



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE. PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE ON THE ADDRESS LABEL.

You are encouraged to pay dues for more than one year to reduce the paperwork for yourself and the Club.

To pay your dues, please use the form on the last page of this BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

Please sign the form and print clearly your name(s) and other information requested.

SEE END OF SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION and CODES FOR HIKES

<u>March 2</u> Sunday 9:00AM	B+ 5.5 miles 40 hwy miles	<u>Peters Mountain</u> Moderate pace with a good climb. Some rocky terrain. Bring water & lunch. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> 9:30am at south end of Clarks Ferry Bridge. Leader: Richard Green, (717) 671-8744.
<u>March 8</u> Saturday 9:00AM	B+ 1 mile 40 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u> Weather permitting, we will start a short relocation south of the PA Rt. 325 crossing. Rock work, sidehill digging, and clearing the route. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Tools provided. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> parking area at Rts. 225 & 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281; email: ATHIKERJB@aol.com
<u>March 9</u> Sunday 1:00PM	B+ 5-6 miles 40 hwy miles	<u>Mount Holly Preserve – Lamberton, Marsh and Ridge Trails</u> Get out of the house for an afternoon of vigorous hiking. 800-foot elevation gain on this hike with a long, steady climb to the top of the trail system. Bring snacks, water & good shoes. Leader: Sam Barker, 249-6727
<u>March 15</u> Saturday 8:00AM	E+ 15 miles 40 hwy miles	<u>Mount Holly Preserve to White Rocks</u> Fast pace (3 mph) with several steep climbs. Bring lunch, water & snacks. Leader: Tom Scully, (W) 774-7543, (H) 671-8241; email: scully@rjfisher.org
<u>March 15</u> Saturday 9:00AM	D 10 miles Zero drive miles	<u>Hershey Area Hike</u> Meet at front parking lot of CocoaPlex Center near Giant Food Supermarket (<i>NOT Giant Center</i>) on Rt. 74 (<i>NOT truck route 743</i>) 0.5 miles south of Rt. 322 in Derry Township PA (<i>formerly called Hershey</i>). <u>No alternate meeting place.</u> Optional local lunch restaurant stop or bring food. Bring water. Leader: John Stein, (717) 533-3679; email: johnwstein@cs.com

NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION MAY 1, 2003

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e-mail bushwack@mail.com

<u>March 22</u> Saturday 9:00AM	1 mile 40 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u> Weather permitting, work will continue on relocation south of the PA Rt. 325 crossing. Rock work, sidehill digging & clearing the route. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Tools provided. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> parking area at Rts. 225 & 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281; email: ATHIKERJB@aol.com
<u>March 22</u> Saturday 5:30PM		<u>Annual SATC Banquet and Election of Officers and Directors</u> For more information, see article on pages 8 & 9.
<u>March 23</u> Sunday 9:00AM	C+ 7+ miles 80 hwy miles	<u>Sunset Rocks</u> Moderate pace with some scrambling over boulders. Copperhead habitat. Bring lunch & water. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> Pine Grove Stack Furnace parking lot at 9:45AM. Leaders: Pat Harhi, 697-0648 & John Zinn
<u>March 29</u> Saturday 8:00AM	E+ 16 miles 120 hwy miles	<u>Conestoga and Mason-Dixon Trail</u> Fast pace with several steep climbs and descent. Rocky terrain. Leader: Tom Scully, (W) 774-7534, (H) 671-8241; email: scully@rjfisher.org
<u>March 30</u> Sunday 1:00PM	B+ or D+ 3-4 or 9 miles 30 hwy miles	<u>Installation of Officers and Directors – Hawk Rock</u> Climb the AT to a beautiful view at Hawk Rock where the Club was founded. Then return by the same route or continue on for a 9-mile hike. Bring snacks & water. Leader: Katie Barker, 249-6727 and Barbara Harvey, 766-7868
<u>April 1</u> Tuesday 6:30PM		<u>Quarterly Board Meeting</u> Members are welcome to attend. Location: East Shore Area Library, Room B, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA. Tel. 652-9380
<u>April 5</u> Saturday 9:00AM	1 mile 40 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u> Weather permitting, work will continue on relocation south of the PA Rt. 325 crossing. Rock work, sidehill digging, and clearing the route. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Tools provided. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> parking area at Rts. 225 & 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30AM. Leader: Jeff Beuhler, 657-8281; email: ATHIKERJB@aol.com .
<u>April 4,5,6</u>		<u>KTA Spring meeting</u> Yesterday's Hotel, Renovo, PA. Contact Katie Barker, 249-6727 for info on this hiking weekend in a pretty part of Pennsylvania.
<u>April 5</u> Saturday	E+ Call Leader 22-23 miles	<u>Tuscarora Forest – 4 Ridges Variation Western Perry County Tuscarora Trail Loop</u> Rocky, grueling hike. Bring water & food. Expect 10 hours of hiking with minimal breaks. Must pre-register with leader by April 4. Leader: Karen Balaban, (717) 234-3357. email: kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
<u>April 8</u> Tuesday 7:00PM		<u>Spring Meeting for All Members and Guests</u> The evening will begin with a special reception for new, prospective and current members. Hike scheduling for the June/August quarter. Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Ave, New Cumberland.
<u>April 12</u> Saturday	E+ 20 miles Call leader	<u>Appalachian Trial – Lehigh Gap to Wind Gap</u> Strenuous, steep hike with 2.5 mile per hour pace. 1,000-foot elevation gain at beginning. Bring food & water. Possible overnight on Friday. Must pre-register with leader by April 10. Leader Karen Balaban, (717) 234-3357; email: kmbalaban@balabanllc.com

<u>April 19</u> Saturday 9:00AM	1 mile 40 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u> Weather permitting, work will continue on relocation south of the PA Rt. 325 crossing. Rock work, sidehill digging & clearing the route. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Tools provided. <u>Alternate meeting place:</u> parking area at Rts. 225 & 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30AM. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281; email: ATHIKERJB@aol.com
<u>April 23</u> Wednesday 9:00AM	B 5 miles 4 hwy miles	<u>Old Darlington Trail at Miller's Gap to AT Scott Farm</u> Moderate pace with one steep descent on a good trail (AT). Bring lunch or snacks & water. Meeting Place: Rts. 114 & 81 north-side commuter lot. Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261; email: HIKESPERRY@aol.com
<u>April 27</u> Sunday 1:00PM	B+ 6 miles 50 hwy miles	<u>Bluebell Hike</u> Hike on the AT from Rt. 850 to Bernheisel Bridge Road (Scott Farm). Two moderate climbs and one steep descent. Bring snacks & water. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>May 4</u> 9:00AM Sunday	Hike mileage varies 20 hwy miles	<u>Darling Trail Work Trip</u> Work as needed on various projects. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Call leader for possible alternate meeting place. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281; email ATHIKERJB@aol.com
<u>May 7</u> Wednesday 10:00AM	A 3 miles zero hwy miles	<u>Walk through historic Belle Vue Park</u> On winding roads and path. Easy pace. One small hill. Meet at statue in front of Civil War Museum. Bring lunch & water Leaders Phil & Mary Walsh, 234-5307
<u>May 10</u> Saturday 8:00AM	E+ 16 miles 180 hwy miles	<u>Link Trail Near Greenwood Furnace</u> Very fast pace over rocky terrain. Bring lunch, water & a lot of stamina. Leader: Tom Scully (W) 774-7534, (H) 671-8241; email: scully@rjfisher.org
<u>May 11</u> Sunday 10:00AM	B+ 5 miles 30 hwy miles	<u>Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week – Darlington Trail Hike</u> Celebrate Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week and Mother's Day on the Darlington Trail. Hike from Lambs Gap Road to a pretty stream at Bryson Hollow. One good climb. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Katie Barker, 249-6727
<u>May 10 & 11</u> Saturday & Sunday	Possible hiking 150-200 hwy miles	<u>Wellsboro PA Horseback Expedition</u> Overnight 2-day horseback expedition includes guides, all food & camping gear (Bring sleeping bag.). Horses included, also. Call before March 1 for discount Contact Sylvia Miller, 533-5422 for more info. email: HIKER@paonline.com
<u>May 17</u> Saturday 6:30PM	D+ 10 miles 30 hwy miles	<u>Full Moon Anniversary Hike – Stony Mountain Fire Tower</u> Bring a flashlight, water & hors d'oeuvres to share. We will stay a while & watch the moon rise over the fire tower. One very long, very rocky & strenuous climb. Moderate to fast pace. Hiking boots a must for this one. Leaders: Jane & Randy Greber, 766-1913
<u>May 18</u> Sunday 9:00AM	Hike mileage varies 20 hwy miles	<u>Darlington Trail Work Trip</u> Work as needed on various projects. Bring lunch, water & work gloves. Call leader for possible alternate meeting place. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281; email: ATHIKERJB@aol.com
<u>May 23</u> Friday 7:00PM	BUSHWACK BULLETIN MAILING	<u>Many Volunteers Needed to Assemble Bushwack Bulletin for Mailing.</u> If you can help or have questions, please contact Susanne Donmoyer at 545-5308. Advance notice would be appreciated. Assembly will be done at the Cleve J. Fredericksen Library, 100 N. 19 th Street, Camp Hill.

CLUB NOTICES

HIKING IN COLORADO/ WYOMING

If anyone has interest in dayhiking in eastern Colorado, Rocky Mountains or the Tetons in July or August, please e-mail Bonnie Booth at:

BonnieBooth@paonline.com

or drop a line to Bonnie Booth, 508 Cambridge Court, Palmyra, PA 17078.

THANK YOU

Long time member Loretta Cairo wishes to thank all who visited, called, sent cards, notes etc. and expressed condolences in any way on the death of her husband Richard. All these sentiments were comforting, consoling and sincerely appreciated.

MEMBERS' USE STOVE

Dick Martin has donated a two- burner Coleman gasoline (white) fueled stove to the club. It is for the use of S.A.T.C. members and is currently stored at Barbara & Sam Harvey's home.

FARM SHOW BOOTH A SUCCESS

S.A.T.C. volunteers again distributed hundreds of copies of S.A.T.C. and Keystone Trails Association brochures and map at the Farm Show in Harrisburg this January. Carl Lorence made all the arrangements for the booth and the display and Sylvia Miller recruited and informed the volunteers. Much appreciation goes to Carl, Sylvia and all the S.A.T.C. members who staffed the booth:

Tim Bachmann	Kathy Creola	Mark Kraynak	Jeanne Schopf	Barbara Van Horn
Karen Balaban	Phillip Day	Kristen Kyler	Gloria See	Mary Walsh
Katie Barker	Susanne Donmoyer	Sybil Lamm	Rick Sis	Phil Walsh
Donna Bashore	Janet Eshleman	Carl Lorence	Janice Slaybaugh	Jane Webster
Lisa Becker	Clarence Fredlund	Dick Martin	Thrya Sperry	Will Webster
Frank Bohn	Terry Godar	Roxanne McMillan	Linda Suarez	Jeff Willard
Jeff Buehler	Pat Harhi	Claudia Merwin	Linda Surak	Mikki Williams
Loretta Cairo	Ilse Heine	Sylvia Miller	Ray Swingholm	Patricia Wright
Chris Champion	Cindy Isaacman	Louise O'Neal	Tamara Tosto	John Zerphey
Fred Cox	Bob Keyes	Anna Pruett	Park Trullinger	John Zinn

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT FOR 2002

The following is a breakdown of volunteer hours expended on trails that our club helps to build and maintain for the year 2002. These hours have been tallied from club worktrip logs/reports, time spent by participants at club and Appalachian Trail Conference planning meetings, and individual volunteers who have reported their hours. Hours include estimated travel time.

Appalachian Trail	872 hours
Victoria Trail	478 hours
Darlington Trail	92 hours
Horseshoe Trail	86 hours
Ibberson Conservation Area Trails	108 hours
Boyd Conservation Area Trails	78 hours

These volunteer hours will be reported to the Keystone Trails Association, which compiles hours from organizations and individuals on a statewide basis and forwards that total to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Jeff Buehler,
S.A.T.C. Trailmaster

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SATC members,

First, please send in your SATC dues by March 31st. That's when the dues year ends for all members. Check your address label to see when your membership expires. If you send your renewal form and your banquet reservation form in the same envelope, you can write just one check and save the cost of the second envelope and stamp too!

On March 22nd, our banquet speaker, Bruce Dunlavy will be using two projectors to show us some special scenes of the Continental Divide Trail. The banquet will also see the first round of awards from the new "Hours of Service" program sponsored by the National Park Service as well as SATC's own awards.

New Bushwack Editors!

I'm pleased to announce that we have a new editor for the Bushwack Bulletin. Allison MacGillivray is a new member who has already been on several hikes. She moved here recently from New Zealand and will be working in Lemoyne for a dairy ingredients company until June 2005. Allison has previous experience including two years of typesetting and writing for her college magazine in New Zealand. She was also in a group that designed a volunteer newsletter for the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington.

Allison will be assisted by Carole Baker, another new member who has newsletter (and trail maintenance!) experience and will be laying out and proofreading the hike schedule and sending it to Allison. Carole may also assist Allison in other ways. For the time being, Sam Barker will still compile the schedule and recruit leaders to fill in the holes.

Many thanks to Fred Cox for his excellent work as editor and his assistance in this transition. We're glad to have Fred stay involved by continuing to maintain the Club member database.

New Tools, New Trails

SATC trailmaster Jeff Buehler has used SATC funds and matching grant money from the Appalachian Trail Conference to purchase new trail tools. Purchases include picks, hammers, chisels and safety gear. Jeff reports that SATC workers put in 666.4 trail maintenance hours this past year, most recently on the Victoria Trail and the Ibberson White Tail Trail extension.

Trail Maintenance Leader Needed

We're looking for an SATC member to replace John Stein as trip leader for the maintenance of SATC's section of the HorseShoe trail. Contact John if you are interested or have questions about the job (533-3679). John plans to step down in September and will work with a replacement until then.

Two trail-celebrating events

SATC will mark National Trails Day, sponsored by the American Hiking Society, on Saturday June 7th with a special work trip to highlight the work volunteers do to keep our trails open. Ours will be just one of many NTD events held nationwide. In 2002, over 1 million trail users attended a National Trails Day event.

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We'll mark Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week, May 10–18th, sponsored by the Keystone Trails Association and Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with a special hike that we hope will inspire others to hike and care for our states many trails. See the hike schedule for details.

Downloadable Application and Map

Thanks to webmaster Pete Fleszar and to club member Rob Shaw, SATC's membership application can be downloaded from our website. If you meet someone who's interested in hiking, you can steer him or her to <http://www.libertynet.org/susgadc/join.html> so that they can send in their \$7 right away! The entire brochure, including the topographical map, for the recently relocated Darlington Trail is now on our website as well at <http://www.libertynet.org/susgadc/Darlington.PDF>.

Hike Leaders needed in New Hampshire

If you are planning to attend the biennial Appalachian Trail Conference in Waterville New Hampshire this summer (July 26 through August 1, 2003) and have some hike leading experience, consider contacting Ed Hawkins of the Appalachian Mountain Club to volunteer to co-lead, with an AMC member on one of the many hikes to be offered to participants that week. Ed can be reached at (603) 887-4948 or at hiker.ed@prodigy.net. Over 160 hikes of all levels of difficulty will be led that week, so they'll need lots of help. (We know this from having organized the hikes for the 2001 conference here in Pennsylvania!)

Volunteer Vacations

Want to travel in the U.S. and maintain trails too? Check out the American Hiking Society at <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/vv/index.html> and click on "search" (with or without specifying terms) to see the list of vacation work trips available. There's even one in Hawaii!

Did you know?

2002 Appalachian Trail thru-hiker Gary Monk clicked off every blaze as he hiked from Georgia to Maine. Counting double blazes as two, he found that our Trail is marked with exactly 82,366 white blazes!

The center of the AT is always moving, due to relocations. At last measurement, the official center point was almost exactly in front of the Ironmaster's Mansion Hostel at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the official length of the trail was 2,172.6 miles. Of course that will have changed a bit by the time you read this!

See you on the trail!

Your president,

Katie Barker

ANNUAL BANQUET AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WHEN: Saturday, March 22, 2003
WHERE: Elizabethtown College

SOCIAL HOUR: 5.30pm
DINNER: 6.00pm

SPEAKER: The speaker for the banquet will be Bruce Dunlavy. Bruce will present a slide presentation on his hike of the Continental Divide Trail. He hiked the 2800 miles of the trail in 132 days. The slides are spectacular! Hope to see everyone at the banquet.

COST: \$11.00 per person

RESERVATIONS: Mail reservation using form attached to the front of this bulletin to arrive not later than March 14th to S.A.T.C., P.O. Box 61001, Harrisburg PA 17106-1001

DIRECTIONS TO ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE FROM HARRISBURG

Take Route 283 south to the Hershey-Elizabethtown exit.
Turn right off the exit onto Route 743 into town.
Go through five sets of traffic lights.
After the fifth light, keep to the left, go down a slight grade and turn left into College Avenue.

Go two blocks and turn right onto Mount Joy Street.
Go two more blocks and turn left onto Cedar Street.
Park in the Church of Brethren parking lot on your right, using the spaces farthest from the Church.

See the College's Myer Dining Hall on the left
Dinner is in the Susquehanna room.

COURSES

Wilderness First Aid

March 8-9: An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg, PA. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$140. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905, visit <http://wfa.net> or e-mail chris@wfa.net

April 26-27: Course repeats in Philadelphia, PA.

June 7-8: Course repeats in Philadelphia, PA

June 14-15: Course repeats in Harrisburg, PA.

Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards for 60 minutes or more from definitive medical treatment.

The Level 1: Chainsaw Training for Volunteers

"The Game of Logging" from the Nature Conservancy Location near Stroudsburg, PA.
Cost: FREE to volunteers who commit to at least one subsequent workday!
A grant will cover the normal \$100.

Contact (610) 834-1322 x122, icarroll@tnc.org or <http://nature.org/pennsylvania/volunteer>.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By-Laws Concerning the Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors:

Section 1 *Nominations*

The President shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall be chaired by a non-officer member of the Board of Directors, not later than sixty (60) days before the next succeeding annual meeting. The nominating committee shall notify all club members of the nominated persons at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. The nominating committee is limited to one nomination for each office and non-officer directorship. Additional nominations, which are reserved to the membership at large, may be submitted in writing to the nominating committee until one week prior to the annual meeting. No nominations are to be made nor accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 2 *Election of Officers and Non Officer Directors*

Election shall be at the annual meeting. If there is more than one nominee for any one office or non-officer directorship, the election shall be by secret ballot and by plurality vote.

Section 3 *Term of Office*

Officers shall be elected biannually, but the President and Vice President shall in no event serve more than two consecutive two-(2) year elected terms in their respective offices. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve successive terms without limitation. Non-officer members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by class to serve a two-year term, but they shall in no event serve more than two (2) consecutive elected terms.

Committee Report:

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club, the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, submits the following slate of nominees for your consideration to serve during the next two years.

Directors: Elbert S. Barker, III
Jonathan Kohn
Robert W. Keyes

In accordance with the bylaws, any member desiring to submit additional nominations may do so by submitting the nomination, in writing to any member of the Nominating Committee so as to reach the member of the Committee by Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Sylvia Miller, Chair
361 E. Derry Rd
Hershey, PA 17033-2715

Sam Harvey
19 Hemlock Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4712

John Lenahan
40 Circle Drive
Camp Hill, PA 170211-2607

Pete Fleszar
1075 Greenhill Drive
Hummelstown, PA 17036

NOTICES FROM OTHER HIKING CLUBS & AROUND PA

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (SC/MWROP) extends a cordial invitation to participate in the following hike:

Saturday May 24 -Tuesday May 27, 2003
Rambling through the Endless Mountains and Loyalsock Country, PA.

For a delightful Memorial Day holiday weekend, participate in two half-day hikes and two full-day hikes on the Loyalsock Trail (LT) in northeastern PA. The LT wends its way through Lycoming and Sullivan Counties' Endless Mountains' diverse, scenic and forested backcountry: sharp knobs, high plateaus and ridges, escarpments, and steep-sided ravines. Capacity: 10 capable mountain hikers.

To avoid being wait-listed, reserve early. Leader: Frank Wodarczyk. Details by prospectus: send business-size SASE to Event Administrator, Dick Terwilliger, 7339 Pinecastle Rd., Falls Church, VA 22043-3015, or by e-mail request to lourich77@aol.com.

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

www.patc.net

The PATC wants to protect the Tuscarora Trail through land acquisitions, or purchasing easements or rights-of-way. In addition PATC wants to buy land that can be used for a cabin site. While not required, it would be good if the land for the cabin provided easy hiking access to the Tuscarora Trail. The club has a cabin "kit" in storage and wants to get it built before it deteriorates. If anyone becomes aware of land that would meet the above purposes they can contact Wilson Riley, Director of Administration at PATC Headquarters, 118 Park Street SE, Vienna, VA 22180, 703--242-0693.

Keystone Trail Association (KTA) - 2003
April 4,5,6 Spring Meeting - Yesterday's Hotel, Renovo, PA

Oct 3,4,5 Fall Meeting - Fredericksburg, PA

For more information contact:

Katie Barker (717) 249-6727 barkerk@dickinson.edu

John Stein (717) 533-3679 johnwstein@cs.com

Do You Want to Be a Landowner Along the Appalachian Trail? And Have a Home in the Woods!

Are you in a position to become a Conservation Buyer through the Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust? Our program matches conservation buyers -- people like you -- with people who are selling land along the A.T. You locate your home or cabin out of sight from the Trail. All we ask is that you donate a conservation easement on the rest of the property. A conservation easement "runs with the land;" that is, no present or future owner can develop it!

AND, because an easement is an irrevocable gift of a property right, you get a nice income tax deduction equal to the value of the easement.

Contact Bob Williams, Director of Land Trust Programs, at bwilliams@appalachiantrail.org, (304) 535-6331, or write to P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

National Trails Day **Saturday, June 7, 2003**

This year's National Trail Day events will include maintenance activities on our club's section of the Appalachian Trail. More details will be in next Bushwack Bulletin and Web site. Put this date on your calendar now!

Three New Hiking Awards

The Youth Award, sponsored by the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) for ages 12 and under, requires that the child hike 25 miles on any trail in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Award will be offered by KTA to anyone who hikes 500 miles of trail found in KTA's Pennsylvania Hiking Trails handbook (for sale on the application form on the last page of this bulletin). Hikers don't have to hike an entire trail for this new award. Find info on KTA's other awards at <http://www.kta-hike.org/awards.htm>

The DCNR State Forest Challenge Award is a new recognition program for those individuals completing all 780 miles of Pennsylvania's state forest hiking trail system. "For many, hiking the entire system will be a challenge spread out over many months and possibly years," DCNR Secretary John Oliver said when announcing the program. "However long, it is a worthy accomplishment just the same, and one that should be applauded."

The 18 State Forest Hiking Trails are generally longer, more rugged wilderness trails than other hiking opportunities offered in Pennsylvania's state forests and parks. The 18 trails making up the state forest hiking trail system are the Baker Trail, Black Forest Trail, Bucktail Path, Chuck Keiper Trail, Donut Hole Trail, Golden Eagle Trail, John B. Saylor Memorial Trail, Lost Turkey Trail, Loyalsock Trail, Mid-State Trail, Old Loggers Path, Pinchot Trail, Quehanna Trail, Rocky Knob Trail, Susquehannock Trail, Thunder Swamp Trail, Tuscarora Trail, and the West Rim Trail.

Hikers completing all 780 miles of the system will be awarded a certificate, patch and ceremonial wooden walking stick at the Keystone Trails Association's annual dinner each fall. There is no requirement on sequence, direction, speed and length of time to complete the system. For more information, hikers can visit the PA PowerPort at <http://www.state.pa.us> PA Keyword: "hiking trails." The website provides links to information on each trail, and well as an application to claim the award. For more information, contact Matt Beaver at (717) 783-7941.

KTA Trail Care Crew Schedule

Below is a list of coming trail workweeks and weekends sponsored by the Keystone Trails Association. Call the trip leader for details. No experience or special skills necessary!

Dates	Location	Trip Leader
March 28-30	Raccoon State Park	Mary Pitzer, (412) 279-7154
April 11-13	Link Trail	Mike Sausser, (570) 739-4803
May 16-18	Donut Hole Trail	Joe Healey, (570) 655-4979
June 3-8	Quehanna Trail	Ralph Seeley, (814) 692-8223
June 10-15	Chuck Keiper Trail	Rich Scanlon, (717) 242-1644
June 13-15	Chuck Keiper Trail	Rich Scanlon, (717) 242-1644
June 18-22	Mid State Trail Northern Extension	Pete Fleszar, (717) 583-2093
July 19-21	Bucktail Path	Dave McMillan (717) 242-1644
August	To be announced	
September 12-14	North Country Trail	Bob Tait, (724) 287-3382
October 24-26	Mid State Trail Southern Extension	John Stein, (717) 533-3679
November 7-9	Quehanna Trail	Ralph Seeley, (814) 692-8223

Six-year Experiment Ends; ATVs Banned from Rails-Trails

Dust, noise, trespass and safety problems doom sharing with bikers, walkers and equestrians

The Susquehanna County Rail-Trail Council included Snowmobile use in their master plan, with an excellent partnership with Northeast PA Sno-Trails snowmobile club. Many local ATV owners, however, were angered that they were not included. In response, RTC decided on an experiment to see if ATV use could be compatible with the walkers, equestrians and bicyclists on their popular rails-trails.

An ATV group agreed to regulate & patrol ATV use on the trail. 500 passes per year were issued by the ATV club for \$20 each. Despite an honest six-year effort, the dust, noise, trespass and safety issues could not be resolved; hiker and bicyclist users did not feel safe sharing a pathway with ATVs.

Lynn Conrad, RTC project manager, said "Our trails became overrun with ATVs, many of whom did not get the mandatory trail pass which also came with rules and regulations. "We began to lose our long-supportive members and many were afraid to ride bikes out on the trail."

The Rail-Trail Council voted 30 - 3 to ban ATVs on the Rails-Trails. A letter was sent to ATV clubs informing them of the reasons for the ban; the new regulations took effect on December 15, 2002. Ms. Conrad commented "I think the 'experiment' illustrates the need for ATV specific trails AND the need for stricter regulations. A small non-profit, volunteer-based organization could not safely handle the situation."

Trail Conservation Corporation was formed 10 years ago to assist the Rail-Trail Council with railbed acquisition. They succeeded in developing the D&H and O&H railroad beds into a popular Rails-Trails. Visit their website at <http://www.nepa-rail-trails.org>

State Forest Maps On-line

Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation of Natural Resources, DCNR, has now placed all of the state forest maps on their web site www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/maps.htm. This should be very helpful to hikers since DCNR has been revising and updating many of the maps in the past few years.

State Game Land Maps are also available at http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/PGC/SGL

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