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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

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 7

- December 5 7:00 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & COVERED DISH SUPPER
SATURDAY At the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland
Bring along some slides and pictures, especially of the past
years hikes, or of your vacation. DETAILS ON PAGE 5.
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH, or call Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 or
Jane Greber, 766-1913 for food ideas.
- December 6 9:00 A.M. ↑ APPALACHIAN TRAIL - RTE 645 TO RTE 183 8.5 miles
C+ / A downhill hike. Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Dick Martin, 975-5532 [100 miles hwy]
- December 13 11:00 A.M. ↑ APPALACHIAN TRAIL - RTE 850 TO RTE 944 4.0 miles
B / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318 [40 miles hwy]
- December 17 9:00 A.M. ∩ FAST PACED HIKE ON THE HORSESHOE TRAIL 10.0 miles
Thursday TO THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN THE STONY VALLEY AREA
D+ / Bring lunch & water. Meet at Light Pole #1, Harris-
burg East Mall.
Leader: John Stein, 533-3679 or 533-8061 [20 miles hwy]
- December 20 9:30 A.M. CLARK'S VALLEY CIRCLE HIKE 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387 [50 miles hwy]
- December 27 8:00 A.M. P DARLINGTON TRAIL 13.0 miles
E / Sterrets Gap to Overview; bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281 [35 miles hwy]

- January 1 10:00 A.M. NEW YEARS DAY HIKE - STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS/WILDWOOD 4-7 miles
FRIDAY B / Bring lunch & water. Your choice of four miles; or the complete trip of 7 miles.
Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 [4 miles hwy]
- January 3 1:00 P.M. MT GRETNA IN WINTER 6.0 miles
B+ / Bring snacks & water.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [50 miles hwy]
- January 10 9:00 A.M. APPALACHIAN TRAIL - RTE 645 TO SWATARA GAP 9.8 miles
↑ D / Largely downhill; bring lunch & water.
Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 [85 miles hwy]
- January 12 6:15 P.M. BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 7:30 P.M. PROGRAM MEETING FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP
Come, join with us in planning the spring hikes for the Mar-Apr-May Quarter; we will meet at the West Shore Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA.
Program: Climb Mt Edith Clavell with Jack Frank, and experience the beauty of Western Canada, in a slide and music presentation by Jack Frank.
- January 17 1:00 P.M. FRANKLINTOWN CIRCLE HIKE ON GAMELANDS 6.0 miles
B / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [50 miles hwy]
- January 24 9:00 A.M. CIRCLE HIKE ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL AND ROCKY RIDGE 8.0 miles
10:00 A.M. ↑ Fisher Plaza
Jct of Appalachian Trail & Shippensburg/Arendtsville Road.
C+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Carole Lemmon, 259-0084 [110 miles hwy]
- January 31 9:00 A.M. BIG KNOB CIRCLE HIKE - TUSCARORA STATE FOREST 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281 [100 miles hwy]
- February 7 9:00 A.M. CLARK'S VALLEY CIRCLE HIKE 8.0 miles
C+ / Bring lunch & water
Leader: Walt Natishyn, 564-5478 [24 miles hwy]
- February 14 11:00 A.M. APPALACHIAN TRAIL - TRINDLE ROAD TO BOILING SPRS 5.0 miles
↑ B / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318 [36 miles hwy]
- February 21 9:00 A.M. CALEDONIA IN WINTER 8.0 miles
S C+ / Bring lunch & water
P Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [40 miles hwy]
- February 28 1:00 P.M. WILDWOOD PARK 4.5 miles
B / Join Ralph Kinter in exploring the winter life on some of the back trails in Wildwood Park; Bring water & snacks.
Leader: Ralph Kinter, 545-4089. [4 miles hwy]

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR:
Our ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, March 13, at Gigantes's Restaurant in Camp Hill;
Our ANNUAL PICNIC, Sunday, August 15, at Pine Grove Furnace State Park

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank all the people who helped make the visit of the ATC Mid-Atlantic Trail Crew a success. The members of the trail crew appreciated the welcome and the help they received. The picnic was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Craig Dunn, Jeff Buehler, Louise Sis, Jane Gould and everyone who worked on the project.

We have a good schedule of hikes lined up for the winter quarter. Perhaps we might even have some snow to enjoy this year. Winter, with its crisp, cold days, is a beautiful time to hike. Just get out the long Johns and your hats and gloves and come on out.

Have a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good hiking.

Bob Keyes

DEEP SOUTH '93 T-SHIRTS

The 29th General Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference will be held next June 12th to 18th, in Dahlonega, Georgia. Several members of SATC are already looking forward to attending.

DEEP SOUTH '93 will be the theme of the meeting. The planning committee has developed a commemorative T-shirt and patch. The good looking T-shirts are peach color with the DEEP SOUTH '93 logo. For people who want to become "walking billboards," the shirts and patches are available now. The shirts come in three sizes: medium, large and X-large. The patch is peach colored with the logo. SATC is planning to order some of the T-shirts. The shirts are \$10.00 and the patches \$1.50. Anyone who wants a T-shirt or patch should contact Bob Keyes or Clarence Fredlund by December 13th.

BUILDING ON THE TRAIL

Over the course of the last year the Trail Maintenance Committee, as part of the Trail Assessment Program of the Appalachian Trail Conference, has been reviewing the facilities along SATC's section of the trail on Peters Mountain. The Committee has concluded that it is time to undertake improvements to the facilities at the Peters Mountain Shelter Area. It is time to build a privy and a second shelter.

Presently, there is no privy in the shelter area. During the hiking season, unhealthy and unsightly reminders of that accumulate in the woods and brush. The new privy will be of the self-composting type.

The existing shelter accomodates only four people, at best. More space is needed to accomodate hikers. In addition, the Zeager Shelter, two miles to the south, is nearing the end of its useful life. It is the source of frequent problems due to its closeness to Route 225. It will eventually be torn down.

These are major projects and will be built in succeeding years. The privy will be built in 1993 and the shelter is planned for 1994.

These will be major undertakings for the club. They will require the participation and support of many people. In addition to the volunteer labor to build them, the privy and the shelter will each cost about \$1,500 to build. While the club has some resources set aside for major projects, we would welcome contributions to help defray the costs of the materials for the privy and shelter. Members wanting to contribute should send it to the Treasurer. Please indicate that your check is for the privy/shelter project. For more information on these projects, contact Craig Dunn, Trailmaster.

TRAIL GLAZES

No. 33

"THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY" - PART 2

The entire section from Clark's Ferry to Pine Grove Furnace was assigned to the Mountain Club of Maryland, headquartered in Baltimore.

When I-81 was put through, it cut through the Iron Stone Ridge. At that point, instead of pursuing the interruption of the Trail, the Mountain Club of Maryland placidly rerouted back to roads.

But, now, with the National Park Service becoming interested in taking over and protecting the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, this routing over the roads became a problem. Property owners along the route through the Cumberland Valley were able to claim "That historically, the Appalachian Trail crossed the Cumberland Valley on roads."

To make matters worse, instead of permitting the National Park Service to handle the matter diplomatically, MCM violated private property to survey out a preferred trail route. This only served to arouse the property owners in an already bad situation.

With this aggravated situation, a national organization, that was opposed to the National Park System, had come in to help organize the local citizenry against relocating the Trail. This group was known as C.A.N.T. [Citizens Against the New Trail.] And they were turning it into a political issue, involving Congressmen Goodling and Shuster. Further, the national organization had so inflamed the local citizens that the situation promised to get real nasty. In fact, if we planned to hike the roads as a Trail Organization, we found it necessary to provide guards for our parked cars.

At this point, the Keystone Trails Association had scheduled a Board Meeting at the Youth Hostel at Pine Grove Furnace. About the middle of the previous week to the scheduled meeting, we received a call from Mac White, at Lehigh University, asking that we meet with him during that Board Meeting. Both Mac White and Thurston Griggs showed up, meeting with Anna and myself.

Mac and Thurston explained the situation, and, in light of our work with "Save The Trail," they inquired if there was anything that we could do to quiet the situation. Thurston stated, that in light of the hostility of the local citizens, that his Club would be willing to yield control of the Trail across the Valley. And, eventually this is what happened.

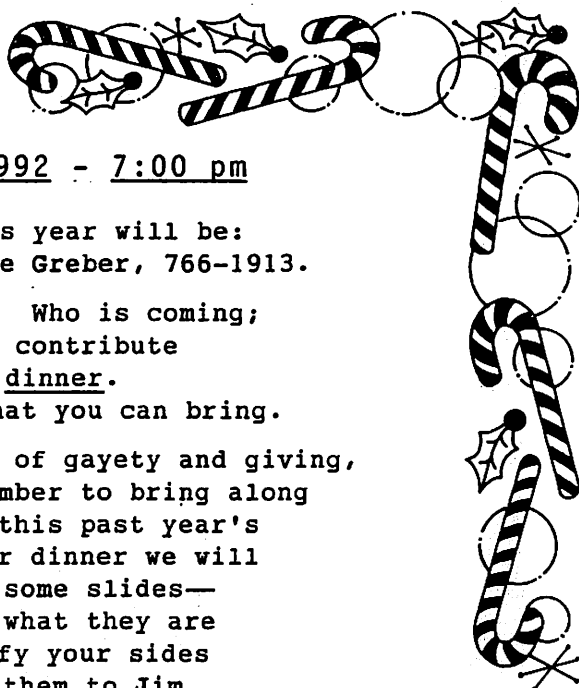
We agreed to try, but would need some help. A coalition seemed to be the best way to go.

With this situation, we came back to this Club, and they helped to organize a Group in opposition to C.A.N.T. The Club Officers help us organize a non-profit group, and incorporate it, choosing to call it PRO-TRAIL [Pennsylvanians Rallied On Trail Route Advocating Improved Location.] Jim Oxley deserves credit for coming up with this acronym.

The officers of this organization were: Carol Witzeman, Chairperson, Warren Hoffman, Vice Chair, and your correspondent as Secretary-Treasurer. And, we tried to keep our efforts low-key.

PRO-TRAIL eventually evolved into the Cumberland Valley Management Organization.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1992 - 7:00 pm

The Party Committee for this year will be:
Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 and Jane Greber, 766-1913.

The Committee needs to know: Who is coming;
and What they intend to contribute
to the covered dish dinner.

Or you may call to find out what you can bring.

Also, since Christmas is the time of gayety and giving,
the Committee is asking each member to bring along
some 35 mm slides, taken on this past year's
hikes and vacations. After dinner we will
sing some carols and show some slides—
with the owner explaining what they are
all about. Please identify your sides
with your name and give them to Jim
Oxley, the night of the Party.



NEW MEMBERS

WE OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Deirdre Bauer
Nancy Bupp
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WHAT DO THEY MEAN? They indicate that the hike is on an organized trail system, or they are a special type hike.

↑ APPALACHIAN TRAIL

∩ HORSESHOE TRAIL

Ⓟ DARLINGTON TRAIL

Ⓢ STATE PARK TRAILS SYSTEM

Ⓡ TUSCARORA TRAIL

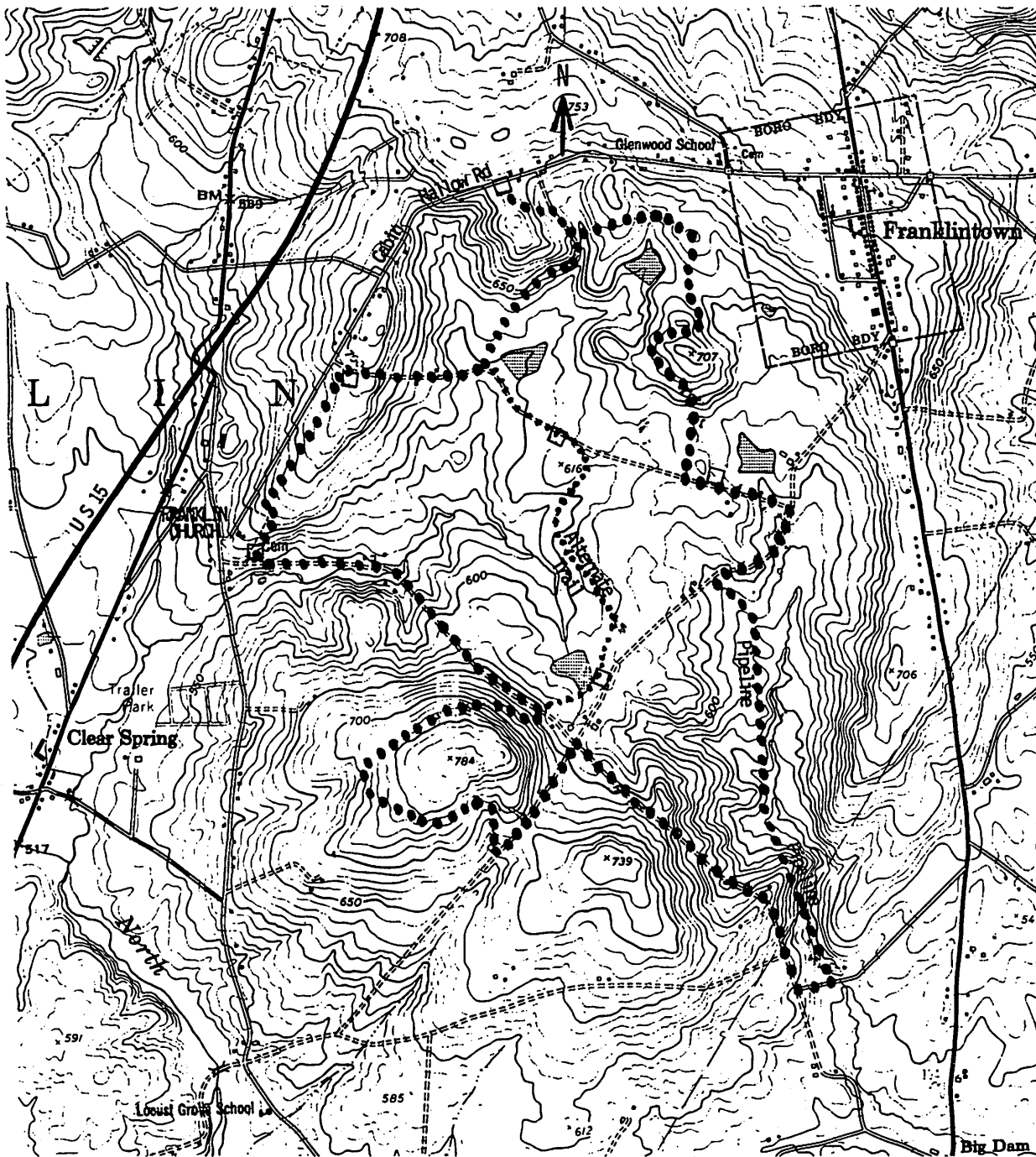
Ⓡ RAILS TO TRAILS SYSTEM

◊ ICE CREAM HIKE

Ⓢ ▲ NATURAL WONDERS HIKE

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - NO. 24 — FRANKLINTOWN GAME LANDS 243

□ = Parking lots.



The "trails" in these game lands offer an infinite variety of hikes, by combining old farm roads and lanes, dirt roads and moderate "bushwhacking" over gently rolling hills and fields. We, generally, park at the Game Commission Parking Lot on Cabin Hollow Rd, about a mile outside Franklinton. We are showing several alternatives, with the longest going 7-8 miles.

From the rear of the parking lot, walk a short distance and drop down to an old farm road. This winds around and comes to a maintained road in .58 m; Turn right and follow this road to another parking area on the left in .84 m. Turn left, following a line of trees until you reach the Franklin Church Cemetary, dropping down to another parking lot in 1.37 m. Turn left and follow dirt road to an old farm lane on right, 2.16 m. The old farm lane cuts back about 145°. Follow it up hill to an open field, bearing left and following another old farm lane down to another road, 3.29 m. Turn left on this road to an intersection with another road, 3.63 m. Turn right and follow this road to another intersection, 4.84 m; Turn left and reach pipeline, 5.03 m; Follow the pipeline until you reach a dirt road, 6.05 m; turn right to next intersection, 6.34 m; then left, reaching another parking lot, 6.53 m. Shortly after the parking lot, turn right into field and follow crude trail thru field, eventually reaching the farm road we started on 7.61 m; and back to our parking lot in 7.79 m.

The hike can be shortened by using the alternative, which we have shown, and which is about 1.16 m long. This can reduce the length of the hike to about 3.9 miles by using the alternative to loop back.

Or by using the alternate trail in lieu of the route to the Cemetary, the trip can be shortened to 7.37 m.

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