



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

Hiking and Activities Schedule

SEE END OF THIS SCHEDULE (PAGE 5) FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION AND CODES FOR HIKE
MEETING PLACE IS FISHER PLAZA DOWNTOWN (NEXT TO STATE LIBRARY) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
PLEASE CALL THE HIKE LEADER IF YOU DESIRE TO MEET AT AN ALTERNATE SITE
ALWAYS BRING WATER AND WEAR BOOTS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES (CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS) TO THIS SCHEDULE

Dates & Times

Codes (See Pages 6 & 7)

Hikes and Activities

February 19

Sunday
11:00 AM

3-C-6-7
45 hwy miles

Chickies Rock County Park

Good views of the Susquehanna River. Some steep climbs.
Leader: Jeff Willard, 887-3819, Jeffwill44@aol.com

February 20

Monday
10:00 AM

2-B-3
8 hwy miles



Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area

Leashed dogs permitted on this hike. Hike on a myriad of trails and woods roads. Bring water, snacks and boots. **MEET ONLY** at Fort Hunter parking lot near the barn. Fluorescent orange recommended.
Leaders: Jan Fisher, 545-9848, Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308.

February 26

Sunday
9:00 AM

2-D-6
12 hwy miles

Rt. 850 to Sterrett's Gap – Snowshoe Option

Hike the Appalachian Trail to the top of North Mountain, and then take the Tuscarora Trail and a connection trail to Sterrett's Gap. No lunch break. Bring snacks and water. Bring snowshoes if snow is deep enough. **MEET ONLY** at AT parking lot along Rt. 850, outside of Marysville.
Leader: Rod Manweiler, 776-3172

March 1



Wednesday
9:00 AM


2-C-6
24 hwy miles



CVATC Hike - Buck Ridge Trail



Moderate Hike from Kings Gap Mansion on the Buck Ridge Trail to Pine Grove Furnace. One major uphill. Bring water and snacks. **MEET ONLY** at Carlisle Commons (old MJ Mall) in Carlisle, PA between theaters and Noble Blvd. Exit from I-81, Carlisle Exit 47, Route 34 North.
Leader: Thyra Sperry (717) 258-5261 or hikesperry@aol.com


NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: May 1, 2006
Post to Editor - Bushwack Bulletin, S.A.T.C., 5226 Oxford Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Email: pzinn@comcast.net phone: 697-0648

<u>March 4</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<u>Trail Work Trip</u> Trail work and location to be determined by leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear old clothes and boots. Dress appropriately for weather. Tools provided. Half-day option is sometimes possible. Contact leader for more details. MEET ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rts. 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, scully@rjfisher.org
<u>March 5</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	2-E-7 10 hwy miles	<u>Mumma Horseshoe Trail/Gamelands #211 Loop</u> Bring hiking boots, water and lunch. MEET ONLY at Citgo Gas Station at Intersection of I-81 and Route 39. Leader: John Stein, Steinhike@cs.com
<u>March 11</u> Saturday 7:15 AM	2-C-8.2 130 hwy miles	<u>AT Hike Across PA #1: Pen Mar to Old Forge Road</u> We kick off this year's Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail hike series by starting with a dramatic view and heading up and down in the woods. Bring lunch, good hiking boots, and at least 2 quarts of water per person. We will spot some cars at the end of the hike and drive uphill in other cars to the beginning. Alternate meeting place: Old Forge Picnic Area (by baseball field) on Old Forge Road north of Waynesboro, PA at 8:00 AM. Leader: Peter Fleszar, 583-2093, peter@fleszar.org .
<u>March 12</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-B-4 0 hwy miles	<u>Bullfrog Valley Loop</u> Loop hike, sneakers okay. Bring snacks/water. MEET ONLY at Bullfrog Valley Road parking lot. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>March 15</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>March 18</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<u>Trail Work Trip</u> Trail work and location to be determined by leader. Bring lunch, plenty of water and work gloves. Wear old clothes and boots. Dress appropriately for weather. Tools are provided. We work on various trails at various locations. Half-day option is sometimes possible. Contact leader for more details. MEET ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rts. 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, scully@rjfisher.org
<u>March 18</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	2-C-11 30 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail, Yellow Breeches to Conodoquinet</u> Joint hike with Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club. Relatively easy terrain but an all-day hike. Bring lunch and at least 2 quarts of water per person. Third in a series of 4 hikes across the same trail in different seasons. MEET ONLY at MJ Mall in Carlisle, PA between Cinemas 8 movie theater and street. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>March 19</u> Sunday 8:45 AM	3-D-8.5 100 hwy miles	<u>The Pinnacle</u> Strenuous climb, moderate pace. Lots of rocks; wear hiking boots. The Pinnacle is one of the most famous views of the Appalachian Trail in PA. Bring lunch, water and your binoculars. Alternate meeting place: Hamburg Reservoir at 10:00 AM. Leader: Richard Green, 671-8744; green@paonline.com
<u>March 22</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-C-4-5 10 – 20 hwy miles	<u>Perry County Ramble</u> Bring hiking boots, water and snacks. Optional lunch stop after hike. MEET ONLY at Duncannon Sled Works on Market Street near the tower. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458; bvhbarb@pa.net

<u>March 25</u> Saturday 9:30 AM	2-C/D-9.8 120 hwy miles	<u>AT Hike Across PA #2 –Old Forge Road to Caledonia State Park</u> Moderate pace. Some step to moderate climbs through Michaux State Forest. Bring good hiking boots, plenty of water, lunch/snacks. <i>Alternate meeting place: Caledonia State Park at 10:45 AM, contact leaders for detailed directions. Leaders: Daryl Stahl, Lee Casher, 717 732-6341, hewlbactraveling@verizon.net or xrsizer41@hotmail.com</i>
<u>March 25</u> Saturday 6:30 PM		<u>SATC ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET</u> Peachtree Restaurant and Lounge, 251 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg. Elections, awards, a fine meal and an Audubon program on the Kittatinny Ridge. See article on page 14. Contact: Kris Kyler, 439-8540
<u>March 26</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	2-C-2 25 hwy miles	<u>Mount Gretna Maximum State Security Prison</u> A slow-paced historical hike to explore the ruins of the never-completed Mt. Gretna Maximum State Security Prison; as long as the snow isn't too deep. There will be briar bushes and bushwhacking on this hike. Bring lunch/snack and water; boots are recommended. MEET ONLY at parking lot in front of the Liz Claiborne store at the Hershey Outlets. Leaders: Brandy M. Watts, 838-8392, Stoney_Valley_History@verizon.net and Annette Watts
<u>March 29</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>April 1</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<u>Trail Work Trip</u> Trail work and location to be determined by leader. Bring lunch, plenty of water and work gloves. Wear old clothes and boots. Dress appropriately for weather. Tools are provided. We work on various trails at various locations. Half-day option is sometimes possible. Contact leader for more details. MEET ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rts. 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, scully@rifisher.org
<u>April 1</u> Saturday 1:00 PM	2-C-4 or 2-C-9 30 hwy miles	<u>Installation of Officers Hike – 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 a 9-mile loop hike. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Barb Harvey, 766-7868
<u>April 2</u> Sunday 8:00 AM	3-A-6 180 hwy miles	<u>Discover Abandoned PA Turnpike</u> Hike 2 sections of the abandoned PA Turnpike in Buchanan State Forest near Breezewood. View entrances to 2 tunnels. For safety, we will not be entering the tunnels. Dress for walking on open 4-lane roadbed. Could be windy. Pack water and snacks for trail and trip home in late afternoon. Bring camera and flashlight for photo ops. Carpool drivers needed! Drivers must be ready to travel on unpaved forest roads. Cost of trip will be divided evenly among participants and will include turnpike tolls. Leaders: Bob Doren, 763-0667, cibob@aol.com ; Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>April 2</u> Sunday 10:00 AM	1-B-5 2 hwy miles	<u>Kalmia Switchback</u> A slow-paced historical hike to explore the ruins and wilderness along the Kalmia Switchback in Schuylkill County. There may be minor bushwhacking on this hike. Bring lunch/snack and water; boots are recommended. Trail is usually wet and muddy. MEET ONLY at Western Rail-Trail parking lot on Gold Mine Road. Leaders: Brandy M. Watts, 838-8392, Stoney_Valley_History@verizon.net and Annette Watts

<u>April 3</u> Monday 6:30 PM	Board Meeting	<u>SATC Spring Board of Directors Meeting</u> Members are welcome. LOCATION: Giant Community Center, 3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, 2 nd Floor. See Club Notices on page 14 for directions and additional details. Contact: Barb Harvey, 766-7868
<u>April 7, 8, 9</u> Weekend		<u>KTA Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend</u> Share meals, a variety of hikes, and special programs on Friday and Saturday nights. More information is provided on page 10.
<u>April 8</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	3-D-11.3 60 hwy miles	<u>AT Hike Across PA#3: Caledonia State Park to Arendtsville-Shippensburg Road</u> Hike will be going north out of Caledonia. Includes one long morning climb. Bring plenty of water and lunch. MEET ONLY at Rts. 81 and 233 (Newville Exit) in adjacent commuter parking lot. Leader: Rod Manweiler, 776-3172
<u>April 11</u> Tuesday 10:00 AM	1-C-2 8 hwy miles	<u>Pine Hill Arboretum Wildflower Walk</u> Hike a lovely loop trail through wooded area to observe and identify many spring wildflowers. Minor elevation changes except for one 75-foot hill and descent. Wear hiking boots or sturdy sneakers. Bring water and camera. Optional lunch after at Panera Bread. Rain date is April 13. MEET ONLY at Panera Bread, Outdoor Patio Area, Camp Hill Shopping Mall. Leader: Lorrie Preston, 732-5615, gardensnaturally@aol.com
<u>April 11</u> Tuesday 6:30 PM	Members and Guests' Meeting	<u>SATC Spring Members and Guests' Meeting</u> Following refreshments, we will review last quarter's activities and schedule hikes for June, July, and August. John Stein will lead a program on his worldwide hiking activities. LOCATION: Giant Community Center, 3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, 2 nd Floor. See Club Notices on page 14 for directions and additional details. Contact: Barb Harvey, 766-7868
<u>April 12</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>April 15</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<u>Trail Work Trip</u> Trail work and location to be determined by leader. Bring lunch, plenty of water and work gloves. Wear old clothes and boots. Dress appropriately for weather. Tools are provided. We work on various trails at various locations. Half-day option possible. Contact leader for more details. MEET ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rts. 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, scully@rjfisher.org
<u>April 17</u> Monday 9:30 AM	30 hwy miles 	<u>Ned Smith Nature and Art Center near Millersburg</u> Leashed dogs permitted. Moderate hike through a number of trails in wooded areas. Optional lunch stop following hike. MEET ONLY at intersection of Rtes. 322 and 147 (parking lot adjacent to Clark's Ferry Bridge). Bonnie Booth, who recently moved to Colorado, hopes to be there. Leaders: Shirley McLaren, 526-4777, Frank McKniff, 832-1994.
<u>April 19</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-C-4-5 10 – 20 hwy miles	<u>Perry County Ramble</u> Bring hiking boots, water and snacks. Optional lunch stop after hike. MEET ONLY at Duncannon Sled Works on Market Street near the tower. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458; bvhbarb@pa.net
<u>April 22</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	3-C-8.5 100 hwy miles	<u>AT Hike Across PA #4 – Arendtsville-Shippensburg Road to Pine Grove Furnace State Park</u> Some climbs. Bring good hiking boots, 2- quarts water and lunch. Alternate meeting place: Pine Grove Furnace main parking lot. Leaders: Sam and Barb Harvey, 766-7868

<u>April 23</u> Sunday 1:00 pm	2-C-5 30 hwy miles	<u>Tuckahoe Loop</u> Hiking on trails and woods roads. One long climb. Hiking boots recommended. Bring water and snacks. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>April 26</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>April 29</u> Saturday 2:00 PM	2-B-4 30 hwy miles	<u>Bluebell Walk</u> Appalachian trail north from Bernheisel Bridge and back. Relatively easy terrain but trail may be muddy. Bring water and snacks. Virginia Bluebells are typically in bloom on this weekend. Joint hike with Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club. MEET ONLY at MJ Mall in Carlisle, PA between Cinemas 8 movie theater and street. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>April 30</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	2-C-6 40 hwy miles	<u>Bluebell Hike</u> Appalachian trail from Route 850 to the Scott Farm. Two moderate climbs and one steep descent. Virginia Bluebells are typically in bloom on this weekend. Bring water and snacks. Joint hike with Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club. MEET ONLY at MJ Mall in Carlisle, PA between Cinemas 8 movie theater and street. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>May 4</u> Thursday 6:00 PM	3-C-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Hawk Rock</u> Steady uphill climb to Hawk Rock vista of Sherman's Creek and Clarks Ferry Bridge. Bring water. Optional light dinner at The Pub in Duncannon following the hike. MEET ONLY at AT trailhead in Duncannon. Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
<u>May 6</u> Saturday 10:00 AM	2-C-6 40 hwy miles 	<u>Kinter Point Hike via Victoria, Whitetail and Appalachian Trails</u> Leashed dogs permitted. 1000 foot climb. Panoramic vistas. Boots recommended. Bring water and lunch. Alternate meeting place: parking lot at intersection of Rtes. 225 & 325 or Victoria Trailhead at 10:30. Leaders: John & Pat Zinn, 697-0648; pzinn@comcast.net
<u>May 7</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<u>Darlington Trail Work Trip</u> Trail work and location on the Darlington Trail to be determined by leader. Bring lunch, work gloves and plenty of water. Wear old clothes and boots. Dress appropriately for the weather. Tools are provided. The Darlington Trail is located on Blue Mountain on the west side of the Susquehanna River so we will meet at Fisher Plaza instead of our usual meeting place north of Dauphin. Call leader for more details. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM
<u>May 10</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u>May 11</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	1-AB-2.5 0 hwy miles	<u>Bellevue Park Ramble</u> Easy stroll on roads and paths through historic neighborhood. One small hill. Bring water and sandwich for lunch at Walsh's. MEET ONLY at front of Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg. Leaders: Phil and Mary Walsh, 234-5307

<u>May 13</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	2-C-10.6 90 hwy miles	<u>Hike Across PA #5: Pine Grove Furnace State Park to PA 94</u> Some climbs. Optional blue trail to Pole Steeple Rock. Bring hiking boots, 2-quarts water and lunch/snacks. Alternate meeting place: Pine Grove Furnace main parking lot. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, pzinn@comast.net
<u>May 13</u> Saturday 5:30 PM	3-D-10 30 hwy miles	<u>Full Moon Anniversary Hike-Stony Mountain Fire Tower</u> One long, strenuous climb. Bring a flashlight, water and hors d'oeuvres to share. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Plan to stay awhile and watch the moon rise over the fire tower. Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913
<u>May 13</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	1-B-1 0 hwy miles	<u>CVATC's Conodoguinet Creek Children's Hike</u> Ages 4-6 years old. Must be accompanied by an adult. Learn about hiking on the Appalachian Trail and the nature surrounding it. Bring water and a snack. MEET ONLY at Scott Farm on Bernheisel Bridge Road. Heading north on Bernheisel Bridge Road, the farm is located on the left side of the road, directly after you cross the Conodoguinet Creek. Please call the hike leader for more detailed directions and to register, so we know how many children to expect. Hike leader: Melanie Wertz, (717) 567-9642 or melhike@yahoo.com .
<u>May 14</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	1-C-7 45 hwy miles	<u>Cold Spring to Rausch Gap</u> A slow-paced Mother's Day hike to see the scenery along the lower and upper trails between Rausch Gap and Cold Spring. There will be brief historical stops throughout the hike, and minor bushwhacking could occur. Bring lunch or a snack and water; boots are recommended. Be sure to bring your mother! Bring clearance vehicles if you have them. MEET ONLY at parking lot in front of the Liz Claiborne store at the Hershey Outlets. Leaders: Brandy M. Watts, 838-8392, Stoney_Valley_History@verizon.net and Annette Watts
<u>May 16</u> Tuesday 6:00 PM	1-A-3 0 hwy miles 	<u>New Cumberland Ice Cream Hike</u> Leashed dogs allowed. Leisurely hike around New Cumberland. Kids and strollers welcome. MEET ONLY at 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland. Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<u>May 17</u> Wednesday 5:45 PM	3-C-5 0 hwy miles	<u>Victoria-Whitetail Trail Loop</u> Participate in an after-work energy revitalization trek. Hike up and over the ridge of the Appalachian Trail into Ibberson Conservation Area and return via the Whitetail Trail connection to the Victoria Trail. View Pink Lady's Slippers. Bring water and snacks. MEET ONLY at PA Routes 225 and 325 parking area north of Dauphin. Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, KMBalaban@BalabanLLC.com
<u>May 20</u> Saturday 8:30 AM	2-C/D-7.2 200 hwy miles	<u>Rickett's Glen Falls Trail</u> The full loop of this trail is 7.2 if hiking both the upper and lower sections. To see most of the waterfalls, a 3.2-mile loop can be taken by going on the Highland Trail and the Glen Leigh and Ganoga Glen sides of the trail. The trails will take you along 21 beautiful waterfalls ranging in heights from 11 feet to 94 feet. The scenery is well worth the effort, however, the terrain is rocky, can be slippery and descents can be steep in spots on both the Ganoga and Glen Leigh sides. Bring water, lunch/snacks and good hiking boots. Leaders: Daryl Stahl, Lee Casher, 732-6341, hewlbactraveling@verizon or xrsizer41@hotmail.com
<u>May 24</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-B-3 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Loop</u> MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake Nature Center parking lot. Sneakers okay. Bring water and snacks. Optional lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318

PENNSYLVANIA HIKING WEEK May 27 – June 4, 2006

May 27 Saturday 9:00 AM	2-C-8.8 75 hwy miles	<u>Hike Across PA #6 – PA 94 to PA 174 Boiling Springs - 8.8 mi</u> Some climbs. Bring good hiking boots, plenty of water and lunch/snacks. MEET ONLY at Boscov's, front of store, at the Camp Hill Shopping Center. Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
May 30 Tuesday 5:30 PM	2-A-5.5 0 hwy miles	<u>Harrisburg Riverfront – Italian Lake</u> Enjoy Harrisburg's beautiful cityscape and riverfront during this leisurely sneaker walk on part of the Capital Area Greenbelt. Bring water. Enjoy downtown's Restaurant Row following the hike. Co-sponsored by Harrisburg City's Parks and Recreation. For a preview of Italian Lake see: http://www.hasby.com/thumbnails.php?album=36 . MEET ONLY at Front and State Streets, Harrisburg (suggested parking on State Street). Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
May 31 Wednesday 5:45 PM	2-B-4 0 hwy miles	<u>Wildwood Lake Sanctuary</u> Marvel at Dauphin County's Park and Recreation's premier nature habitat study area during this sneaker hike. Bring water, binoculars, and a camera. MEET ONLY at Wildwood Lake/Olewine Nature Center parking area. For a preview, go to http://www.wildwoodlake.org Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
May 31 Wednesday 6:00 PM	1-B-2 0 hwy miles	<u>Hiking Week Rock'n Tots at Levitz Park</u> Follow two toddlers around a nice patch of woods in East Hanover Twp. (Lebanon Co.) Please bring at least one responsible adult per tot. Others willing to travel at a toddler's pace also welcome. MEET ONLY at H.M. Levitz Memorial Park, 28 Park Dr., Grantville, PA. From Harrisburg, I-81 north to exit 80 (Grantville, Hershey), turn left at top of ramp, then turn right on PA 443 and head east 2.5 miles to Park Drive on right. The park will be on your right, drive back in the lane to the pond area-playground past the pavilion. Leaders: Laurel Fleszar, 583-2093, laurel@fleszar.org and Kelly Barker, 249-6727

GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION Unless otherwise noted in the hike schedule, all hikers meet at **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, near Herr Street. Five additional minutes will be allowed for arrival at the alternate site.

2. TRANSPORTATION If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **10 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. DOGS PERMITTED ONLY IF NOTED IN THE HIKING AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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

The first number shows the hikers' expected PACE

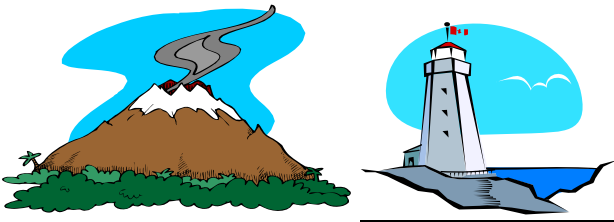
- 1 - Leisurely: nature or historical walk; frequent stops for observation
- 2 - Moderate: steady, 1 to 2 miles per hour (mph)
- 3 - Brisk: steady, 2 to 3 mph
- 4 - Fast: 3 to 4 mph; very short breaks; an anaerobic workout

The letter (second code) explains the general TERRAIN

- 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

The second number (third code) shows the HIKING MILES.

Highway (hwy) miles are the number of roundtrip driving miles from the meeting place to and from the hiking area.



September 2006 Hiking in Northern California

- A National Seashore with a lighthouse, elevations to 1400 feet, a tectonic boundary and 150 miles of hiking trails.
- A land of volcanoes, hot springs, lakes, waterfalls and another 150 miles of hiking trails.

If you would like to hike in places like these, you can find them in Northern California. Particular possibilities would be Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Lassen Volcanic National Park (described above), Pinnacles National Monument and perhaps a grove of coast redwoods. A longer stay could also include Yosemite. **There has already been sufficient**

**Finger Lakes Trail Weekend
Schuyler County, New York
July 28, 29, 30 (Tentative)**

Experience great hikes on the North Country National Scenic Trail (aka Finger Lakes Trail) and other footpaths in and around Watkins Glen and Montour Falls, N.Y., 200 miles north of the Harrisburg area. Car camp with tents at a quiet town park with hot showers and a scenic surprise (\$15/site/night. Need to pay 2 weeks in advance.). The scenic splendors include a 12-mile point-to-point downhill hike (one difficult stream crossing) on Saturday, and a 6-mile loop on Sunday. Possible 4-5 mile flat historic hike (with waterfalls) on Friday. There are many wineries nearby you can visit on your own if you like. Cook or buy your own meals. Wal-Mart Supercenter and fast food restaurants are within 4 miles of campground. We pass two Wegmans on the way there. We will be about ½ hour from brewpub in Corning and about ½ hour from college town of Ithaca with many restaurants. No dogs. For more details check online at <http://www.fleszar.org/flt2.htm>.

Please contact leaders if interested: Krista Cessna and Peter Fleszar, 583-2093, peter@fleszar.org



**Hike the entire length of the
Appalachian Trail in
Pennsylvania. Starting March 11
we will begin hiking at the PA
southern border town of Pen Mar.
Happy AT hiking.**

AT Hiking Schedule (March through May):

March 11	Pen Mar to Old Forge Road
March 25	Old Forge Road to Caledonia State Park
April 8	Caledonia State Park to Arendtsville-Shippensburg Road
April 22	Arendtsville-Shippensburg Road to Pine Grove Furnace State Park
May 13	Pine Grove Furnace State Park to PA Rt. 94
May 27	PA Rt. 94 to PA 174 in Boiling Springs

See Hiking and Activities Schedule for starting times, meeting places, etc.



A special thanks to Ilse Heine for agreeing to be Data Base Manager and to Katie Barker, Kris Kyler, and Fred Cox for agreeing to be on the newly-formed Data Base Committee.

To our November, December and January trail work crew volunteers:

Tim Bachman, Gary LaBelle, Jeff Buehler, Lee Casher, Tom Dauntton, Bob Doren, Peter Fleszar, Marty Gromulat, Deb Hodges, Carolyn Jones, Nathan and Perry Ligon, Joy Myers, Charles Paul, Mike Peresolak, Kyle Ohlson, Keith Renno, Rebecca Richardson, Tom Scully, Daryl Stahl, Park Trullinger, Neal Watson, Jane Webster, Will Webster, Jeff Willard, and Pat Yale.

To our trail maintainers: John & Pat Zinn, Bill Slabonik, Park Trullinger, Will & Jane Webster, Jeff Willard, Susanne Donmoyer, Joshua McKinney, Charles Paul, Pete Fleszar, Pat Markovic, Dave Hrobuchak, Tim Bachmann, Marty Gromulat, Barb & Sam Harvey, Gary Alleman, Jack Bushey, John Lenahan, Gary LaBelle, Debbie Mabry, and our Trailmaster, Jeff Buehler.

To our December, January and February hike leaders: Karen Balaban, Katie Barker, Frank Bohn, Melanie DeMartyn, Susanne Donmoyer, Bob Doren, Jan Fisher, Rod Manweiler, Frank McKniff, Shirley McLaren, Dick Martin, Thyra Sperry, Lisa Seiders, Sharon Shellenberger, John Stein, Barbara Van Horn, Jeff Willard, John Zerphey, Pat and John Zinn. John Stein led eight hikes during these months. Barb Harvey wishes to extend a special thanks to Pat and John Zinn for leading their hike that she and her husband, Sam, were unable to lead.

To those who maintained our Farm Show booth: Carl Lorence, Erika Lorence, Gloria Grabenstein, Anne Tantum, John Zerphy. Also, thanks to those who volunteered, but were not called due to the unexpected, shortened schedule.

To our Hike Leader Panel at the Members and Guests' Meeting: Randy Greber, Will Webster, Barbara Van Horn, Katie Barker, and Frank Bohn

To those who organized and helped with our Holiday Party.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SATC Members,

Please mark your calendars! Starting in March, the SATC begins to hike the Pennsylvania part of the AT at the Pennsylvania southern border. We will do the hikes the second and fourth Saturday of every month. Check the bulletin or our web site for details. The KTA offers a badge for completion of the AT in PA. Let's have a big turn out!

The mayor of Harrisburg is proposing windmills close to Dehart Dam. Please keep up with the news on this. It could impact our section of the AT. But remember if we didn't use so much electricity there wouldn't be a need for more generating capacity.

Has everyone been conscious of saving energy? Remember to walk if the destination is only a couple of miles. Dry all of your clothes outside in nice weather. Keep the thermostat for heat at 68 degrees. Conserving energy is everyone's job.

Happy Trails,

Barb Harvey

2006 Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend

50th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, April 7 through Sunday, April 9
Penn Wells Hotel, 62 Main Street
Wellsboro, PA

Once again, the KTA will conduct a hiking weekend in Wellsboro, PA. When you arrive, you may sign up for several of the many available hikes on this weekend. The hiking weekend will kick off with a three-mile hike at 3:30, Friday afternoon.

Plan to attend as many hikes as your schedule allows and plan to attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner and Birthday Party on Saturday night, April 8. The event will celebrate the 50th year since the KTA was started in 1956 to provide hiking clubs and other outdoor organizations an umbrella organization in which clubs could work together to enhance hiking and hiking trails in Pennsylvania. Saturday night's buffet will be followed by a slide show and the opportunity to browse through some of our members' photos and other memorabilia. The state DCNR Secretary, Michael DiBeradinis has been invited as keynote speaker.

This year, there will be an additional program on Friday night. Scott Brown, author of *Pennsylvania Waterfalls: A Guide for Hikers and Photographers* will speak that night.

The KTA has reserved the entire Penn Wells Hotel and Lodge for this event. Registration at the Penn Wells for the weekend is available only in advance through the KTA. Please do not call the hotel for reservations. A registration form is available in the Spring KTA newsletter or on the KTA website at www.kta-hike.org. Reservation requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis. A full weekend package costs \$125 for one individual and \$170 for two. The full weekend package includes two nights' lodging, Saturday bag lunch, Saturday banquet buffet, and Sunday breakfast and registration fee. Single night lodging is available. Please see the KTA newsletter or web site for additional information. Directions and additional lodging and dining facilities are listed in the KTA newsletter.

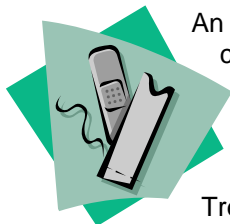
NEW MEMBERS

Compiled by Ilse Heineof the SATC

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

Maureen & Joseph Cassel	Mechanicsburg	Irene Ralls	Camp Hill
Charles Davis	Hummelstown	Nan Reisinger	Camp Hill
Marsha Jo DiLoreto	Mechanicsburg	Christy Short	Harrisburg
Joe & Christine Drabick	Palmyra	Pete Silldorff	Lebanon
Shirley Ely	Bainbridge	Crist Smith III	Harrisburg
Tina & Justin Fincher	Enola	Jamie Stein	Middletown
Carl Garver	Palmyra	Larry & Kelly Straub	Harrisburg
Christopher Harhi	Missoula, MT	Brigitte Taylor	Elizabethville
John Harhi	Dillsburg	Thomas Thompson	Harrisburg
Vasudeva & Krishna Kumar	Harrisburg	Richard Tis	Mechanicsburg
Stephanie Laverty	Middletown	Ralph Watts	Mechanicsburg
Mark Mateya	Boiling Springs	Jeffrey Weaver	Enola
Timothy McMahon	Harrisburg	Melanie Wertz	Newport
Lisa Meade	Harrisburg	Daniel M. Wuchterl	Harrisburg
Diane Moyle	Manheim	Tom Zdunski	Enola
Joy A. Myers	Harrisburg	Angela Zinn	Harrisburg
Scott Newhouse	New Cumberland	Mikel Zinn	Harrisburg
Carol Nodgaard	Harrisburg		

Wilderness First Aid Course – March 18-19, 2006 in Harrisburg



An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid, a program of the Wilderness Safety Council, 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>. SATC will reimburse ¾th of the course expenses for two “hike leader” members. Please register with the Wilderness Safety Council, take the course, and then submit proof of course completion and course cost to the Board Treasurer, Richard Sis. If you have any questions, regarding the reimbursement procedure, please contact the Treasurer at 774-0196.

Our Treasury, December 31, 2005 As Reported by Richard Sis, SATC Treasurer

Checking Account	\$ 301.51
Interest bearing Checking	1,779.20
Vanguard Fund	11,548.80
Sovereign Certificate #1	2,611.46
Sovereign Certificate #2	<u>3,379.92</u>
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	\$19,620.89
Land Purchase-Restricted	\$ <u>3,112.77</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$22,733.66



This Year's Budget

At the October 13, 2005 Board Meeting, the Board approved a budget for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. The Board budgeted \$9,175 expenses and \$6,750 revenue for the fiscal year. The shortfall will be met with our fund balance shown in the Treasurer's Report. We budgeted \$3,825 for the Bushwack Bulletin and Directory, which is the largest budgeted item. **We will be looking into putting the Bulletin on our web site and/or emailing the Bulletin to members to save costs. The Board wishes to discuss these options with our membership at our Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on March 25.**

CLUB SNIPPETS

Brandy Watts to give presentation on Rausch Gap

On March 19 at 1:30, Brandy has an upcoming presentation on Rausch Gap at the Lebanon County Historical Society. More information may be obtained on the events page of her website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~brandy-comicsandpp>.

In addition, Brandy has a number of 'history hikes' on our current Hike and Activities Schedule. On March, she leads a short hike through the Mt. Gretna Prison Ruins. Then on April 2, she hikes through the ruins of the Kalmia Switch back area. Finally, on Mothers' Day, May 14, she takes us on a historical walk from Cold Spring to Rausch Gap. Check the Hike and Activities Schedule for additional details.

SATC participates in Farm Show event

SATC members helped operate a PA Department of Health booth at January's Farm Show in Harrisburg. Our volunteers, who are listed in the "Thank You" section, promoted healthy living by walking and hiking. Handouts included the SATC and Capitol Green Belt brochures and various State Park maps.

There was a steady line of show attendees who often engaged in conversation about our Club. Many of them took our brochure that includes our membership application. One volunteer brought a KTA book on PA trails and showed people how close some of the trails are to their homes. Many people were not aware that there are many hiking trails close to where they live. This new awareness, according to our Membership Chair, made this a productive event.

Although we were originally scheduled for the entire Farm Show, the Department of Health cut back our hours until we had only 2 ½ days. We had plenty of volunteers scheduled, but only needed a few. Working the entire Farm Show would have been far more beneficial for our hiking club.

Work in Progress - Bulletin on our web site

Our webmaster, Peter Fleszar, is putting archived editions of past three years our Bulletin on our web site. Check our web site. These Bulletins may already be accessible online or may be in the near

future. Additionally, if the Club has your email address on our database, you may receive a copy of the Bulletin via email. These are work-in-progress projects that the Club, at the present time, is experimenting with.

As mentioned in our Banquet notice, the Board wishes to discuss these electronic Bulletin ideas with its members at the March 25 Banquet. Please bring your ideas.

Hike Leaders give ideas at Members' Meeting

Hike leaders young and old held a panel discussion on hike leadership at the January Members and Guests' Meeting. We hope that the ideas presented were helpful to those who are considering leading a hike. We learned how to pack our bags with the idea of staying in the woods overnight, if necessary. We hope this panel will meet again soon at one of meetings to give us more hike leadership tips. We thank Kris Kyler for organizing and moderating this event and our panel: Randy Greber, Will Webster, Katie Barker, Barbara Van Horn, and Frank Bohn.

Awards Extended to Trail Workers

In addition to awarding hike leaders, our Board decided to extend the awards to our trail work volunteers. The long overdue awards will be given at our March 25 banquet at the Peachtree. In another development, the awards for hike leaders and trail workers will now be based on the calendar year instead of the fiscal year (April – March). The plan to award members for attending the most club hikes and hiking the most miles on club hikes proved difficult. You will probably not see these awards at this year's banquet, but the Club will attempt to have these awards in place for next year's banquet.

SATC welcomes new Database Manager

The SATC welcomes, Ilse Heine, our new Database Manager who has been a member of our club for a number of years. Ilse has been grooming dogs and cats for about 20 years. She now shears alpacas and llamas as well. Oh did I mention she also works full-time. Other interests include riding a motorcycle, kayaking and, of course, long-distance hiking. She resides with several dogs, a cat, and her husband Phillip in Palmyra. As Database Manager, she brings extensive knowledge of the

computer with her. Fred Cox, a former Database Manager is currently showing Ilse "the ropes".

Also, the Club recently formed a Database Committee to establish procedures, control content and periodically check database operations. Katie Barker and Kris Kyler will serve on this committee

and Fred Cox, a former database manager will attend the first meeting. ". Our database is essential to many functions of the Club. We need it to keep track membership dues and to provide a mailing list for this Bulletin and Directory among other functions.

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 bi-annually, 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 By-Laws 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.

President: Barbara Harvey Vice President: Karen Balaban Secretary: Richard Martin Treasurer: Richard Sis	Directors: Barbara Van Horn Lisa Seiders Robert Doren, Jr.
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The election will take place at the annual meeting on March 25, 2006. In accordance with the By-Laws, 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 March 18, 2006.

Nominating Committee:

Katie Barker, Chair 21 Kenwood Drive Carlisle, PA 17013	Susanne Donmoyer 5801 Mayfair Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112
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Where to send address, name, phone number, and email changes

The Club maintains a database consisting of your name, address, phone number, and email address. Please check our latest directory to make sure the information is correct. If not please email the correct information to Ilse Heine at Ilse@paonline.com or phone her at 838-4550. You are not required to have any or all of this information posted in the Directory, but please be sure what is in there is correct. Also, our Club Secretary, Dick Martin, needs your current email address in order to pass on timely information about Club activities that are not included in this publication and to email you an electronic version of this publication. Please email updates to your email address to hikemartin@aol.com or call him at 258-5261.

CLUB NOTICES

2005 Banquet and Annual Meeting

Peachtree Restaurant and Lounge

251 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2006

Time: 6:30

Cost: No upfront fee or reservation required. You may order from the menu and pay for your food and drinks individually.

Our Annual Meeting to elect Officers and Directors.

The Board wishes to discuss electronic options for our Bushwack Bulletin such as emailing them to members and/or putting it on our website.

Awards and recognition this year will be extended to our trail work crew volunteers and trail maintainers.

Paul Zeph, Director of the Audubon Society's Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Project, will speak on the Ridge's value and its future. Paul has worked as an environmental educator and conservation professional for over 25 years.

Winding 185 miles through 11 counties in Pennsylvania, The Kittatinny Ridge (also known as Blue Mountain) is an extremely important habitat area for migrating hawks, nesting songbirds, large mammals and many other forms of wildlife. As the largest forest area in central and southeast Pennsylvania, it is an extremely valuable recreation corridor for hikers, bird-watchers and hunters, and provides some of the best scenic vistas in eastern and central Pennsylvania. Paul's program includes many beautiful photos from throughout the Ridge corridor, current threats and work underway to help conserve it for wildlife and people.

Directions: From I-83, take Exit 50B, Progress. Proceed approximately one mile and turn right at Progress Avenue. The restaurant is just past Wendy's on the right.

From I-81, take Exit 69, Progress Avenue. Turn right and proceed approximately one mile. The restaurant is just before the Wendy's on the left.

Spring Board Meeting (All SATC Members Invited)

Monday, April 3 @ 6:30 PM

Giant Community Center, 3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA, Community Room A

Inquire at customer service desk for location of meeting. No food allowed. If you want an item on the agenda, please contact Barb Harvey, 766-7868. Future meetings are scheduled for June 26, and October 2.

Spring Meeting for Members and Guests

Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:30 PM

Giant Community Center, 3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA, Community Room C

Inquire at customer service desk for location of meeting. No food allowed.

Program: John Stein, a long-time active SATC member, will present a computer projector picture show depicting some unusual experiences on and off the trail during his worldwide hiking trips.

Future meetings are scheduled for July 11 and October 10.

Special Note: All of our 2006 Board and Members and Guests' Meetings are scheduled for the Giant Community Center at the new Giant Food in Camp Hill. Board Meetings are the first Monday of the month (except July) and Members and Guests Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.

Directions: From Harrisburg – Take I-83 South across the Susquehanna River then merge onto Route 581 (Exit 41A). Proceed two miles to Camp Hill exit (Exit 5A). Proceed ¼ mile and turn left at Trindle Road.

From the south – Take I-83 North to Exit 41A (Rt. 581). Proceed two miles to Camp Hill exit (Exit 5A). Proceed ¼ mile and turn left at Trindle Road.

From the west – Take Route 15 North into Camp Hill. Turn Left on Trindle Road.

For additional directions, please contact Kris Kyler, 439-8540.

SATC TRAIL WORK TRIPS

March 4	9:00 AM	Meet: Parking lot at corner of Rtes. 225 and 325 above Dauphin Borough.
March 18	9:00 AM	Parking lot at corner of Rtes. 225 and 325 above Dauphin Borough.
April 1	9:00 AM	Parking lot at corner of Rtes. 225 and 325 above Dauphin Borough.
April 15	9:00 AM	Parking lot at corner of Rtes. 225 and 325 above Dauphin Borough.
May 7	9:00 AM	Fisher Plaza, downtown Harrisburg, next to State Library.

For contacts and further information check the Hiking and Activities Schedule.

KEYSTONE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – 2006

Trail Care Schedule

Leader

March 17-19	Keystone State Park	Jack Leashor, 724-744-0675
March 31	April 2 Link Trail	Mel Cooper, 813-643-2641
May 5-7	Rock Handling Training	(See article on this page)
May 12-14	Donut Hole Trail	Joe Healey, 570-655-4979
July 14-16	Pinchot Trail	Joe Healey, 570-655-4979
August 18-20	Promised Land State Park	Joe Healey, 570-655-4979
September 22-24	Susquehannock Trail Bridge Project	Dave McMillan, 717-299-3714
October 20-22	Delaware State Forest	John Motz, 570-236-1462
November 3-5	Quehanna Trail	Ralph Seeley, 814-355-2933

Trail Care weekends begin Friday evening at the designated campsite. A full day of work is followed by an evening campfire and optional meal at local restaurant. Trail work continues Sunday morning until about noon. No experience necessary. Tools and work gloves are provided. Contact the trip leader to register.

Summer Trail Crew Schedule

June 6-11	Chuck Keiper Trail Leader: Rich Scanlon, 717-242-1644	Build bridges on the cross connector
June 13-18	Mid-State Trail, Tioga Region Leader: Peter Fleszar, 717-583-2093	Build a new foot trail
June 20-25	Nature Conservancy, Woodbourne Forest Susquehanna County Leader: Joe Healey, 570-655-4979	Build a new foot trail

Crews assemble on Tuesday evening for dinner and orientation and work full days Wednesday through Saturday, and a half-day on Sunday. Partial workweek acceptable. The KTA provides a place to camp, meals, tools, work gloves, safety equipment and instruction. Contact Joe Healey to register for the summer crew.

Further details on Trail Care and the Summer Crew are at www.kta-hike.org/ktacare.htm.

KTA and Link Trail Hiking Club offer a Rock Work training weekend

There will be a combined KTA/Link Trail Hiking Club training weekend on May 5, 6 and 7 at Getty Ridge Cabin near McAlevy Fort. A basic course on Rock Work will be taught by John Motz to include both classroom and practical work. A "free will" offering will be taken for the food which includes Friday evening snacks, pancake and sausage breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, a lunch of soup and sandwiches, and Saturday dinner of spaghetti and meatballs and salad and all the other trimmings. Plenty of bunks and tent space are available, however, the course is limited to about the first 25 to register with either:

Joe Healey	570-655-4979	jnlhealey@aol.com
Carl Lorence	717-234-1521	pastumbler@aol.com

Will the AT be Blowin' in the Wind?

First, we had the military trying to take a chunk of mountain real estate, then the Vartan Group proposed to build luxury homes up in the hills. Now the City of Harrisburg has been given a grant to study the feasibility of building a wind farm on Harrisburg Authority land on the ridges above the DeHart Dam in Clarks Valley. The City would like, if the study proves its economic feasibility, to erect from 12 to 30 large windmills on or near the crests of Peters and Stony Mountain and a new transmission line to carry the electricity seven miles to the nearest grid.

The study will require the placement of a tower somewhere on top one of the mountains to determine if the wind will turn the turbines often enough to be profitable. Preliminary estimates

suggest that if wind velocity is high enough to spin the windmills' turbines 180 days a year, the city could generate about 30 megawatts of electricity annually. The wind strengths on the ridges above the DeHart Dam range from 12.5 to 15.7 that the U.S. Department of Energy rates as only marginal to fair. The city wants to sell the electricity to a utility, but would need a way to carry the electricity from the mountain to the energy grid. This may be the most critical part of the economic feasibility of this project.

In this same area, a section of the AT, which our club maintains, winds down Peters Mountain across Rt. 325 and up Stony Mountain. The AT passes just east of the DeHart Dam. This project, if carried to fruition, will directly affect our Club far more than the other recent proposals for land use. Our Club will need to decide if wind farms are necessary especially in this outstanding hiking area that includes the AT and many other access trails.

Trailmaster's Report by Jeff Buehler, SATC Trailmaster

Club Work Trips



We had great turnouts of volunteers for some Club work trips lately. Two work trips in November, held on Sundays so as not to interfere with the hunting season, saw groups of 14 and 12 volunteers working on a relocation of the Appalachian Trail (AT) just north of PA Rt. 325 (Clark's Valley Road). The one-mile relocation on the north slope of Stony Mountain, will, when finished, eliminate about the same distance of the trail that now follows an old dirt road that has become eroded. Volunteers helped build new side hill trail; constructed turnpike and drainage channels

through a wet area; and did some rock work through a boulder field and at a small stream crossing. This is an ongoing project and will be done along with other AT rehabilitation work on Stony/Sharp Mountains the club is now responsible for.

We also had a "call-up" work trip on a balmy Saturday in January to work on a short relocation of the Shikellimy Trail on the south slope of Peter's Mountain. It's a one-mile long, blue-blazed side trail that connects the AT on the top of Peter's Mountain to Pa Rt. 325 in Clark's Valley. The existing trail terminates at the eastern edge of the private Camp Shikellimy grounds where there is no safe parking. The relocation will put the entire trail in state game lands and the trailhead will be about .2 mile farther east on the north side of PA Rt. 325 across from a parking pull-off area. Thirteen volunteers came out on short notice to work on building some beautiful new side hill trail and rock steps. Some participants climbed the mountain to install some new rock water bars for erosion control on the existing trail. We'll probably have this project done by the spring and hopefully will get permission to place proper signage to indicate the trailhead location for trail users.

Trail Crew Volunteers

I would like to thank the many volunteers that come out on SATC trail work trips and make-up the "Trail Crew". We have a dedicated bunch of club members that come out regularly to work very hard on maintaining trails and building new trail sections. We also get many new club members or guests out on work trips in which it is their first club activity and, amazingly, they come out again on another work trip! I give SATC President Barb Harvey the names of volunteers who participated on work trips as she likes to recognize them in the Bushwack Bulletin each quarter along with all the other volunteers doing various club activities. I would like to also recognize a few volunteers here that have given an exceptional amount of time and effort in trail work to our club the past few years. A BIG thank you to Tim Bachmann, Gary LaBelle, Park Trullinger, and Jeff Willard for all the great rockwork you guys have done on various local trails over the past few years. They have put in many additional hours beyond club work trips producing high quality work which will be tread upon by trail users for many years to come. Thanks also to Tom Scully for the tremendous amount of trail work he provides to the SATC in scouting out and laying out new sections of trails, writing up the necessary paperwork for trails, helping to build the trails, and helping me lead club work crews on them.

Trail Maintenance Expenses

Trail maintenance expenditures for 2005 totaled \$409.02, which includes new trail hand tools, safety glasses, work gloves, and expenses related to the upkeep of Peter's Mountain Shelter & privy.

ATC Mid-Atlantic Crew

SATC has requested ATC's Mid-Atlantic Crew (MAC) for Fall 2006 to once again help us out on major AT rehabilitation work on Sharp Mountain in State Game Lands #211, north of Harrisburg. We will continue with the drainage work we started last fall on the trail between the Yellow Springs Trail intersection and the Cold Spring Trail to the north.

We are tentatively approved for the first two weeks of the Crew's eight-week schedule. The dates are:

Week #1 – Aug. 31, 2006 to Sept. 4, 2006 (Thursday-Monday)

Week #2 – Sept. 7, 2006 to Sept. 11, 2006 (Thursday-Monday)

Look for more information in the next Bushwack Bulletin.

Chainsaw Safety Equipment from ATC

As reported in the last Bushwack Bulletin, four SATC members took an Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) sponsored chainsaw certification course last fall along with participants from other AT maintaining clubs. All AT certified chainsaw sawyers now receive Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that includes a full sawyer hardhat with ear protection, a pair of sawyer chaps, safety glasses, and a first aid kit at no cost. The ATC orders and supplies the PPE to each AT maintaining club for further distribution to club members who become certified sawyers. The ATC has received funding in the form of National Park Service grant money obtained by the Appalachian Trail Park Office (ATPO) to help pay for PPE.

Volunteer Hours Report

Each year the SATC, along with all the other AT maintaining clubs, reports the number of AT volunteers and the total number of volunteer hours expended on the AT during the past federal fiscal year, to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), which is the non-profit organization with overall delegated responsibility for management of the trail. They in turn report the total to the National Park Service (NPS) who administers this national scenic trail. All hours for fieldwork, time spent traveling to and from work sites, time spent in meetings for AT-related planning, or other Trail-related administrative work is reported.

Under the NPS's Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program, volunteer's work done on the AT and its connecting side trails on NPS, state, or private lands can be reported.

Here are the figures reported by the SATC for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 2004, and ended Sept. 30, 2005:

Number of Volunteers - 62

Number of Trail-Work Hours – 1073

Additional hours (meetings/office time) – 317

Additional hours (travel) – 264

Total VIP hours – 1654

Trail Sign Maker Needed

SATC needs a volunteer or volunteers to make trail signs for placement on sections of trails the Club is responsible for maintaining. We are looking for someone that can make rustic wooden signs with routed letters. Owning and having some experience using a router would be helpful. The Club would purchase materials needed. A SATC Master Sign List is being updated to include our additional trail section responsibilities. The list includes information for each sign that is needed such as the elements (wording), size, location, and type of sign. If interested, please contact Jeff Buehler, SATC Trailmaster, 657-8281, ATHIKERJB@AOL.COM

Shelter Committee Chairperson Needed – Contact Jeff Buehler, Trailmaster
Club Historian Needed – Contact Barb Harvey, President
Mid-Atlantic Partnership Committee Member Needed – Contact Barb Harvey, President



NPS Hours of Service Awards Program

The National Park Service has created an Hours of Service Award program designed to show its appreciation for the incredible number of hours that volunteers have dedicated to the AT. There are four levels of awards:

8-99 hours – AT volunteer pin; 100 – 499 hours – AT volunteer patch; 500-999 hours – AT volunteer baseball cap; 1000+ hours – AT volunteer fleece vest
Eligible hours **must** relate directly to the oversight of the Appalachian Trail.

If you would like to submit your hours to the National Park Service for an award please contact Pat Zinn, Awards Committee Chair. If you need help determining the number of maintenance or conference hours you have volunteered, please contact Jeff Buehler. Jeff will tally the hours of each volunteer on our work trips. Those who have enough hours could then apply for the Hours of Service Award.

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