

Member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Keystone Trails Association

President's Message: New Hiking Season Begins—Gear Up!

Due to publishing deadlines for this newsletter, it happens that as I write this, snow is piling up outside and we are being advised of blizzard force winds and record low temperatures for the next few days. But by the time you read this, signs of spring will be hailing the start of a new hiking season. And, as usual, there are a lot of intriguing excursions to look forward to this year. Please see the Hiking Schedule and Upcoming Events section of this edition for local club events, but also take note of the following major events:

In July, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy will host its biennial conference at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. Details are posted further on in this newsletter. However, I'd be remiss not to promote this event as one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the hiking calendar. Subtitled this year "Hiking Through History," the conference promises hikes where "rich history meets natural beauty," excursions to historic locations, workshops, presentations, entertainment, exhibits, and much, much more. Club members who have attended the conference in years past can attest to the quality hiking experiences found at this event. Save the dates, July 17-24, 2015 for an experience you will never forget!

Closer to home, I offer a fervent plea for volunteers to participate in our own spring **Maintenance and clean-up hike on May 31**. This is the day we devote to our 10.3 mile section of the

Appalachian Trail, from Bake Oven Knob road to Tri -County Corner, the slice of heaven that we call our home turf. As part of our club charter, we pledge our support to the ATC to keep our section of the trail in tip -top shape. Details about this event may be found later in this issue of the Happy Hiker, and in the "Events" section. Please come out and help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Also on tap very soon is the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) (cont. on pg. 2)

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

www.allentownhikingclub.org

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President's Message, cont. from first page:

Spring Hiking Weekend, from Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Camp Swatara, in Bethel, Berks County, PA. With a robust hiking and activity schedule organized by the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club (BMECC), there is sure to be something for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages, interests and abilities! For details about this awesome event, and to access registration materials, go to their website at www.kta-hike.org.

With all of this to look forward to, how can you not begin to feel the kiss of the sunshine and warmth of the summer breezes? Happy hiking!

Allentown Hiking Club

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Deadlines for the Summer 2015 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter Wednesday, May 27, 2015
Activity Schedule Wednesday, May 27, 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! - Spring 2015

Christine Schuebel— Slatington, PA

Dennis and Emma George— Allentown, PA Dimitri Economov— Allentown, PA Page 3 The Happy Hiker Spring 2015

The 2015 ATC Biennial Meeting: Hiking Through History - Opens for Registration April 2015

July 17 - 24, 2015

Shenandoah University Winchester, Virginia

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) holds a biennial conference every two years which includes about 150 hikes, numerous workshops, and excursions to local areas of interest. Each evening there are exciting adventure presentations and stellar entertainment. The event draws between 900 and 1,200 people from around the world, but primarily from locations along the nearly 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail.



The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Biennial Conference is co-hosted by Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) and Mountain Club of Maryland (MCM).

Want to know what's being planned for our 40th Biennial Conference in Winchester, VA, from July 17 to 24? Join the official Facebook group, AT Conservancy Biennial Conference, to stay up-to-date with the great hikes, workshops, excursions and entertainment being planned for this summer's event.

For complete information, visit the ATC website at www.appalachiantrail.org.

Registration opens in April, but you can stay informed about hikes and events on the A.T. Conservancy Biennial Conference <u>Facebook page</u>.

AHC News: Open Position: Newsletter Editor

The Allentown Hiking Club is seeking a newsletter editor for The Happy Hiker. The newsletter editor must have access to Microsoft Publisher. The process for newsletter publication involves assembling articles, photos and notices to produce the finished newsletter. Limited original writing by the editor is required, as nearly all information is submitted by club chairpersons and members in accordance with predetermined deadlines. The Happy Hiker is printed four times a year. The approximate volunteer time needed for each newsletter is between 15 and 20 hours. Please contact the Club President or Vice-President if you are interested in the position. It is a wonderful, rewarding opportunity to be a part of our group and serve the community!







Annual AT Maintenance Hike Set for May 31

By Lucy Cantwell

Mark your calendars now for the annual maintenance hike on the Appalachian Trail. AHC volunteers will clean up the trail, remove blowdowns, cut back overgrowing vegetation, make repairs to the treadway and shelter buildings, and do whatever is necessary to keep our section of the trail inviting and hospitable to hikers. **YOUR** participation is greatly appreciated. **But there's more!** This year, Marian Orlousky, the Northern Resource Management Coordinator of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, will join us again on the maintenance hike to coordinate the identification and removal of garlic mustard, an invasive plant species which is threatening the integrity of the AT ecosystem. Last year's effort by the AHC resulted in the collection and removal of ten very large bags of garlic mustard from the section of the AT between Bake Oven Knob and Bear Rocks. (Cont. on page 4.)

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Annual AT Maintenance Hike Set for May 31, cont. from last page:

This year, in the hopes of curtailing the incursion of garlic mustard along the trail, the ATC is hosting a Garlic Mustard Challenge. The goal of the challenge is for all participating clubs and volunteers to collectively pull 2,189 pounds of garlic mustard (representing a pound for every mile of the Trail) from affected areas along the Trail. We hope that the efforts of the Allentown Hiking Club will significantly impact this goal; it is our hope that we will surpass last year's total by covering a longer section of the trail and pulling up more garlic mustard plants than ever before.

Help our club to achieve a personal best this year. Come out and volunteer for the Maintenance Hike and Garlic Mustard Challenge. See you on May 31!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 <u>PER CALENDAR YEAR</u> 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.

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

Checks payable to "Allentown hiking Club"



Winter 2015 Hiking Schedule and **Upcoming Events**

FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT www.allentownhikingclub.org

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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.

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

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3-28-15 10:00 am	Delaware Raritan Canal Hike & River Horse Brewery Tour
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 8 miles Hike rating: B	Hike from Lambertville to Stockton, cross the bridge into PA and walk down canal to New Hope. Cross the bridge back to Lambertville. Optional tour of River Horse Brewery afterwards Meeting place: Parking lot behind Lambertville Station on Bridge Street in Lambertville, NJ. GPS coordinates 40.362882,-74.945601 – Posted on meetup.com? NO – Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857
4-1-15 7:30 pm	APRIL MONTHLY MEETING
	Starting at 7:30PM there will be a presentation by Dr. DeCarlo from the Wellness Center. Following the presentation there will be a break for refreshments and our monthly business meeting Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott St., Allentown, PA. – Posted on meetup.com? NO - Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793
4-12-15 noon	Trexler Park Arts/Park/Allentown (Series XXIII)
	Walk Trexler Park (1.4 mi) then a short drive to Miller Symphony Hall. MORE DETAILS ON WEBSITE.
	Meeting place: 12:00 pm at Trexler Park Springhouse Road Parking Lot. – Posted on meetup.com? NO
	Leader: Mercedes Jurkiewicz 484-515-8001 – Co-leader: Ron Kieffer 610-562-8680
4-18-15 9:00 am	Lock #2 Semi-Annual Maintenance
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 1 mile	Maintenance and restoration of locks in Lehigh Gorge. Please contact leader or co-leader so that enough tools are available. May do work at Lock #1 if enough participants. Bring lunch, water and gloves.
Round trip road miles distance: 30	Meeting place: Rite-Aid on Rt. 145 in Walnutport at 9:00 am or Lock #2 in Jim Thorpe at 9:45 am. – Posted on meetup.com? NO
miles	Leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479 - Co-leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net
4-18-15 9:00 am	AT New Jersey Series Hike 1
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 9.6 miles	1st in a series of the New Jersey section of the A.T. Hike from Delaware Water Gap to Camp Road. 1150 ft elevation gain. This is a shuttle hike. We will meet at the end point and shuttle to the starting point. Please bring water, lunch or snack and wear sturdy boots.
	Meeting place: Camp Road parking lot (31 Camp Rd., Hardwick, NJ). GPS coordinates 41.032091,-75.005126 – Posted on meetup.com? NO – Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857 – Co-leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com
4-19-15 9:00 am	Day Hiking in New York City's Central Park
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 15 miles	Hike in New York City's Central Park and visit the 911 site. We will take the Trans Bridge bus from the Lehigh Valley to Port Authority in NYC, the subway to Lower Manhattan and visit the 911 site. Then take the subway to Central Park and finish the day hiking in the park. This is a full day of walking for 6 to 7 hours.
Hike rating: E+	Meeting place: Please contact the event leader - Posted on meetup.com? NO - Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 610-346-7042 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com
4-25-15 9:30 am	Green Lane Park Loop Hike
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 13 miles	This loop hike will circle the Green Lane Reservoir, affording views of both the lake and countryside. There will be several short climbs and stream crossings. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels.
Hike rating: E+	Meeting place: Meet at the Park Office at the dead end of Snyder Road, just south of the dam. 2144 Snyder Road Green Lane, PA 18054 – Posted on meetup.com? YES - Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net
5-1-15 9:00 am	Weed Whacking - TBA May - Check AHC Forum
Round trip road	Use weed whacker and remove brush along the trail. Bring gloves, rake, safety glasses, boots, water and snacks.
miles distance: 15 miles	Details
Hike / bike / on-	Meeting place: Contact leader at 610-261-1847 and AHC Forum Posted on meetup.com? NO
water distance: 2 miles	Leader: Ed Ritter 610-261-1847 critter888@verizon.net
5-2-15 9:00 am	N.J. AT Hike Series Hike 2
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 7.1	This is a shuttle hike. We will meet at the end point and shuttle to the starting point. Please bring water, lunch or snack and wear sturdy boots.
miles Hike rating: B	Meeting place: Flatbrookville (Blue Mt. Rd./County Rd.624)GPS Coordinates 41.089773,-74.911476 - Posted on meetup.com? NO - Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857 - Co-leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com

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distance: 11 miles starting point. Please bring water, function or sack and wear sturdy boots. Meeting place: AT parking lot on Sunnise Mountain Rd. Take 206 or Upper North Shore Rd to Sunnise Mountain Rd. GPS Coordinates 41.18(23), 74.378387. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leaders Karen Gradel 215-536-5857 - Co-leader Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson/01@ool com MAY MONTHLY MEETING Starting at 7:30pm Scott Everett from the D&L. will give a presentation. Following the presentation there will be a break for refreshments and our monthly business meeting. Meeting place: St. Timothy's Latheran Church, 140 South Ort Street, Allentown, P.A. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leaders Lacy Carnwell 215-885-2793 Chestnut Oak Trail Round rip road miles distance: 6 miles Hike / bke / on-water distance: 2 miles Hike / bke / on-water distance: 1 miles Hike rating A+ 5-10-15 9:00 am Place for the Chestnut Oak trail and the access trail. Bring gloves and water. Meeting place: Meet at Opprey Indoor. Eclaigh Gap Nature Center Posted on meetup.com? NO - Leader. Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 Bible of Jim Chestnut Oak Trail Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond and Raccoon Ridge Loop Hike We will ment at the Dunnfield Creek Parking Lot, Joke up the Dunnfield Hollow Trail to Sunfish Pond, Jake a break of strate. This hike hike Appalainant Trail (AT) to Raccoon Ridge where we'll stop for lunch. We will then follow the AT all the way back to our cars. Sturdy bishing boots and trekking poles are recommended as there will be probe and their hike the Appalainant Trail (AT) to Raccoon Ridge where we'll stop for lunch. We will stop often to observe Nature along the way. Bring lanch and water. This hike is sponsored by the Lehigh Gap Nature Center Meeting place: Meet at Ospery House LGNC. Directions can be found on the Lehigh Gap Nature Web Star-Doot and miles distance: 10.3 miles 5-22-15 1900 am Annual AT. Maintenance Hike Hike / bke / on-water distance: 10.3 miles Annual AT. Maintenance Hike We will see of proper of the first of the propore	5-3-15 9:00 am	N.J. AT Series Hike 3
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6-6-15 7:30 pm	Whip-Poor-Will Hike
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 2	Hike up and down Translater Lane. We will hike up at dusk. Listening in the dark for the call of the Whip-Poor-Will. Bring water and flashlight.
miles	Meeting place: Meet at Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center
Hike rating: C	Posted on meetup.com? NO
	Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net
6-7-15 9:30 am	Trexler Nature Preserve Loop Hike
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 12 miles Hike rating: D+	This loop hike will explore the northern portions of the Game Preserve, beginning at the Trexler Environmental Center, following the Border Trail through the Central Range to the North Range, then taking a variety of trails to explore the lesser-traveled sections of the park, returning to the Central Range and concluding on several trails that run along the Jordan Creek. There will be several long, steep climbs, multiple scenic overlooks, and likely buffalo and elk sightings. Early bailout options will be available. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels.
	Meeting place: Trexler Environmental Center, 4935 Orchard Road Schnecksville, PA
	Posted on meetup.com? YES
	Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net
6-26-15 9:00 am	Trail Magic Day
	We will provide food, beverages and treats for Thru-hikers. If you would like to provide a food item or beverage please contact Karen to find out what is needed or just bring fruit or goodies Meeting place: Bake Oven Road Parking lot. GPS Coordinates 40.744544, -75.738112
	Posted on meetup.com? NO
	Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857 or email kjgradel@gmail.com
7-1-15 6:30 pm	July Monthly Meeting and Potluck Picnic at Franco Park
	The club will provide hot dogs and drinks. We ask our members to bring a favorite dish to share with the group. No need to call about what to bring. We always get a variety of tasty dishes which, in turn, becomes a grand feast. DIRECTIONS : I-78 towards Allentown to Lehigh St. and north to Downyflake Lane (1st light) and turn right. Proceed to S. 12th St. and turn right. Continue to next light which is Emmaus Ave. Turn left onto Emmaus Ave. Turn right at Salisbury Fire Co. (Honeysuckle Rd.), left onto Black River Rd. Franco Park is 1/4 mile on the left.
	Meeting place: Franco Park, Salisbury Township
	Posted on meetup.com? NO
	Leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479
	Co-leader: Edna Himmler 610-797-5182 ehimmler@ptd.net
7-2-15 6:00 pm	Full Moon Pulpit and Pinnacle Loop Hike
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 8 miles Hike rating: C	Come and watch the full moon rise from the Pinnacle. This is an 8 mile loop hike, starting at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot and then going up to the Pulpit and Pinnacle for spectacular views of the rising full moon. Sunset is at 8:38pm and moonrise is at 8:59pm. This is not a beginner's hike due to the ~1000' ascent, rocky terrain and nighttime conditions. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring a headlamp or flashlight, at least 2 liters of water and food/snacks. Rain or cloudy conditions cancels.
	Meeting place: Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, 420 Reservoir Road Hamburg, PA
	Posted on meetup.com? YES
	Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net

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Date(s):	Time:
Leader:email	il:Phone:
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Type Of Event (circle one): hike / meeting / maintenance	e / backpack / other
Round trip road miles: Hike distance:	miles
Meeting Place: check contact hike leader, or enter	er directions
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:	

Please Rush-Dated Material

