yet a proposal was made at the next meeting to disband and turn the funds over to the Sportmens Association. But we were prepared. Bob Keck took over representation for our Club. Your representative continued to represent P.A.T.C., and Keystone Trails asked that he also represent them. The issue was put to a vote, and soundly defeated.

Then, someone moved to set up a watchdog committee of five individuals; keep the the money and have the Committee see that Stony Valley was duly protected. Your representative was placed on that Committee, and for the past decade has overseen Stony Valley.

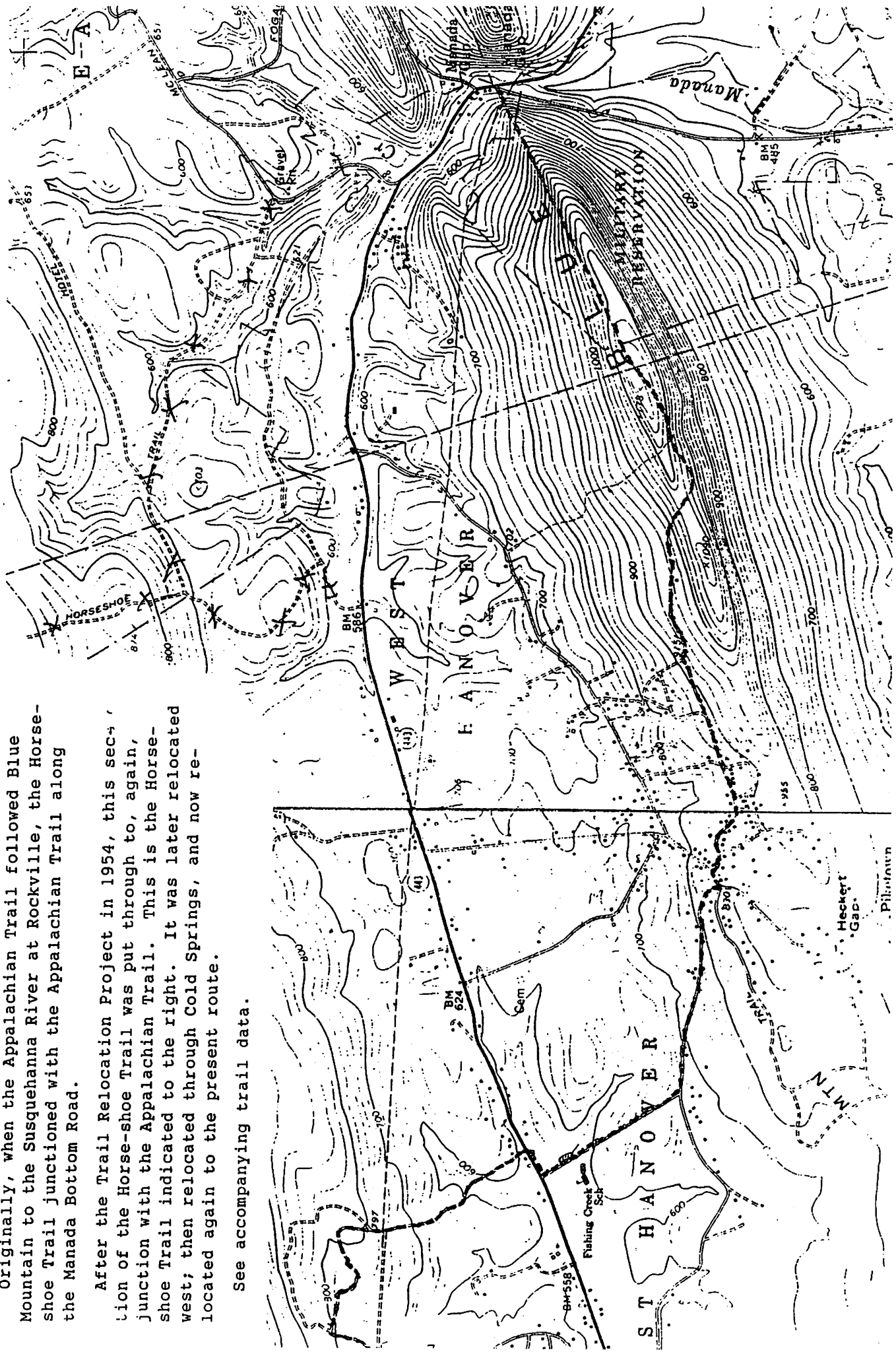
OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No 20 — RELOCATED SECTION OF THE HORSE-SHOE TRAIL - PART I OF 4

Part 1 takes you from the Manada Bottom Road, in Manada Gap to juncture with State Route 443.

Originally, when the Appalachian Trail followed Blue Mountain to the Susquehanna River at Rockville, the Horse-shoe Trail junctioned with the Appalachian Trail along the Manada Bottom Road.

After the Trail Relocation Project in 1954, this section of the Horse-shoe Trail was put through to, again, junction with the Appalachian Trail. This is the Horse-shoe Trail indicated to the right. It was later relocated west; then relocated through Cold Springs, and now relocated again to the present route.

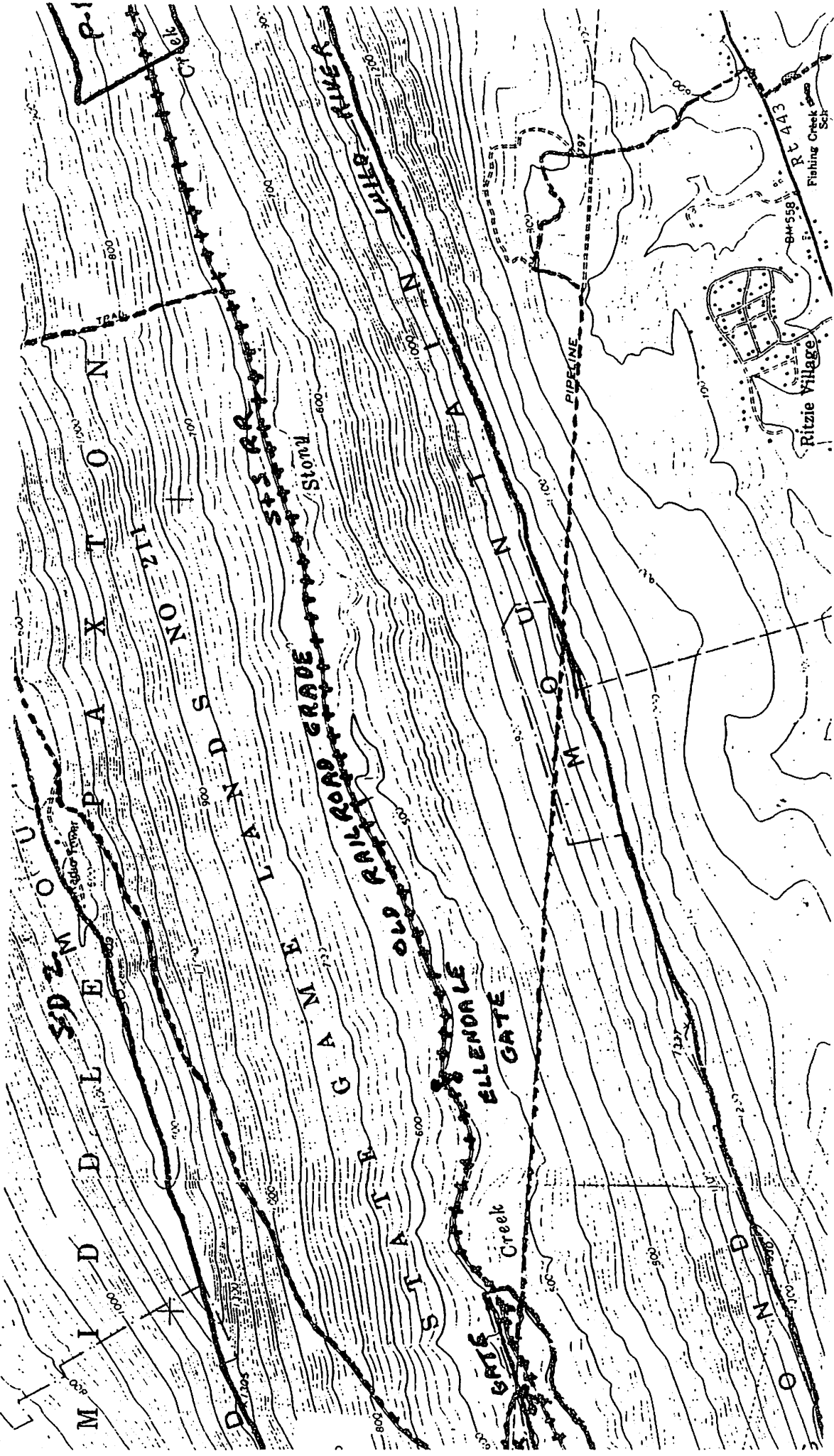
See accompanying trail data.



OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No 21 — RELOCATED SECTION OF THE HORSE-SHOE TRAIL - PART 2 OF 4

Part 2 takes you from State Route 443 to the abandoned bed of the S S Railroad.

On this part of the trail, we take you along fording or crossing on the cable bridge maintained by a pipeline, to the crest of Second Mountain, where the pipeline for their employees. The point where we have views overlooking both Stony Valley and meet the abandoned S & S Branch of the former Reading Fishing Creek Valley. From this point, we enter Railroad is just west of the parking lot at the Ellen- the Wild River Corridor of Stony Creek, and des- dale gate to the State Game Lands. See accompanying cend to Stony Creek, which you have the choice of trail description.







*Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club, Inc.*

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