

OUR FAVORITE HIKES NO. 28 - STATE HOSPITAL / WILDWOOD LAKE

Suggested by Clarence Fredlund

This hike has become traditional with the SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, as an "eye-opener" after celebrating New Years Eve. It was first led by John Wozniak, and was so much liked by Bruce Cutler, that he led it the next year, then died of a heart attack a few days later.

Since then, it has had a number of leaders, and Clarence Fredlund, the leader this year, thought it should be recorded for future hike leaders. As often happens, developments encroach on our trails, and on this one, the New Post Office, changed the route from what John, and then Bruce, led us on.

- The hike starts at the Wildwood Park lower parking lot.
- Lv. Parking area.....0.00 m
 - Turn left into H.A.C.C. grounds at Fire School..... .10 m
 - Enter the main campus of H.A.C.C..... .48 m
 - Pass the lower end of the campus.....1.05 m
 - Reach intersection with Industrial Road.....1.33 m
 - Enter Farm Show Parking Lot and cross diagonally to the Main entrance to Parking Lot.....1.57 m
 - Walk south along Cameron Street to crossing at the State Hospital.....1.86 m
 - Cross Route 22/322 and enter State Hospital Grounds crossing entrance road and bearing left.....1.95 m
 - Take first road to right.....2.10 m
 - Follow this road around Hospital to junction with Elmerton Ave.....3.19 m
 - Turn left on Elmerton to Crooked Hill Road.....3.71 m
 - Turn right on Crooked Hill Road, passing Post Office 3.81 m
 - Continue on Crooked Hill Road, over I-81.....4.57 m
 - Just after passing Paxton Church Road, bear left.....4.81 m
 - following Paxton Creek, under US 22/322, entering Wildwood Park.....5.24 m
 - [From here turn left and follow paved trail back to parking area.....5.67 m]
 - Follow paved trail to end of lake.....6.57 m
 - Come around lake, and arrive at Pavilion.....6.67 m
 - Follow tow path along canal remnants to parking area.....7.86 m

- A shorter hike, turns right along causeway, arriving at foot bridge over the Paxton Creek..... 0.43 m
- Trail turns left, and follows paved trail to end of lake..... 1.76 m
 - Come around lake, arriving at the Pavilion..... 1.86 m
 - Follow tow path along canal remnants to parking area 3.05 m

