



# THE HAPPY HIKER

The Official Newsletter of the Allentown Hiking Club

Member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Keystone Trails Association

## *President's Message: We're all in this together*

Thirty-one years ago, in June, 1983, Sally Ride became the first American woman in space. In a recently published book about her life and space adventures (*Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space*, by Lynn Sherr, pub. Simon and Schuster) she describes an overwhelming emotional response to the sight of earth as seen from her space capsule:

*"I saw the blackness of space, and then the bright blue Earth. And then it looked as if someone had taken a royal blue crayon and traced along Earth's horizon. And then I realized that that blue line, that really thin royal blue line, was Earth's atmosphere, and that was all there was of it. And it's so clear from that perspective how fragile our existence is."*

Certainly all of us in the hiking

community can appreciate the wisdom of these words. We are keenly aware of the growing threats to our planet and to all of the natural wonders and resources it holds. Perhaps only a generation ago, it was taken for granted that our national parks, forests and wild areas would last forever and be self-sustaining. We now know how far from the truth that is. We are painfully aware that the only way we can secure a future for our planet and all its treasures is to be proactive and set the course for its survival.

It just so happens that this very topic was one of the main themes of the biennial Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) leadership conference held in mid-August, attended by club vice-president Karen Gradel and myself. Actually, there were two main themes at this year's conference, specifically, Strategic Planning for the Appalachian Trail, and encouraging Youth and Diversity on the trail. Both of these tie in with the concerns noted above about the fragility

of our earth. In our case, as avid hikers and volunteer maintenance crews for the trail, we concentrate our efforts on one small portion of a long and noteworthy footpath, which in turn is only a small fraction of the cultural and recreational resources that our planet has to offer. It is not only our challenge but our duty to preserve the natural places on the earth for generations to come, and no small part of what we do to this end is insignificant.

The volunteer spirit in the 31 hiking clubs (including AHC) which serve the Appalachian Trail Conservancy is as strong as ever, a point for which we should all be very proud.

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Check the club web site for changes in the hiking schedule and current news:

[www.allentownhikingclub.org](http://www.allentownhikingclub.org)

### President's Message, cont. from first page:

All types of maintenance (clearing out fallen trees, cutting back grasses, upkeep on shelters, picking up trash, to name just a few) is conducted in a timely fashion and keeps the trail in tip-top shape. But it is now time to look to the future, to provide for the needs of the trail in the coming decades, and to engage young people and the diverse ethnic and cultural groups of our rapidly diversifying American population to walk hand in hand with us in this effort to forge a healthy future for our world. And we will do this one step at a time, exactly the way we hike the AT.

## Allentown Hiking Club

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### Deadlines for the Winter 2014-2015 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Activity Schedule

Thursday, January 1, 2015

Please forward all club related articles, thoughts, and items to the Newsletter Editor by mail or, preferably, by email. Send all hiking schedule activities to the Hiking Schedule Coordinator.

### Welcome to Our New Members! - Fall 2014

Brian Green— Bethlehem, PA



## Upcoming Programs at the AHC Meetings

In addition to the normal business meeting there is also generally a presentation which is related in some way to the club's activities. Following the presentation there will be a break for refreshments.

**10-1-14** | Presentation by Dianne Allison on birds.

**11-5-14** | Presentation by Bryan Cope from Northampton County Open Space Initiative.

## We can do magic. Trail magic, that is!

*By Karen Gradel*

On June 23rd, AHC held a Trail Magic event for hungry thru-hikers by the Bake Oven Road parking lot. We had hot dogs donated by Hatfield Meats, and veggie burgers along with all the fixings. Supplies were provided by a generous donation from Hinkle's Auto Repair in Pennsburg. We also had cupcakes, fruit, soda, and other goodies brought by volunteers Edna Himmler, Mary Ann Nissley, Pam Root, Vanessa Hamilton, Kimberly Gradel, and John McCarty. Eleven thru-hikers came by, and they all signed our guest book, then sat down and shared their amazing stories with us as they ate. We had hikers from Texas, North Carolina, Germany, Minnesota, and New York. It was a wonderful experience, and we had a great time!

*Above, and pictured at right:*  
Thru-hikers enjoying the great food and company.







*Left:* Volunteers gather during Trail Magic. On far right, Karen Gradel, Vice-President of AHC.



**Fun and great food for our Trail Magic event!**



*Until next  
time . . .*





## AHC Adopts Chestnut Oak Trail

Shortly after the Allentown Hiking Club became involved with the Lehigh Gap Nature Center (LGNC), we started working on trails. I think our first experience was working on the LNE trail. It soon became apparent that the LGNC was to be taken seriously.

The club started working on trail projects in the evenings, particularly in June when the days are long. The first project was working on the LNE. This was an obvious choice since it was simply an extension of a rail to trail.

Dan Kunkle, the LGNC Director, had bigger visions. He wanted a complete trail system on LGNC property.

The club was very influential in the layout of the Charcoal and Woodpecker Trails and their initial blazing. The real work the club was involved with was the Chestnut Oak Trail. This trail is at the

western end of the property and parallels the LNE trail on a steep slope for about three-quarters of a mile.

A unique feature of the trail is that it is located in mid-growth forest, and at places provides a spectacular view of the Lehigh River without having to climb to the top of Blue Mountain. Over the course of about three years, the club trench-cut this trail into the side of the mountain.

I particularly like this trail because if I have a few hours and want to get away, I can do it here. There have been several times when other local trails were loaded with hikers and bikers, and I just headed to the Chestnut Oak Trail for a little solitude.

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### Wow! What's this?

Pictured at left is Karen Lutz, the ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, holding a sample of the NEW Appalachian Trail license plate. Turn to the next page to discover how YOU can get your own.

## GREAT NEWS!



**Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail License Plates are now available.** The fee is \$50 or \$150 for a personalized plate. \$21.00 dollars of the fee goes to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Follow the link for information and a link to the application:

<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/more-ways-to-donate/specialty-license-plate>



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 PER CALENDAR YEAR FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, AND RENEWALS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 31ST TO STAY ON THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. DUES CAN BE PAID AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR MAILED TO THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. HOUSEHOLD DUES (MORE THAN ONE MEMBER PER ADDRESS) ARE \$15.00.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Paula Uhrin: 283 Ridgeview Drive, Alburtis Pa. 18011

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\_\_\_\_\_ Club T-shirt @ \$6.00 + \$3.50 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club golf shirt @ \$12.00 + \$3.50 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Embroidered patch @ \$1.50 + \$.75 shipping ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Club window decal @ \$2.50 + \$.75 shipping ea

\_\_\_\_\_ Club window cling decal @ \$2.50 + \$.75 shipping ea

Checks payable to "Allentown hiking Club"

\_\_\_ Yes - Please sign me up for the Allentown Hiking Club's email list --- the AHC Forum



# Fall 2014 Hiking Schedule and Upcoming Events

FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
AT [www.allentownhikingclub.org](http://www.allentownhikingclub.org)



## MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

The general public is invited to join us on hikes and other events. If a club or organization wishes to include one of our hikes as a formal activity on its schedule, we ask that it contact the leader in advance for permission. Times listed are departure times; please arrive at least 15 minutes before the listed time. Starting times are strictly observed and appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes/boots should be worn at all times.

Generally, our pace is moderate with opportunities for resting and sightseeing. Every attempt is made to assist and encourage hikers, but we cannot be responsible for their safety on the trail. Any rugged outdoor activity entails risk, and we expect all participants to rely on their own judgment and good sense to take care of themselves and know their limitations. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Hikers are expected not to lag too far behind the main party.

We car-pool as much as possible to save fuel. PASSENGERS PAY DRIVERS 10 CENTS PER MILE TO DEFRAY FUEL EXPENSE. Drivers, please remember to check your mileage and let the passengers know how much mileage reimbursement they owe you.

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm the first Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, Pa. Meetings include a discussion of the previous month's activities, as well as upcoming activities. Scheduling meetings are held quarterly for members to coordinate hikes/trips, etc. for the upcoming schedule. All members are invited and encouraged to schedule activities; we are a 100% volunteer organization, and it is up to members to keep the schedule filled.

## AHC HIKE RATING SYSTEM

In an attempt to assist hikers, a hike rating system has been set up to allow the hiker to judge his/her ability to complete the hike. The rating system will precede the Allentown Hiking Club's usual hike description. On multi-day outings such as backpacks, the rating for the hike will reflect the distance traveled on a per-day basis. Remember that the hike ratings are assigned by the hike leader, and are therefore based on the leader's subjective opinion.

<b>RATING</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION (distance,terrain,pace)</b>
<u>A+</u>	<u>Up to 7 miles, little climbing and easy terrain, 2 mph or slower</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 mph or slower</u>
<u>B+</u>	<u>Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>7-10 miles, some climbing and easy terrain 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>C+</u>	<u>7-10 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>7-10 miles significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>D+</u>	<u>10-12 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>10-12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph</u>
<u>E+</u>	<u>Over 12 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph</u>
<u>E</u>	<u>Over 12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph</u>
<u>U</u>	<u>Hike unrated by hike leader</u>

<p>Saturday</p> <p>9-27-14 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p><b>AT Hike - Smith Gap to Wind Gap</b></p> <p>Ridge-top hike along the AT from Smith Gap to Wind Gap</p> <p>Moderate inclines and descents. 600 ft elevation change. We will stop at Leroy A. Smith shelter, Hahn's Lookout and Lookout Rocks. Terrain is rocky - sharp, uneven and highly mobile rocks. Not a beginner's hike. Bring lunch and water. This is a shuttle hike. No pets please.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Please contact the event leader. Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com or Kerry Snyder ksnyd82@gmail.com            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO            Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>10-1-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6.7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Lehigh Gap Nature Center Loop</b></p> <p>Hike a variety of trails with views of Palmerton and the mountain.</p> <p>We will explore several trails (leader's choice). Some of the hike will be on a rail trail and the remainder on foot paths. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet at the Osprey House at Lehigh Gap Nature Center.            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES            Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>10-1-14 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>October Monthly Meeting</b></p> <p>Starting at 7:30 PM there will be a presentation by Dianne Allison on birds.</p> <p>Following the presentation there will be a break for refreshments and our monthly business meeting.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott St., Allentown, PA.            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO            Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10-4-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1.0 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p><b>Trail Maintenance at Lehigh Gap Nature Center</b></p> <p>The club has adopted this trail at LGNC. We will review and work on the trail. Bring gloves, water and snacks.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Lehigh Gap Nature Center Osprey House.            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO            Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net            Co-leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10-18-14 1:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p><b>Autumn Refuge Hike</b></p> <p>Hike several trails at Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Bring snacks and water. Wear sturdy shoes.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet at Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES            Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>10-19-14 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Weissport Canal Walk/Walnutport Canal Festival</b></p> <p>Car pool to Weissport Canal, return to meeting place and go to Canal Festival (1/2 mile from meeting place).</p> <p>Bring water and light lunch. Lots of good food, displays and activities at festival.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Rite-Aid parking lot Rt. 145 in Walnutport.            Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES            Leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479            Co-leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479</p>



<p>Tuesday</p> <p>10-21-14 12:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7-8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Jacobsville Environmental Education Center hike</b></p> <p>Explore a variety of trails in this Northampton County state park. Hopefully, the trees will cooperate and we will enjoy some of the fall foliage display. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Take PA 33 to the Belfast exit (7 miles north of US 22). Turn right at the end of the exit ramp, then left on Belfast Road and drive 0.6 mile to the parking lot on your left.            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? YES            Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>10-26-14 11:00 am</p> <p>Bike distance: 12 mile loop with ups and downs</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>"Terroir" in Greenwich</b></p> <p>Breakfast with the Boy Scouts at Camp Edmar followed by a bike trip on public and PRIVATE PROPERTY! (By permission). Must be a member; you can join that day. We'll hear the original "witchy woman" playing hauntingly familiar tunes on her cello. We'll be pushing the bikes up the hills to see panoramic scenery in fall splendor and coast down to the next hill. We'll "wine down" with a tasting at Blair Vineyards—no connection to the Blair-Witch Project.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Camp Edmar; Rte 737 to Wiltout Road (near the Three Mile House to Scout Rd. Turn right.            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? NO            Leader: Ron Kieffer 610-562-8680            Co-leader: Mercedes Jurkiewicz 484-515-8001</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>10-26-14 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p><b>Fall Foliage Pulpit and Pinnacle Hike</b></p> <p>What better way to enjoy the fall than by climbing a mountain? We begin at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, climbing to Pulpit Rock and then following the ridge to the Pinnacle for spectacular fall foliage views. This is not a beginner's hike due to the ascent and rocky terrain. Bring a least 2L of water and lunch / snacks. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Hamburg Reservoir parking lot. 410 Reservoir Road, Hamburg, PA            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? YES            Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>11-4-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Bethlehem Through the Centuries</b></p> <p>Explore Bethlehem on foot, observing the beauty and history the city offers. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain cancels. No dogs.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet at the Illicks Mill Park parking area just west of the Monocacy Creek. From US 22, take Schoenersville Rd. south past the hospital and the Westgate Mall. At the Northwest Little League athletic fields, turn left onto Illicks Mill Rd and follow it past the golf course and ice rink to the Park lot on your right. If you cross the Monocacy Creek, you missed the lot.            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? YES            Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>11-5-14 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING</b></p> <p>Monthly business meeting will be followed by a break for refreshments. There will be a presentation by Bryan Cope from Northampton County Open Space Initiative. Kevin Fister, Director of Trails and Greenways at Wildlands Conservancy, may be attending also.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? NO            Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>11-8-14 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1/2 mile</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Lock #2 Maintenance</b></p> <p>Help us maintain Lock #2 in Jim Thorpe that the club adopted from the D&amp;L.</p> <p>Please contact leaders so that adequate tools and equipment can be provided. Bring gloves, lunch and water.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Rite Aid on Rt. 145 In Walnutport at 9:00 or Lock #2 at 9:30 AM.            Posted on <a href="#">meetup.com</a>? NO            Leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479            Co-leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net</p>

<p>Tuesday</p> <p>11-18-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5-6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary Hike</b></p> <p>Explore a scenic sanctuary along the Delaware River in Williams Township, Northampton County.</p> <p>The 200-acre Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary and Wilderness Trust is perched on the steep slopes of Bougher Hill overlooking the scenic Delaware River. Hiking trails lead through a variety of forest types and meadow areas. Expect climbs and descents. Views of the Delaware River. Bring water and snacks. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meeting place: Mariton parking lot. From Easton, take Rt. 611 south toward Riegelsville. At the northern end of the borough, turn right onto Spring Hill Rd. Turn right onto Sunnyside Rd. and follow to parking lot.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES          Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>11-22-14 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p><b>Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge Hike</b></p> <p>Classic loop hike including Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge, and the AT. We will meet at the Dunnfield Creek Parking lot, which is the second to last exit in NJ off Route 80 West. This lot fills up quickly so please arrive early. From there we will hike the Dunnfield Hollow Trail to Sunfish Pond. Trekking poles are strongly recommended. Warning: you may get your feet wet. After a rest, we will continue on the AT to Raccoon Ridge for lunch, then we will travel back to our cars. Sturdy hiking boots recommended. Bring at least 3 quarts of water, lunch and snacks. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/kpvc-trails.htm">http://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/kpvc-trails.htm</a>          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES          Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>11-23-14 11:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Canal Towpath Hike</b></p> <p>Hike south on the Delaware Canal Towpath from Riegelsville.</p> <p>Enjoy an easy stroll on the towpath. Bring a lunch or snack. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet in the canal parking lot across the canal bridge just north of the intersection of Rt. 412 and Rt. 611 south of Riegelsville Boro.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO          Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 610-346-7042 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>11-28-14 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Walk Off Your Turkey Hike</b></p> <p>Hike the trails of the South Mountain part of the Robert Rodale Reserve.</p> <p>Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers. Bring water and snack or lunch.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Boroline Park, 600 Alpine St., Emmaus          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES          Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>12-2-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Lehigh Parkway Hike</b></p> <p>Hike along the Little Lehigh Creek in Allentown. Enjoy the beauty of one of Allentown's parks, starting near the Fish Hatchery and following the trail along the south side of the creek, and passing Bogert's Covered Bridge. At the North Bridge, we will cross the creek and return along the north side to our cars. Bring water and a snack. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> From US 22, go south on Cedar Crest Blvd. Turn left onto Fish Hatchery Road, cross the Little Lehigh and turn right into the parking lot.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES          Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>12-3-14 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>December Holiday Feast, Monthly Meeting and Winter Hike Scheduling</b></p> <p>We will have our potluck holiday dinner followed by our monthly business meeting and winter hike scheduling. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. Following the business meeting we will be scheduling hikes and other winter events. Please complete the AHC Hike/Event form and give to the Hiking Schedule Coordinator.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO          Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>12-16-14 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: U</p>	<p><b>Saucon Rail Trail Hike</b></p> <p>Walk through Upper Saucon Township in Lehigh County.</p> <p>We will walk the southern half of this rail trail and enjoy the (almost) winter weather and scenery. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain or snow cancels.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet at Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park on Landis Street. Driving south on Rt. 309 in Coopersburg, turn left onto Landis St. and then left again into the Park parking lot between the ball fields.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? YES          Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>12-20-14 7:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p><b>Holiday Hike</b></p> <p>Hike the streets of Historic Bethlehem and enjoy the holiday sights and sounds.</p> <p>Back by popular demand! Spend several hours hiking the streets of Bethlehem's Historic District enjoying the lights and holiday decorations. Optional stop at the Brew Works after the hike. Heavy rain cancels hike.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet on the Plaza next to the library on Church Street in Bethlehem.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO          Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 610-346-7042 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>12-31-14 11:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p><b>New Years Hike to the Allentown Shelter</b></p> <p>Enjoy an easy hike to the Shelter, where we will share munchies.</p> <p>We will start at PA 309 and hike south on the Appalachian Trail for four miles to the Allentown Shelter. At the shelter we will stop for a break; bring a snack item to share with the group. After a suitable period eating and socializing, we will retrace our steps to PA 309. Anyone interested in a shorter four mile hike or a later start time can join us at Fort Franklin Road.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> Meet at the tower on PA 309 at the summit of Blue Mountain. Park on the west side of the road.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO          Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857          Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>1-7-15 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING</b></p> <p>Starting at 7:30PM there will be a presentation by Mercedes Jurkiewicz on her trip to Ecuador.</p> <p>Following the presentation there will be a break for refreshments and our monthly business meeting.</p> <p><b>Details</b>  <b>Meeting place:</b> St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott St., Allentown, PA.          Posted on <b>meetup.com</b>? NO          Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>



**AHC Hike / Event Form - Please fill out all fields and give this to the Hiking Scheduling Coordinator at the scheduling meeting or see page 2 of The Happy Hiker for email and phone contact information.**

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type Of Event (circle one): hike / meeting / maintenance / backpack / other

Round trip road miles: \_\_\_\_\_ Hike distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles

Meeting Place: check \_\_\_\_\_ contact hike leader, or enter directions

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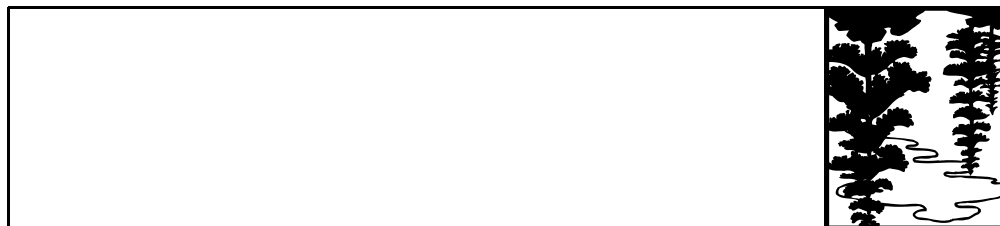
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Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): \_\_\_\_\_

Add this hike to Meetup.com ? yes / no (select one)

If yes limit hike to \_\_\_\_\_ hikers or no limit.

Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_



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