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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 East Gate Office Center on 7th St. opposite the Herr St. underpass
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 cost of gas.

NO PETS ALLOWED

CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 4

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| <u>December 1</u>
Wednesday | A
5 miles
0 hwy miles | <u>Christmas Candyland Ice Cream Hike</u>
Easy walking. <i>Hike leaves Hershey Sweets and Treats Shop Parking Lot at the Hershey Outlet Center at 6:30 PM.</i> Come beforehand for ice cream. Wear shoes for pavement walking. Call leader for optional 7:30 PM rendezvous spot. Bring money for optional train ride and/or the carousel.
Leader: Krista Cessna, 671-1421 |
| <u>December 4</u>
Saturday
7:00 PM | XMAS
0.1 miles | <u>Annual Holiday Party</u> 
Fast pace to buffet line, easy terrain. Bring appetite.
For more information, see article on page 7  |
| <u>December 5</u>
Sunday
8:00 AM | E+
12 or 16 miles
140 hwy miles | <u>Hemlock Road or Big Spring State Park to PA 641</u>
Moderate pace, rough and rocky hike on the Tuscarora Trail. Starting point depends upon whether Hemlock Road is closed. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763 |
| <u>December 12</u>
Sunday
12:30 PM | B+
5.5 miles
75 hwy miles | <u>Kings Gap</u>
Join us for a hike to celebrate the Christmas season with Open House at the Mansion. Moderate pace hike with a couple of climbs. Bring water and snacks.
Note early meeting time due to Open House hours.
Leaders: Bonnie Booth, 533-3566 and Ed Hafner, 503-0700 |

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- December 12** **D+** **Warner Trail**
 Sunday 8.25 miles Moderate pace, rocky terrain with about 1500' of climbs. The Warner Trail connects with
 8:30 AM 60 hwy miles the Flat Rock Trail near Colonel Denning State Park. Bring lunch and water.
 Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763
- December 15** **A** **Fire Museum and Capitol Holiday Hike**
 Wednesday 4-5 miles *Meet at fire museum on 4th Street for tour (admission fee).* Call Susanne for directions
 10:00 AM 0 hwy miles to museum which has off-street parking. Following tour of museum we will walk to the
 Capitol Complex to view the Christmas decorations. Lunch at a local restaurant.
 Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
- December 19** **B+** **Clarks Ferry Loop Hike**
 Sunday 6 miles Loop on the AT and blue trail. One climb and some rocks. Bring lunch and water.
 10:00 AM 30 hwy miles Leaders: Pat Harhi, 697-0648 and Linda Loeffler, 737-0897
- December 19** **E+** **Second Mountain**
 Sunday 13 miles Fast-paced (3 mph) from the end of the mountain to the Horseshoe Trail.
 11:00 AM 25 hwy miles Bring energy snacks and water--no major lunch break. *Meet at the Fish Commission
 boat launch parking area on Front Street at Route 443 near Fort Hunter.*
 Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)
- January 1** **B** **New Year's Day at Wildwood Lake**
 Saturday 3-5 miles Bring lunch and water. *Meet at pavilion near Industrial Road.*
 10:30 AM 0 hwy miles Leaders: Bonnie Booth, 533-3566 and Gail Guers, 232-0387
- January 8** **A** **Conewago Trail**
 Saturday 5 miles Hike (or ski) this rail-trail near Elizabethtown, <http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/parks.htm>.
 1:00 PM 35 hwy miles Flat terrain. Bring lunch and water.
 Co-leaders: Krista Cessna, 671-1421 and Peter Fleszar, 583-2093 or pfleszar@epix.net.
- January 9** **C** **Appalachian Trail- Conodoguinet to Yellow Breeches**
 Sunday 9 miles Easy to moderate terrain, moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.
 9:00 AM 60 hwy miles Third in a series of hikes to cover the same part of the trail in different seasons.
 Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169.
- January 11** 6:15 PM **Board of Directors Meeting**
 Tuesday 7:30 PM **Winter Meeting for All Members and Guests**
 Help plan hikes for the March-April-May quarter.
 Meet at the Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland.
Program: Frank Bohn will give a presentation on public lands that deserve to be
 better known than they are including slides of Lassen Volcanic National Park and
 Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.
- January 14** **B** **Messiah College Area Hike**
 Friday 6 miles *Meet at covered bridge parking lot- Starry Field.* Lunch at college.
 9:00 AM 0 hwy miles Bring snacks and water.
 Leaders: Melanie DeMartyn, 795-8209 and Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
- January 15** **C+** **Gettysburg Battlefield in the Winter**
 Saturday 7 miles Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Possible sighting of the famous deer herd.
 9:00 AM 90 hwy miles Bring lunch and water.
 Leaders: Louise and Rick Sis, 774-0196



January 16
Sunday
9:00 AM

C+
8 miles
40 hwy miles

Swatara State Park Loop Hike

Enjoy the state park in winter. Some climbing. Bring lunch and water.
Leaders: Ray Swingholm, 867-1638 and Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

January 22
Saturday
5:30 PM

B-C+
6-9 miles
20 hwy miles

Full Moon Winter Escapade- Stony Creek

We will cross country ski or snow shoe if there is enough snow. Otherwise, we will hike.
Call leaders for determination. Bring flashlights and hot drinks and snacks to share for tailgate party afterwards.
Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913



January 23
Sunday
1:00 PM

B
6 miles
85 hwy miles

Franklinton Loop Hike

Annual hike on game lands at Franklinton. Bring snacks and water.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743

January 26
Wednesday
9:00 AM

B
6 miles
30 hwy miles

Franklinton Loop Hike

For those who prefer a weekday hike, Bob is repeating his Franklinton hike.
Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at Camp Hill Shopping Mall near theaters.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743

January 29
Saturday
8:00 AM

E+
14 miles
50 hwy miles

Mount Holly Preserve to White Rocks

Fast-paced (3 mph), vigorous hike with many steep climbs and descents.
Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)

January 30
Sunday
1:00 PM

B
4-5 miles
30 hwy miles

Pinchot Park Ramble

Moderate pace, gentle to moderate terrain. Bring snacks and water.
Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318

February 2
Wednesday
9:00 AM

C
8 miles
0 hwy miles

Bull Frog Meets Groundhog Hershey Loop Hike

2 miles per hour pace. Lunch at a local restaurant.
Meet at Bull Frog Valley Park behind Hershey Medical Center.
Leader: John Stein, 533-3679

February 5
Saturday
9:00 AM

C+
8 miles
75 hwy miles

Kings Gap to Pine Grove Furnace

Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water.
Leaders: Sam and Barb Harvey, 766-7868

February 6
Sunday
9:00 AM

C+
7 miles
120 hwy miles

Middle Creek

Moderate-paced hike using a variety of trails at Middle Creek, including multi-use trails.
Features strenuous climbs. Bring lunch and water. Optional birding afterward; bring binoculars and warm clothing/footgear. For information call leaders.
Leaders: Will and Jane Webster, 838-9629 or willweb@juno.com.



February 12
Saturday
8:00 AM

E+
20 miles

Furnace to Furnace

A fast-paced Lincoln's Birthday hike from Pine Grove Furnace to Boiling Springs on the AT with a side trip to Pole Steeple designed to cure cabin fever (37 days until spring, if anyone is counting). Some rocky terrain and decent winter views. Bring lunch and water.
Meet at furnace parking lot in Boiling Springs or contact leader for other arrangements.
Leader: Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com

February 13 **D** **Appalachian Trail- Cumberland Valley**
 Sunday 10 miles Level terrain traversed by this section of the AT from Boiling Springs to the Scott Farm.
 9:00 AM 50 hwy miles If snow is deep, feel free to bring snowshoes. Bring lunch and water.
 Leaders: Jeff Buehler and Phil Day, 657-8281

February 15 **Longwood Gardens Excursion**
 Tuesday Spend a day at Longwood Gardens anticipating Spring. Admission to gardens is \$8.00.
 9:00 AM 175 hwy miles *Meet at Camp Hill Shopping Mall near theaters.*
 Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743

February 19 **E+** **Blue and Little Mountains**
 Saturday 14 miles Fast-paced (3 mph). Several moderate climbs. Located on and near
 8:00 AM 50 hwy miles the Appalachian and Darlington Trails. Bring lunch and water.
 Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)

February 20 **C** **Greenbelt in Winter Loop Hike**
 Sunday 7 miles Bring lunch and water.
 10:00 AM 0 hwy miles Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

February 26 **E+** **Fowler Hollow State Park to Colonel Denning State Park**
 Saturday 18 miles Moderately paced hike mostly on the Tuscarora Trail over rough and rocky terrain
 with many climbs. Bring lunch and water. Call leader for meeting place and time.
 Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763

February 27 **B+** **Holly Preserve Hike**
 Sunday 6 miles Beautiful area with one really long climb. Bring lunch and water.
 10:00 40 hwy miles Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

March 3 **Eureka! Sale**
 Friday 325 mi hwy Carpool/caravan to the huge annual sale at the Eureka! Camping Center
 7:30 AM in Binghamton, NY, <http://www.eurekacampingctr.com>. Lunch stop.
Meet at the Shell station on PA 39 at I-81, exit 27.
 Leader: Peter Fleszar, 237-2298 (work), 583-2093 (home), or pfleszar@epix.net



Cumberland Valley Night Hike

The winter version of this hike on the AT will possibly be held after a snowfall of about six inches. Anyone who wishes to be placed on the notification list for this hike should contact Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com.

CODES FOR THE HIKES

- A - Easy - Hikes of up to six miles with very little hill climbing [Excellent for beginners.]
- B - Fairly Easy - Hikes of up to six miles with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]
- B+- Moderate - Hikes of up to six miles with more difficult climbs.
- C - Fairly moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles with very little climbing.
- C+- Strenuous - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles with several significant Climbs
- D - More strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles with very little climbing.
- D+- Very 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 leaders should describe the pace and footing, where this is essential, such as: "Easy with moderate or fast pace;" or "Easy with nature stops;" or "Good footpath;" or "Rocky and rough;" etc.

SMOKING GUIDE LINES

The S.A.T.C. prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during club activities.
 Smokers are responsible for damage to the forests.
 Pack out all waste materials.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Thanks to . . .

Trailmaster Jeff Buehler and the eight S.A.T.C. members who worked nine hours on an emergency work trip after *Hurricane Floyd*, to repair much of the damage to our Club's section of the Appalachian Trail;

Dick Barrick for doing overall maintenance and chain saw work on the Darlington Trail for many years;

Tom Yoder, Sue Peck, and Susanne Donmoyer for maintaining individual sections of the Darlington Trail;

Thyra Sperry, for her relentless and successful work to save 18 trails and 3 National Scenic Trails in PA for hikers;

All our petition-signers and letter-writers who helped to save the trails for hikers and prevent Sunday hunting;

Dick Martin and Katie Piccolo for maintenance and enhancement of the SATC web site;

All of our hike leaders, trail maintainers, committee members and other volunteers.

Darlington Trail / Miller's Gap Wildlands Project . . .

S.A.T.C. volunteers have maintained the Darlington Trail on top of Blue Mountain, bordering Cumberland and Perry Counties for many years. Recently, a 79 acre tract of land through which almost a mile of our trail passes was put up for sale. The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, led by former SATC president Carol Witzeman, acted quickly and acquired the property at auction, saving it from developers and timber cutters. PC is now seeking funding to pay off their bridge loan and will turn the tract over to the PA Game Commission for future management. This tract lies immediately to the east of Miller's Gap Road and extends approximately one mile along the top of Blue Mountain.

S.A.T.C.'s board members found, at the October meeting, that our Club's finance allowed us to make a \$1,500 donation from the treasury. Much more is needed to fund this project. I hope that those of you who are able will use the form you will find elsewhere in this Bulletin to make an additional donation to this worthy project.

Radford '99 . . .

About a dozen Club members attended the biennial meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference in Radford, VA., this summer. We enjoyed a week of hikes and workshops, despite some much-needed rainy days. Protecting the Saddleback Mountain area of the A.T. was the major issue at conference meetings. Representatives of the A.T. maintaining clubs

voted to pursue a moderate plan that would protect much of the trail and its viewshed, while allowing significant but limited expansion of the local ski resort. Most aspects of the conference were very well run. S.A.T.C. will have a tough act to follow as we host

Shippensburg '01 . . .

We now know that the conference will be held on either second or third week of July, 2001, at Shippensburg University. S.A.T.C. is the lead club for this event; other A.T. maintaining clubs in Pennsylvania will be co-hosting. Each PA club will be chairing a committee or assisting in another way. Our Club's responsibility is the *Hikes Committee*. I've agreed to serve as committee chair, and I'm asking interested club members to serve on this committee. We'll need to choose the hikes (about 75 of them, most offered more than once); recruit hike leaders; put together hike descriptions for publication; supply directions, instructions and first aid kits to all hike leaders; staff the Hikes Desk at the conference; and staff the parking lot from which the hikes depart. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please let me know:

(249-6727 or jonesk@dickinson.edu)

and I'll notify you of the date of our first meeting.

Sunday Hunting . . .

Most of the sponsors of HB 1237, which would have allowed hunting of antlered deer on Sundays, have withdrawn their support. Public hearings on the bill revealed much opposition, including many hunters as well as landowners who threatened to post their lands if hunter was allowed on Sundays. It looks as if this bill is dead -- for now at least. Many thanks to those of you who signed petitions and/or wrote letters to our legislators opposing this legislation.

Projects in the Works . . .

An environmental assessment is now underway as part of the approval process for the latest scenic relocation of a short section of the Appalachian Trail, near its intersection with the Victoria Trail.

Funding for the Route 225 Appalachian Trail Pedestrian Bridge funding has been approved. It's hoped that bidding on the project will be begin in a few months.

Constitution and Bylaws . . .

It's official. The new versions of these documents are now in effect. Thanks again to all who took the time to vote.

Katie Jones, President

TWENTY-ONE STATE FOREST "HIKING ONLY" TRAILS

The Bureau of Forestry, D.C.N.R., has determined that eighteen state forest trails and three national trails shall remain designated as "hiking only" trails. David J. Gregg, Assistant State Forester, made the announcement at a meeting held in Huntingdon near Rothrock State Forest.

Forester Gregg stated that "These trails have always been a part of the state forest hiking trail system and will remain as pur hiking trails." No other recreational use will be permitted on these trails.

Attending the meeting were Ed. Beck, President, and Thyra Sperry, Education Chair, of the Keystone Trails Association along with representatives of the Bureau of Forestry, the mountain bike and equine communities.

In reference to the posting of signs, there will be a combination of positive and negative signing as appropriate. Some enforcement requirements mandate that there must be some negative signing.

Hikers have a long record of building and maintaining footpaths in Pennsylvania. K.T.A. recently was awarded the "Conservation Volunteer Group of the Year" by Governor Ridge and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Last year, over 35,000 hours of documented hours of work on hiking trails were reported. James R. Grace, DCNR's director of the Bureau of Forestry said that "KTA has been a valuable partner in keeping Pennsylvania's natural resources accessible."

The above is an update on our Club's involvement through the Keystone Trails Association in our joint efforts to retain the sanctity of the trails and the volunteer labor that both our members and members of our sister clubs put in on working trails.

We do not object to others using the lands of the Commonwealth, but we do feel that those who damage the trails should either help to build, maintain, or restore those trails, or in some way contribute to their maintenance.

KTA has a history of building and maintaining footpaths so that they have the least impact on the land. KTA will continue to work to preserve the land. As the leader in trail building, we will share our trail-building expertise with mountain bikers and equestrian to help them in their goals.

A grateful "thank you" to members of KTA, hiking and outdoor clubs throughout the commonwealth and everyone who wrote a letter, signed a petition, or contacted the Bureau of Forestry with your opinions in support of the "designated hiking trail" issue. Your generous input was instrumental in preserving these trails for future generations. The American Hiking Society and the Appalachian Trail Conference actively supported KTA in achieving this outcome. Their help is greatly appreciated.

The trails designated as "hiking only" are the Baker Trail, the Black Forest Trail, the Bucktail Path, the Chuck Keiper Trail, the Donut Hole Trail, the Golden Eagle Trail, the John P. Saylor Trail, the Lost Turkey Trail, the Loyalsock Trail, the Mid-State Trail, the Old Logger's Path, the Pinchot Trail System, the Quehanna Trail, the Rocky Knob Trail, the Susquehannock Trail System, the Thunder Swamp Trail System, the Tuscarora Trail, the West Rim Trail, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the North Country National Scenic Trail and the Potomac Heritage [Laurel Highlands] National Scenic Trail.

Ed Beck, President
Thyra Sperry, Education Chair
Keystone Trails Association

There remains plenty of room in our State Forests for building and maintaining trails for other uses. **But it requires volunteer help to build and maintain such trails.**

The volunteer help of the hikers should not be expected nor required to keep up those trails that are damaged by other uses. This is expecting too much from one group of users and can only be calculated to ruin the volunteer program, which has been developed over the years by A.T.C. and the N.P.S. [See the Trailmaster's Report elsewhere in this issue]

The Editor

HOLIDAY PARTY



WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

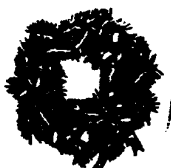
WHERE: The West Shore Senior Citizens' Center
122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA.

BRING: Covered Dish to Share.



The Party Committee for this year will be:
Katie Jones, 249-6727 Barbara Harvey, 766-7868

The committee needs to know who is planning to come and what they intend to bring, or if you aren't sure what to bring, the committee can offer suggestions on what is needed.



Members are asked to bring along some of their favorite slides taken on this year's hikes and/or vacations. Please limit your presentation to 10-15 minutes and identify your slides with your name.



ATTENTION!! All Members:

Even though our address panel shows that Postage has been paid, by permit indicia, copies of the Bushwack Bulletin cannot be mailed without postage. The postage paid indicia only applies when 200 pieces are mailed, accompanied with a proper payment voucher.

If you do mail the Bushwack Bulletin, we try to keep it to twelve pages (6 sheets so that the cost of mailing should be one first class postage rate.

This is accomplished by using 20 lb. paper, which runs approximately 97 sheets to the pound. If anything is enclosed, a second stamp will be required. Also, anytime you envelope 20 pound paper, any time you go over 4 sheets, you must use a second stamp.

SIDE TRAIL PROTECTION

Now that the Appalachian Trail has been well secured and protected, attention can be turned to our various side trails.

Within the past year, the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy purchased the Thousand Steps near Huntingdon, to protect this vital link on the Mid-State Trail.

Now, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club has purchased six acres, near Cowan's Gap, to protect the Tuscarora Trail.

And the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy has just purchased 79 acres, stretching about .8 of a mile along our Darlington Trail, near Millers Gap. When the property has been fully paid, it will be made part of State Game Lands No. 170, thus assuring the continuity of the Darlington Trail.

Gradually, with continued support from our members and hikers, our State wide Trail system is beginning to shape up. We thank one and all for your continued contributions to this effort.

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

NAME	POST OFFICE	PHONE
Donna Bashaw David Bergeron Robert L. Best Marie Bongiovanni Zachary Brock	Lancaster PA 17602-2451 Harrisburg, PA 17112-9553 York, PA 17403 Annville, PA 17003-0037 Dillaburg, PA 17019	
Bernadette Cotterall Sharon & Robert Cravener Sue Dillman Dale Erskine Rudolf & Gertrude Gassner	Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Hershey, PA 17033-2122 Hershey, PA 17033-2444 Annville, PA 17003-0037 Lrmoynrk PA 17043-1380	
Pearl Gornik Bruce P. Hamm Sheila Hannigan Louise Hatfield Ise & Philip Heine	Middletown, PA 17057 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Harrisburg, PA 17109 Carlisle, PA 17013 Palmyra, PA 17078	
Stev Holley Gary LaBelle Mary B. Lischwe-Hollen Christopher Lucas Leo & Tina Luciano	Bloomsburg, PA 17815-0242 Harrisburg, PA 17102-2410 Hummelstown, PA 17036 Camp Hill, PA 17011 Shermansdale, PA 17090-0009	
Elizabeth J Martin Brian McLaughlin Shirley McMonigle Melissa R. McNeil Brett Mizelle	Camp Hill, PA 17011 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Carlisle, PA 17013 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0723 Carlisle, PA 17013-2305	
Kate Piccolo Karen Post Paul & Cabrini Rudnick John Shutika Kimena Soler	Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 New Cumberland, PA 17070 Camp Hill, PA 17011-8356 Marysville, PA 17053-9713 Hershey, PA 17033	
Jennifer Spear Gerald D. Stehr Sandra M. Titel Matt van Itallie	Carlisle, PA 17013-2305 Lebanon, PA 17046-1972 Harrisburg, PA 17112	
Wanda Vierthaler	Philadelphia, PA 19130 Middletown, PA 17057-2523	
M. Wayne Waddle Jill Weinstein Winnie Wetzler Mary J. Woods	Enola, PA 17025-2320 Harrisburg, PA 17110 Camp Hill, PA 17011-2753 Middletown PA 17057	

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

The deadlines for the next Bushwack Bulletin will be based on the Annual Banquet Meeting. It must be 54 days prior to the Annual Banquet Meeting for the schedule of hikes, and 61 days for the articles. With this in mind, the following Schedule is tentative.

Deadline for Articles: January 16, 2000

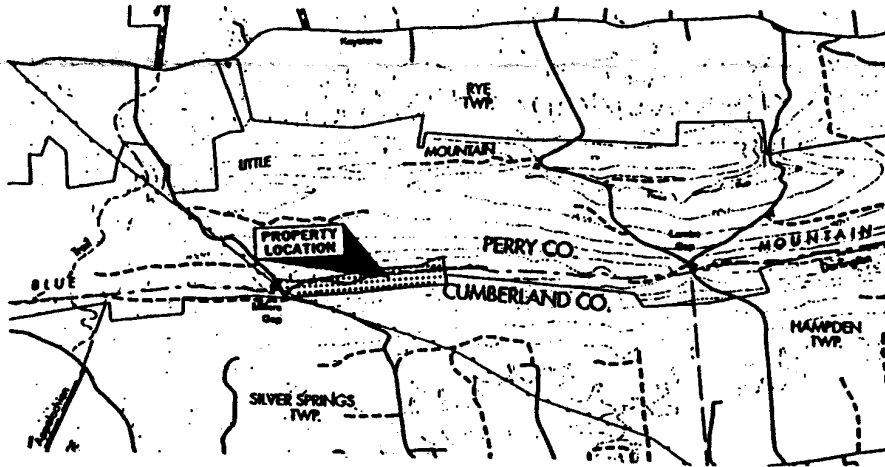
Deadline for Hike Schedule - January 23, 2000



Miller's Gap Wildlands Preservation Project

involving the Darlington Trail of the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club

Approximately 79 acres in Cumberland and Perry Counties located on the summit of Blue Mountain east of Miller's Gap overlooking the Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry County Metro area.



- The tract encompasses over 79 acres of oak, hemlock, wild grape, maple, and tulip poplar woodlands. This project features exceptional wildlife habitat for deer, grouse, turkey, and many non-game species.
- Protects approximately .8 mile of the Blue Mountain ridgetop, which is part of an Audubon Important Bird Area comprising the Kittatinny Raptor migration flyway.
- Preserves scenic recreational opportunities on the Darlington Trail.
- Adjoins State Game Lands No. 170 on 3 sides.

**WE MUST RAISE
\$143,900**

Please Help Fill the \$ Gap to Preserve Millers Gap

Enclosed is my check of \$ _____ to help purchase 79 acres for the Millers Gap Wildlands Project.

My check is made payable to CPC-Millers Gap Project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____



CPC is a tax exempt charitable organization as provided by IRS regulations.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Mail to: Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, P.O. Box 587, Harrisburg, PA 17108

TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL VOLUNTEER WORK HOURS

It is the responsibility of our Club to report volunteer work hours to the Appalachian Trail Conference (A.T.C.) each fiscal year so they may be tallied up with the other trail maintaining organizations and reported to our federal agency partner, the National Park Service (N.P.S.).

The volunteers in the Parks (VIP) is a program administered under an agreement between A.T.C. and the N.P.S. The program was authorized by a federal act intended to enhance the abilities of volunteers to work in our nation's parks. The VIP agreement between A.T.C. and the N.P.S. protects A.T.C. and the individual trail clubs from personal and trail club liability and provides reimbursement for medical expenses for accidents resulting from certain trail-management activities as long as participants are listed on a roster of work party members for any specific work trip.

This VIP agreement requires us to report the total number of volunteers working on the Trail and the total number of volunteer work hours expended between October 1 and September 30 each year. All hours for field work including maintenance and monitoring activities on the Appalachian Trail, can be reported, including hours of travel time to and from trail work sites. In addition, meeting time for A.T.-related planning sessions may also be tallied in our club's total.

For the fiscal year, October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999, S.A.T.C. contributed 1251.5 hours from 65 volunteers on A.T. related work.

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trailmaster

PARTICIPANTS

The following is a list of volunteers who participated in S.A.T.C. sponsored work trips on the Appalachian Trail for the past fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999. The number in parenthesis indicates the number of work trips participated in. I have used my trail maintenance logs and sign-in sheets to tally up the figures. I apologize for any one's omission or errors in number of work trips:

Eric Anderson	(3)	Patricia Kline	(1)
Tim Bachmann	(2)	Chuck Kumpas	(7)
Sam Barker	(3)	Gary Labelle	(2)
Dave Bergeron	(1)	Joe Larue	(1)
Frank Bohn	(2)	Linda Loeffler	(2)
Rachael Bryce	(1)	Carl Lorence	(1)
Jeff Buehler	(10)	Dick Martin	(1)
Ken Coughlin	(1)	Perry Mpreau	(1)
Pat Dematrician	(1)	Walt Natishyn	(2)
Susanne Donmoyer	(1)	Sue Peck	(1)
Mary Drury	(1)	Tom Scully	(5)
Pete Fleszar	(2)	Andrea Sederberg	(1)
Clarence Fredlund	(5)	Rob Shaw	(2)
Juliet Fuller	(1)	Barb Shock	(1)
Maura George	(1)	Steve Simpson	(1)
Brendan George	(1)	Louise Sis	(1)
Shawn Gimble	(2)	Thyra Sperry	(2)
Jane Greber	(6)	Gerald Stehr	(1)
Randy Greber	(1)	Jeffrey Stehr	(1)
Barb Harvey	(2)	John Stein	(1)
Sam Harvey	(2)	Barb Strock	(1)
Jonathan Heilman	(1)	Elizabeth Teen	(1)
Mark Holmgren	(1)	Jane Webster	(3)
Katie Jones	(6)	Will Webster	(5)
Christy Jones	(3)	Craig Zindler	(4)

[Ridgerunner]

Also participating in a club work weekend were students from Messiah College and Dickinson College Outing Clubs. Thank you, everyone, for volunteering to help maintain our Club's section of the Appalachian Trail.

The SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, INC.

Visit our web site at www.libertynet.org/susqatc

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