



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 complete the form on the last page of this BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

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


Send your annual membership dues with your reservation for the SATC annual banquet and save an extra check, stamp and envelope!

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

<u>March 5</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip Peter's Mountain</u> Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com .
<u>March 6</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-B-5 30 hwy miles	<u>Pinchot Ramble</u> Hike on various trails in Pinchot State Park. Trails are often wet, so good footwear is a must. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>March 7</u> Monday 6:30 PM	2-A-2 0 hwy miles	<u>Hershey After Dinner Walk</u> Moderate pace. Walk through downtown Hershey to walk off dinner pounds and sleep restfully. Meet only at Sorrento's Pizza (downtown Hershey) parking lot in rear. These walks will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through March and April. See special note following the hiking schedule. Leader: Sylvia Miller, 533-5422, hiker@paonline.com
<u>March 12</u> Saturday 8:00 AM	4-E-14 75 hwy miles	<u>Swatara Gap to Gold Mine</u> Very fast-paced strenuous hike with several major climbs, on marked and unmarked trails, some bushwhacking. Bring lunch, water, energy snacks. Leader: Tom Scully, 576-0324(H), 774-7534 (W), scully@rjfisher.org
<u>March 13</u> Sunday 8:00 AM	1-A-6 250 hwy miles	<u>President's Hide and Seek</u> Hike around Washington, D.C. to visit the Presidential monuments. If weather is too wet or cold, we will visit the Smithsonian Museums. Bring water and lunch. Optional dinner stop before returning to Harrisburg around 7:00 PM. Leader: Allison MacGillivray, 649-4208, bushwack@mail.com
<u>March 17</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	2-A-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake</u> Meet ONLY at Wild Nature Center at Wildwood Lake. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>March 19</u> Saturday 8:00 AM	4-B-9 160 hwy miles	<u>C & O Towpath (MD)</u> (rescheduled from January 8 th) Hike along the C & O towpath starting at Four Locks (MP 107) with a side trip to Fort Frederick (MP 112), originally built in 1755, ending at Licking Creek Aqueduct (MP 116). Meet ONLY at parking area on PA Route 114 West off exit 57 of I-81. Dress warm, pack lunch and bring water. Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
<u>March 19</u> Saturday 1:00 PM	2-B-2.5  0 hwy miles	<u>Casey's Dog Hike/Lower Allen Community Park</u> Hike with your dog on a number of trails starting at the parking lot near entrance. Bring treats and water. Expect some lower creek trails to be wet. End at the Doggie Dugout (fenced in dog park). Meet ONLY at Lower Allen Community Park (parking lot at entrance) Lisburn Road. Leaders: Casey Harhi/John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, pzinn@comcast.net
<u>March 19</u> Saturday 6:00 PM		<u>SATC ANNUAL BANQUET</u> Hike or ride to Geo's Family Restaurant on Allentown Blvd. for a robust buffet with stuffed boneless chicken breast and cheese lasagna, potatoes, vegetables, salad, desert, coffee, tea and fruit punch. Check the Banquet article on page 8 for further details.

<u>March 20</u> Sunday 8:00 AM	2-D-8.5 100 hwy miles	<u>Pulpit Rock & the Pinnacle</u> Moderate pace, one steep climb over rocky terrain. The Pinnacle is one of the most famous views on the Appalachian Trail in PA. Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place is the Hamburg Reservoir at 9:15 AM. Leader: Richard Green, 671-8744
<u>March 23</u> Wednesday 9:30 AM	2-B-5 10 hwy miles	<u>The AT on Peter's Mountain</u> Hike from Route 325 to Shikellamy Trail and return. There is a good climb from the valley on some new trail. Bring lunch and water. Meet ONLY at Routes 325-225 (Dauphin) parking area. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>March 29</u> Tuesday 9:00 AM	2-C-6.6 30 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail/Hunter's Run Road to Laurel Lake</u> Tour Tagg Run Shelter. Bring lunch and water. Meet ONLY at Mid-Atlantic AT office across from the Post Office in Boiling Springs (Route 174). Leader: Dick Martin, 258-5261, hikesperry@aol.com
<u>March 31</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	2-C-3-4 10 – 20 hwy miles	<u>Mystery Hike</u> Hike on trails. Hiking boots and water necessary. Some hills. Optional lunch at area restaurant. Meet ONLY at Fort Hunter Barn. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458, bvhbarb@pa.net
<u>April 1,2,3</u>		<u>Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend</u> Stay at the Yesterday's Hotel, Renovo, PA. Share meals, a variety of hikes and a Saturday evening program with hikers from all over Pennsylvania. Contact Barbara Harvey, 766-7868 for information on this fun hiking weekend in a pretty part of Pennsylvania or see KTA's website where registration information will be posted: http://www.kta-hike.org .
<u>April 2</u> Saturday 10:00 AM	2-B-4 15 hwy miles	<u>Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area</u> Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>April 3</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	3-C-8 90 hwy miles	<u>Rausch Gap and Stagecoach Loop</u> Hike from Goldmine Parking Lot to Rausch Gap. South on AT; after shelter loop around north of Sharp Mountain. Complete loop on Stagecoach Trail and Goldmine Creek. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Rod Manweiler, 776-3172, manweiler@pa.net
<u>April 9</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip, Stony/Sharp Mts.</u> Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>April 10</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-C-3-4 or 3-C-9 30 hwy miles	<u>Installation of 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 and water. Leaders: Barbara Harvey, 766-7868 and Kris Kyler, 986-3114
<u>April 13</u> Wednesday 6:30 PM	Members and Guests Meeting	<u>Spring Meeting for Members and Guests</u> The meeting will feature refreshments for new, prospective and current members, hike scheduling for the June, July and August quarter and a special presentation – check Spring Meeting article in bulletin for more details. NEW LOCATION: GANDER MOUNTAIN STORE'S LODGE AT 5005 JONESTOWN ROAD, HARRISBURG. Contact: Barbara Harvey, 766-7868

<u>April 16</u> Saturday 8:30 AM	1-B-3 70 hwy miles	<u>Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Walk</u> Slow toddler-driven pace to view the wonderful wildflowers of this secluded spot near the Susquehanna River south of Lancaster. Meet ONLY at Giant parking lot; corner Cocoa Ave. & Fishburn Rd. (PA 743) south of Hershey. Leader: Laurel Fleszar, 583-2093, laurel@fleszar.org
<u>April 17</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-E-5 50 hwy miles	<u>White Rocks</u> Hike from Children's Lake in Boiling Springs along the Appalachian Trail to Center Point Knob. Then climb over some wonderfully rugged boulders on the White Rocks side trail. Leader: Katie Barker, 249-6727
<u>April 19</u> Tuesday 9:00 AM	2-B-6 0 hwy miles	<u>Shelter Hike</u> Walk on Club's section of the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain. Bring lunch and water. Meet ONLY at the parking lot at the intersection of Routes 225 and 325. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, pzinn@comcast.net .
<u>April 23</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip, Stony/Sharp Mts.</u> Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>April 23</u> Saturday 5:30 PM	3-D-10 30 hwy miles	<u>Full Moon Anniversary Hike – Stony Mountain Fire Tower</u> Bring a flashlight, water and hors d'oeuvres to share. Wear sturdy hiking boots. One very long, strenuous climb. Plan to stay awhile and watch the moon rise over the fire tower. Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913
<u>April 24</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-C-6 50 hwy miles	<u>Bluebell Hike</u> Appalachian Trail, Rte 850 to the Conodoguinet crossing (Scott Farm); two moderate climbs and one steep descent. Bring water and snacks. A large stand of Virginia bluebells is typically in bloom on this weekend. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>April 28</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	1-A-3 – 4 0 hwy miles	<u>Duncannon History Hike</u> Walk around Duncannon mostly in town. See historical spots and new mural. Optional lunch at local spot. Sneakers OK. Meet ONLY at Duncannon Sled Works near Tower. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458, bvhbarb@pa.net
<u>April 30</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	2-B-3 16 hwy miles	<u>Governor Stable Llama Hike with Lunch Supplied</u> Picnic will be furnished (\$3.00). Call hike leader to take part. Meet ONLY at Olmstead Plaza, Rte 230, front lot next to M & T Bank. Two llamas will pack in lunch. Camera opportunity at rock formations and caves. Alternate Meeting Place at 9:45 Governor Stable Park parking lot (From Rt. 441 turn left onto Turnpike Rd. After 1 mile past Falmouth Store turn right onto Governor Stable Road). Leader: John Zerpey, 939-9082
<u>May 1</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	1-C-3.3 17 hwy miles	<u>Second Mountain/Dauphin Narrows</u> Slow pace but steep 900 ft. climb to a great view of Harrisburg and Dauphin narrows. Must have good hiking boots. Bring water and a snack. Hiking pole(s) and camera recommended. Leaders: Terry and Wanda Godar, 502-1034, tgodar@verizon.net
<u>May 8</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip, Stony/Sharp Mts.</u> Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>May 10</u> Tuesday 5:30 PM	3-D-5 0 hwy miles	<u>After Work Hike: Victoria—AT—Whitetail Trails</u> Hike up over ridge to Ibberson Conservation Area and back. Meet ONLY at PA Routes 225 & 325 (Dauphin) parking lot. Bring water. May finish around dusk. Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com

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| <u>May 12</u>
Thursday
6:00 PM | 1-A-3
0 hwy miles | <u>New Cumberland Ice Cream Hike</u>
All are welcome on this moderately paced hike through the borough of New Cumberland on sidewalks. A good hike for children. Meet ONLY at 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland.
Leaders: Rick and Louise Sis, 774-0196 |
| <u>May 15</u>
Sunday
12:00 PM | 2-B-4
30 hwy miles | <u>Boiling Springs In and Out Hike</u>
Hike from Mid-Atlantic AT office. Bring water and snacks. Alternate Meeting Place: Mid-Atlantic AT office across from Post Office in Boiling Springs (PA 174) at 12:45.
Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318 |
| <u>May 16</u>
Monday
6:00 PM | 1-C-1.5
0 hwy miles | <u>Rock'n Tots in Perry County</u>
Take your tot out for a short walk over a pleasant rocky trail to a fine view! Please, at least one responsible adult per tot. Others willing to travel at a toddler's pace also welcome. Bring water and bite to eat. Meet ONLY at Waggoner's Gap Audubon Hawk Watch trailhead, PA 74 north of Carlisle just past the Blue/North Mountain summit on the right.
Leaders: Laurel Fleszar, 583-2093 and Kelly Barker, 249-6727 |
| <u>May 19</u>
Thursday
10:00 AM | 1-A&B-3
0 hwy miles | <u>Bellevue Park Stroll</u>
Easy walk with one small hill. Finish at Walsh's for lunch (bring sandwich). Meet ONLY at Civil War Museum at top of Reservoir Park.
Leaders: Mary and Phil Walsh, 234-5307 |
| <u>May 22</u>
Sunday
9:00 AM | 20 hwy miles | <u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip, Stony/Sharp Mts.</u>
Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option.
Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com |
| <u>May 24</u>
Tuesday
9:00 AM | 2-C-5
8 hwy miles | <u>Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area</u>
Hike on a myriad of trails and woods roads. Bring water, snacks and boots. Optional lunch stop after hike. Meet ONLY at Fort Hunter near the barn.
Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, pzinn@comcast.net . |
| <u>May 31</u>
Tuesday
5:30 PM | 1-A-3
0 hwy miles | <u>After Work Hike with State Representative Ron Buxton</u>
Enjoy the Harrisburg riverfront and City Island. Voice your concerns about Pennsylvania trails and the environment. Meet ONLY at PennDOT parking lot, 1101 S. Front St. (south of I-83 bridge). Optional: Albany Yankees v. Senators baseball game begins at 6:35 PM. Co-Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com |

Special Note: Sylvia Miller's hike for March 7 will continue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout March and April. Call Sylvia to confirm dates and times.



ADVANCE HIKING NOTICE

Beans Cove Anniversary Hiking Weekend (Bedford County, and Allegany County, Md.)
September 2-5, Friday-Monday of Labor Day Weekend
 Three moderate-fast, 9 to 11 mile, D and E rated hikes that is often rocky, and will require some bushwhacking (one day) to great scenery in this isolated area along the Mason-Dixon Line 2.5 hours southwest of Harrisburg. The first few with their \$30 deposit can stay in a chalet in Rocky Gap State Park, Maryland. Other lodging options include a public and a private campground, and an AAA 4-diamond rated resort. More information will follow. Contact Krista Cessna or Peter Fleszar, 583-2093, peter@fleszar.org

GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION



1. MEETING LOCATION

Unless otherwise noted in the hike schedule, all hikes on weekends and holidays leave from **Fisher Plaza** (entrance to the State Library, access from 7th Street) behind the State Capitol Building. Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site is the parking island in front of the East Gate Office Center on 7th Street, opposite the Herr Street underpass. Five additional minutes will be allowed for arrival at the alternate site.

2. TRANSPORTATION

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **5 cents** times the highway mileage shown in the hike schedule to help defray the costs of transportation.

3. REGISTRATION

All hikers are asked to register with the hike leader at Fisher Plaza or at the trailhead before starting any scheduled hike. Some hikes require advance registration with the hike leader, please check the schedule for this requirement.

4. NO PETS ALLOWED

5. PACK IN, PACK OUT (LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND)

6. SMOKING GUIDELINES

SATC prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during Club activities. Smokers are individually responsible for damage to the forests.

CODES FOR THE HIKEs

PACE Codes

- 1 - **Leisurely: nature or historical walk; frequent stops for observation**
- 2 - **Moderate: steady, 1 to 2 miles per hour (mph)**
- 3 - **Brisk: steady, 2 to 3 mph**
- 4 - **Fast: 3 to 4 mph; very short breaks; an anaerobic workout**

TERRAIN Codes

- A - Solid pavement/sidewalk**
- B - Soft ground/sand/carriage trails; nearly level; few rocks or obstructions (roots)**
- C - Some rocks/roots/obstructions; climbs and descents totaling up to 1000 feet possible**
- D - Steep hills, rocks/roots/obstructions likely; frequent climbs and descents with a total of more than 1000 feet**
- E - Extremely difficult; some or all of these features possible or likely: rough footing (rocks, roots); unbridged stream crossings; non technical rock climbing/scrambling; boulder fields; bushwhacking; individual climbs and descents over**

Mileage – Estimated by the hike leader

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

Marilyn Chastek
Dan Christopher
Kay & Chris Coyle
Diana Durbec
James C. Logan
Joshua McKenney
Jill Osielski

Camp Hill
Jonestown
Lebanon
Harrisburg
Fredericksburg
Dauphin
Harrisburg

John & Annette Reiersen
Laura & Caroline Rhoads
Gregg Snyder
Jerrold A. Sulcove
Faith E. & David A. Wait
Colleen R. Wallace

Mechanicsburg
Hummelstown
Hopewell
Chambersburg
New Cumberland
Chambersburg

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SATC Members,

These next few years are going to be a time of great change for the hiking community. The Keystone Trail Association (KTA), of which our club is an affiliate, is going from a loosely connected group of hiking clubs to a real advocate for the preservation of Pennsylvania's hiking trails. The KTA is now actively seeking a paid executive director. It is hoped that this step will give us more presence on Capitol Hill as well as in the hiking community. Thyra Sperry is chairing a nominating committee to elect a board of directors for the organization. Anyone interested in serving on this board for KTA should see Thyra. It is hoped that with these changes to KTA all Pennsylvania trails can be preserved for future generations.

The Appalachian Trail Conference is in the process of changing its name to Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). This organization is now restructuring. It will now have a board of directors and Regional Partners. John Lenahan is our representative to the Regional Partners Committee. Again, the wish is to have more presence in the Capitol and in all of the communities along the trail. The board of directors primary job is to see that the ATC has adequate funding. The primary obligation of the Regional Partners is to identify problems along the trail corridor and to maintain the trail.

The club belongs to these two organizations but they also have individual memberships. If you are interested in joining on e or both, see one of the board members or Thyra for an application. The biennial Appalachian Trail Conference will be held on July 1st through the 8th in Johnson City, Tennessee. The KTA spring weekend is April 1st through the 3rd at Renovo, PA. Plan on attending! There are some great hiking opportunities.

*Happy Trails,
Barb Harvey*



To our hike leaders this past quarter: Karen Balaban, Frank Bohn, Suzanne Donmoyer, Janet Eshleman, Richard Green, John Lenahan, Allison MacGillivray, Dick Martin, Sylvia Miller, Sharon Shellenberger, Louise and Rick Sis, Thyra Sperry, John Stein, Ray Swingholm, Barbara Van Horn, Jeff Willard, Pat and John Zinn.

To these people who did trail work this quarter: Tim Backman, Jeff Buehler, Barb and Sam Harvey, Gary LaBelle, Josh McKinney, Tom Scully, John Stein, Jeff Willard.

To these people for volunteering to maintain a section of trail: Gary Alleman, Tim Bachman, Jack Bushey, Suzanne and Carl Donmoyer, Pete Fleszar, Barb and Sam Harvey, Dave Hrobouchak, Gary LaBelle, John Lenahan, Debbie Mabry, Pat Markovic Joshua McKinney, Charles Paul, Park Trullinger, Will and Jane Webster, Jeff Willard, Pat and John Zinn.

A special thanks to these folks:

John Zinn for volunteering to do the Bushwack.

Pat Zinn for being the hike coordinator

Thanks to all of the board members, folks serving on committees and those folks doing the specialized tasks.

Also, thanks to Sandy Kittle for organizing the Christmas Party and to Janet Eshleman, Mikki Williams, and Amber Yeager for pitching in and helping.

A reservation form is attached to the back of this issue of the Bushwack Bulletin; The payment is due by March 9th.

The meal will include a buffet with stuffed boneless chicken breast and cheese lasagna, potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and fruit punch.

Program includes awards and election of Directors.

Date: Saturday March 19th
Time: From 6pm
Venue: Geo's Family Restaurant
620 Allentown Blvd,
Cost: \$20 per person, the restaurant is BYOB



Harrisburg

Directions to Geo's: From I-81 take the 72A exit (Paxtonia)
Turn left onto Allentown Blvd (Route 22)
Restaurant is about one block on the left.

From Harrisburg the restaurant is about one block beyond the I-81 access on Allentown Blvd (Route 22).

ABOVE THE TREE LINE – WALTER NATISHYN

We regret to announce the death of long-time SATC club member Walter Natishyn on December 14, 2004 in Country Meadows of Hershey. Walter was born during 1920 in Scranton, PA. He was an honorary member of the Appalachian Trail. He was an avid hiker and outdoorsman who had hiked the entire Appalachian Trail. Additionally, he was a member of St. Ann's Byzantine Church In Harrisburg, the Conservancy Corps in the 1930s, the VFW, Harrisburg Singles Club and a volunteer for the Harrisburg Symphony.

Memorial contributions were made in the memory of Walter by Susanne and Carl Donmoyer, Lucille and Leon Schlabach, Tyra Sperry and Dick Martin. This money will be included in a SATC contribution to the Appalachian Trail Conference in memory of all the SATC hikers who have passed away within the last several years.

COURSES - Wilderness First Aid



March 19-20 and
June 18-19

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 \$160. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

JUNE 4, 2005

"TAKE THE PATH TO A HEALTHIER YOU"

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day is the only nationwide trails celebration, bringing together thousands of outdoor enthusiasts to participate in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects on the first Saturday of June. It also provides an opportunity to thank the volunteers, land managing agencies, and outdoor-minded businesses for their support in developing and maintaining trails.

National Trails Day (NTD) brings greater awareness to trails, along with their many benefits and pleasures. Whether the event involves one trail or a variety of activities, NTD is a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to trails. Many new trail users become dedicated to trails and their preservation once they get out and learn about them and they realize the many volunteer and paid hours required for creating the trails.

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: Jonathan Kohn
Richard W. Green
Stacey Creech

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 12, 2005.

Katie Barker, Chair
21 Kenwood Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-2112

Susanne Donmoyer
5801 Mayfair Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112-3136

Sam Barker
21 Kenwood Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-2112

NINTH YEAR OF THE KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW SET

The Keystone Trail Crew, sponsored by KTA, will again have three weeks of volunteer hiking trail maintenance in the month of June. The workweek will run from Wednesday through Sunday. The dates are:

June 8 thru June 12, Mid-State Trail Southern Extension
June 15 thru June 19, Mid State Trail Northern Extension
June 22 thru June 26, Chuck Keiper Trail.

Meals and lodging/campsites will be provided. If you can spare a week, volunteer a weekend or come for just a day or two, please think about signing up. No volunteer will be turned away. Forward all inquiries to Joe Healey, 93 Cedarwood Drive, Laflin, PA 18702, email jnlhealey@aol.com or feel free to call at (570) 655-4979. Detailed information and a map directing you to the respective lodging/campsite will then be forwarded.

KEYSTONE TRAIL MAINTENANCE - 2005

Further details at <http://www.kta-hike.org/ktacare.htm>

March 18-20 Keystone State Park

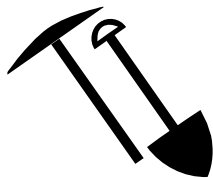
Lodging in heated park cabins.

Leader: Joe Healey, 570-655-4979

April 15-17 Link Trail

Camp at Rich Scanlon's cabin

Leader: Mike Sausser, 570-739-4803



May 13-15 Donut Hole Trail

Camp at Hyner Lodge

Leader: Joe Healey, 570-655-4979

TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

The response to the last two issues of the Bushwack Bulletin articles soliciting for volunteers for various sections of the different trails our club maintains, generated many inquiries from prospective trail maintainers. At this point, volunteers have filled all of the trail sections that were available; many of who are frequent participants of our club and/or other trail maintaining organization trail work trips. Some have varied and extensive trail work experience and all indicated a commitment to helping maintain the trails the club is responsible for. Those volunteers that did not receive a trail section will be kept on a list and notified of any trail section relinquishments or newly added trail sections in the future. Thanks to all who responded and volunteered.

A newly constructed local hiking trail is now open to the public to enjoy. The trail is known as the Whitetail Trail and was built by volunteers of the Susquehanna A.T. Club (S.A.T.C.) over the past three years. It is located on Peter's Mountain in the Joseph E. Ibberson Conservation Area which was the first statewide conservation area designated by the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks. Permission for this project was obtained from staff at Little Buffalo State Park, who administers the Ibberson Conservation Area. Club member Tom Scully designed the trail and supervised its construction, along with obtaining approval for it. Tom, along with a handful of club volunteers, put in many hours constructing the trail, which involved arduous side hill digging and rockwork. For Tom and the other volunteers, it was another "Outdoor fun and exercise" project that will benefit the hiking public by providing one more trail to hike and explore. (See "New Hiking Opportunities" article and accompanying map on Whitetail Trail for more specific information).

This past November 20, 2004, at the board meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference (A.T.C.), a very significant event transpired when that organization, which coordinates the work of all affiliated Appalachian Trail maintaining organizations, including the S.A.T.C., formally voted to assign trail maintenance and management responsibility of the former Brandywine Valley Outing Club's Appalachian Trail section to the S.A.T.C. The 11-mile trail section from PA. Rte. 325 to Rausch Gap is contiguous with our Club's Appalachian Trail section on Peter's Mountain. Karen Lutz, A.T.C. Mid-Atlantic Region Director, attended the S.A.T.C. board meeting in January and read the formal proclamation of the trail section turn-over. She emphasized the importance and significance of the additional trail section responsibility S.A.T.C. is now assuming. Changes in Appalachian Trail (A.T.) section assignments do not take place very often.

Many S.A.T.C. members are familiar with this section of the A.T. and know that it is one of the more challenging and remote sections of the A.T. in Pennsylvania. A walk-thru in May of last year showed the participants first hand of the many work projects needed to bring the section up to current A.T.C. trail maintenance standards. Specific problem areas were identified through a collection of trail assessment data. The S.A.T.C. will begin to address these areas starting this spring with club work trips planned using our trail work crew. We will start to tackle some of the erosion prone areas and also make sure the trail is cleared and blazed properly. In the fall we hope to be able to work with the A.T.C. Mid-Atlantic Trail Crew to solve some very involved drainage problem areas along the trail. We also want to be able to work with, and maintain good relations with our primary land managing partner for this section of the A.T., the Pennsylvania Game Commission. We will need their help for the long term in maintaining and managing the A.T. and its side trails.

Hope to see many old and new faces on our club work trips this year. We'll need you!

Jeff Buehler,
SATC Trailmaster



Club Historian Needed

SATC needs a club historian. This involves caring for the archives. We are seeking someone to organize the archives and keep them up to date. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Barbara Harvey bjaneharvey@aol.com or (717) 766-7868.

Database Manager Needed

We need a person or team of two to maintain the Club database which provides the vital address list for the quarterly mailing of the Bushwack Bulletin, information for the Directory and other needed data. Persons should have computer with email, have Microsoft Access, Excel and Word and have time to add records to the database for 100 or more new members each year and record about 500 dues payments. For more information contact Fred Cox jfc1000@aol.com or 717-731-9348. To volunteer contact Barbara Harvey bjaneharvey@aol.com 717-766-7868.

Shelter Committee Chairperson Needed

The S.A.T.C. is looking for a volunteer for the leadership position of the newly created Shelter Committee. The Shelter Committee will be responsible for maintaining and managing the Peter's Mountain shelter site, which includes the old and new shelters; the privy; the spring and side trail to it; and the immediate vicinity around the shelters. The committee chair should be willing to seek out and name other committee members that have an interest in the long term care of our club's only A.T. shelter site. Presently, the shelter site is maintained by the Trail Maintenance Committee (Trailmaster). For more information, please contact the club Trailmaster.

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New Hiking Opportunities

A newly constructed local hiking trail is now available for your enjoyment. It is located on Peters Mountain in the Joseph E. Ibberson Conservation Area. The trail is known as the Whitetail Trail, and is an extension of an existing State Park trail. Highlights of this pink-blazed route include the following: a young white pine grove; laurel groves; rock outcrops, old log skids; old mine pits; a view north to Powell's Valley, Dividing Ridge, and Berry Mountain at Elizabethville; and traverse of a talus slope. The newly constructed portion extends the Whitetail Trail up and over Peters Mountain, so it is physically challenging. The new trail connects with the Victoria Trail twice, and with our section of the Appalachian Trail on the ridgeline. This trail arrangement creates opportunities for loop hikes of various lengths, beginning from either the Ibberson Conservation Area parking lot, or from the Victoria Trail parking lot. A restroom, water fountain, and covered pavilion are available at the Ibberson parking area. Points of interest to access along the Appalachian Trail are Kinter View, 1.1 mile to the north, and Peters Mountain Shelter, 1.5 miles to the south from the Whitetail Trail junction.

The south end of the trail begins about halfway up the side of Peters Mountain at a switchback on the Victoria Trail. It enters a dense stand of young white pine as it meanders gradually uphill along the mountainside. Three interesting slabs of rock are passed along the way. It passes small mine pits near the top.

Vertical elevation gain from the Victoria Trail south intersection, to the A.T., is about 365 feet. Vertical elevation between the Victoria Trail north intersection to the AT is about 400 feet, but the north side is noticeably steeper because the

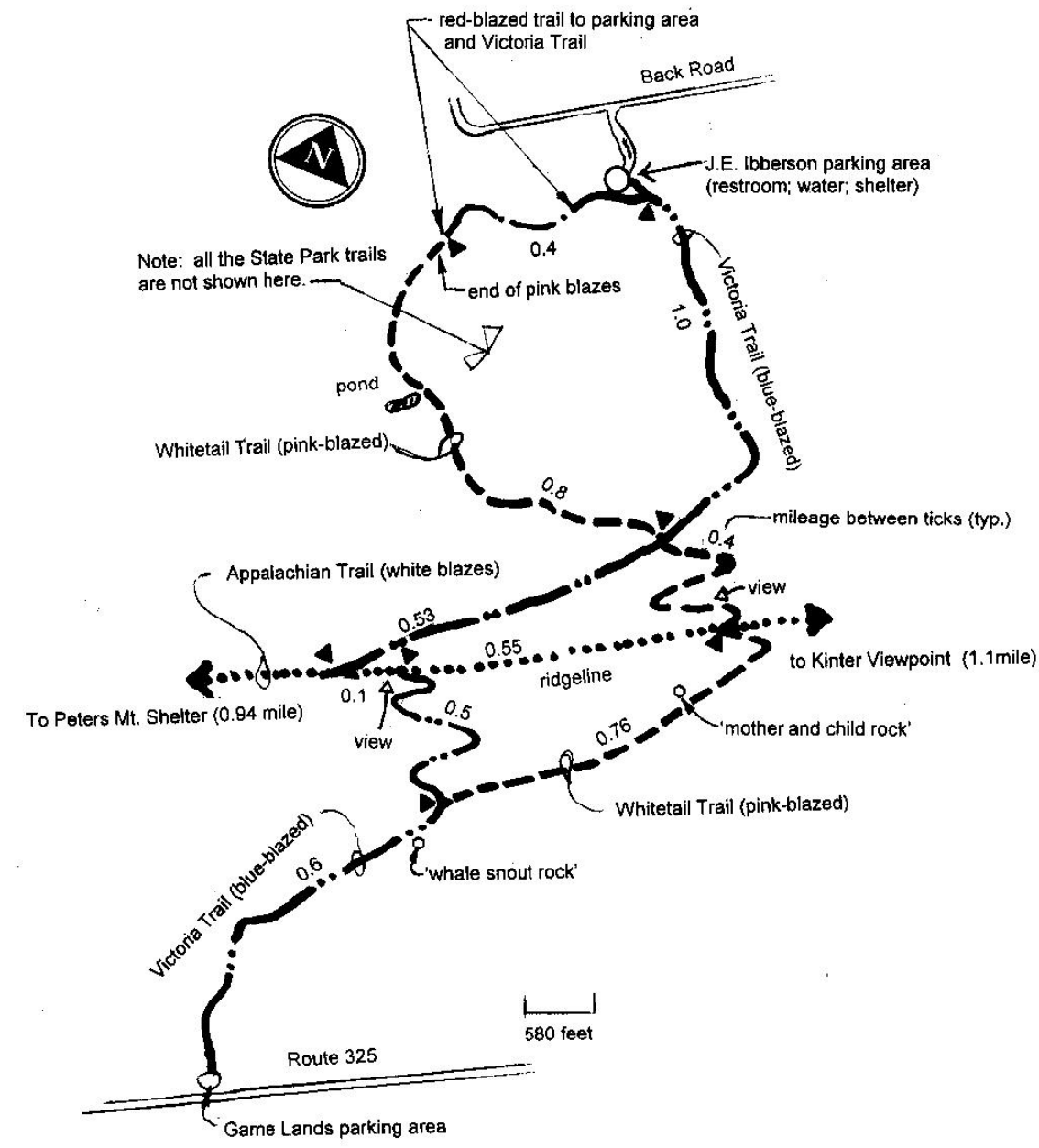
vertical climb is done in a shorter distance. If you hike a loop from one parking area to the other and back, total elevation gain, and descent, is 1,500 feet.

Construction was extensive for this trail since it traverses steep slopes, and through rock fields. Over 300 rock steps were placed. About 4,180 linear feet of side hill digging or excavated trail was performed to place the treadway on a comfortable surface. There are two rock 'benches' for sitting. Some work remains to be done this spring.

The Victoria Trail parking area is exactly 5 miles north along route 325 from the intersection with route 225 (within sight of 3B ice cream). The parking area is in State Game Lands #211, on the left side of the highway in a dip. A sign marks the terminus of the blue-blazed trail at the top of the parking area. To reach the Ibberson Conservation Area parking area, you must drive over Peters Mountain on route 225. Turn right at the base of the mountain just over the creek; there are signs for the Conservation Area and Camp Hebron. Follow this road for several miles, following the Conservation Area signs at some road intersections. The parking area is located at the top of a field; a sign marks the entrance. From this parking lot radiate several trails, including the Victoria Trail. These trails form many small loops on old logging roads, any of which you can use to access the Whitetail Trail. See the map which shows some of the trails in this area.

Have fun exploring if you have not done so yet.

Tom Scully



"My Favorite Hike" articles in Bushwack Bulletin

To SATC members,

If you're eager to see a new "My Favorite Hike" article in the Bushwack, you might consider writing one. We won't have articles unless we have authors.

Think back about your neatest, most memorable hike, compose something and e-mail your articles to ForestCoalition@aol.com

You might become a published author.

MY FAVORITE HIKES

December 11, 2004 Wreath-making outing at Wildwood Lake Sanctuary

On one rainy morning in December, 25 kids and 16 adult leaders and volunteers from Harrisburg Inner City Outings (HICO) gathered at Harrisburg's Wildwood Lake Sanctuary for their annual wreath-making outing. With greens donated from Wynwood Nursery, the three groups took turns fashioning wreaths in a pavilion outside the Olewine Nature Center and then moved inside to decorate their creations with pinecones and berries. The kids made ornaments from seedpods and other found natural things. Three HICO groups were involved, Cumberland Road, led by Jane and Will Webster, Harrisburg Trailblazers, led by Jane and Randy Greber, and the John N. Hall Boys & Girls Club, led by Kris Kyler and Dan Miles.

If not making wreaths, groups were off exploring some of the sanctuary's 212 acres on the network of trails and boardwalks. The Wildwood Lake Sanctuary, located within Harrisburg's city limits, features a variety of habitats including forest, meadow, stream and wetland. The rain cleared, and one of the groups, the John N. Hall Club, saw a red tailed hawk. The Harrisburg Trailblazers walked out a boardwalk to a duck blind. On the way, the kids excitedly talked about the backpacking trip Jane and Randy are planning for sometime in the coming year. After the short hike, leader Maura George led the Trailblazers in a watershed education exercise. After her demonstration, the kids were broken into smaller groups and challenged to identify all the good, bad and neutral watershed practices shown in two different posters. "They did a pretty good job with that," commented leader Jane Greber, who was impressed by all the items they identified. Some of the older kids in Maura's group are being groomed as junior environmental leaders.

We took a short walk on Cumberland Road, came back and spent some time in the nature center in the Discovery room, where they used snowman and bear costumes to put on a short play. One participant said of the experience, "Mr. Gary [leader Gary LaBelle] was helping us not to be scared because when you stand up in front of people it's scary."

The kids enjoyed a day being creative, spending time outdoors and some even got a chance to perform. Each child got a wreath to take home. Leader Dan Miles was impressed by the creativity of the wreath makers, some "very meticulous, others all over the place." Chair Jane Webster said in a holiday message to HICO leaders, "I hope you all know how much of a difference you make in the lives of so many kids. They talk about previous outings fondly and ask about volunteers who were along on trips in the past."

Diane Staz
Harrisburg Inner City Outings
Publicity Co-Chair

Hemlock Forests

My all time favorite hike was the hike I led in Shippensburg at the Hemlocks Forest. I must tell you the hike was absolutely beautiful and very challenging. Besides the beautiful Hemlocks, there was plenty of running creeks with crystal clear water, and some steep climbs that were a challenge. I love to be out by running water eating my lunch. It gives me a feeling of cleansing and back to nature and not a worry in the world.

Sylvia Miller