

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOSCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Awards and Duties

At our annual club picnic in July, numerous awards were given to AHC members from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for exemplary volunteerism in support of the Trail. Further on in this issue you may read the "who" and the "why" of the awards. I am always amazed at the giving spirit of our club members. While every one of these awards is impressive, two in particular are especially noteworthy.

Barb Weimann has been recognized by the ATC for over 4000 hours dedicated to the Appalachian Trail, including both maintenance of the Trail and supporting the management, policies, and strategic plan of the Conservancy. Jim Gabovitz received the Silver Service Award for 25 years of volunteer service to the Appalachian Trail. These are superb accomplishments of which Barb and Jim can be justly proud, and we congratulate you and thank you for the recognition this brings to our club as well.

For anyone unaware of the impact of your volunteer hours, let me just sum it up in a few words: "It adds up." Between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014, the ATC reported that 5,617 volunteers reported 241,936 hours of service to the trail (from all supporting clubs and organizations). Government funding to relevant maintaining agencies depends upon showing a positive initiative towards stewardship of the trail, so every hour given by every volunteer affects the final monetary outcome. So the gist of it all is that everyone's service, no matter the amount, is sincerely appreciated. [NOTE: The tally for Oct. 2014 through the end of Sept. 2015 will be coming up soon. Please look back through your calendars and notes, and report all hours spent in trail maintenance or in the administration of the club to the Trails Chairperson, Ed Ritter, as soon as you can.]

Lest we become complacent, though, and begin to think that our work is done, we have to be aware that use (and misuse) of the trail is increasing on a grand scale, and continued oversight is a must. Unprecedented numbers of thru-hikers are expected in the 2016 season. This alone merits dutiful vigilance by the maintaining clubs. Additionally, it has been and will continue to be a cat and mouse game to stay a step ahead of the ne'er-do-wells encroaching upon the non-remote areas of the trail (example: the graffiti recently removed from Bake Oven Knob). However, I have no doubt that the dedication of the AHC will prove stronger than the forces against us!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. The fall hiking season is upon us, of which some may say is the best of all. As we look forward to the shorter days, crisp air, and clear, starry nights, may we have a greater appreciation for the hiking opportunities we have due to our own hard work as well as that of our fellow hikers and neighbors.

Happy Hiking, Everyone!

Lucy Cantwell AHC President



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<u>Deadlines for the Winter 2015 Newsletter & Schedule</u>

Happy Hiker Newsletter Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Activity Schedule Wednesday, November 25, 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! - Winter 2015

July

Suzanne Glatz - Orefield, PA Cynthia Paetow - Quakertown, PA Rudith Rosario - Allentown, PA

August

Amanda Clouse & Ian Johnson - Allentown, PA Ignacy Nasilowski - Pottsville, PA Alan Azab - Harrisburg, PA Carl Rush - Kunkletown, PA Craig Przysiecki - Kintersville, PA

September

John Wirth - Red Hill, PA
Nathan Kutz - Allentown, PA
Emily Costigan - East Greenville, PA
David Loder - Breiningsville, PA
Henry Nibbe - New Tripoli, PA
Seth Koss - Chester Springs, PA
Matt Donnelly - Bethlehem, PA

Trail Maintainers, never seen or noticed, but the Trail is still there. Blowdowns removed, trash picked up, briers and invasives cut back, camp sites and shelters maintained. The amount of labor and hours spent on the Trail is totally unknown. Yes the AHC and other clubs do report hours to the ATC, but how many times do you go for a walk or hike and pick up a piece of trash or throw a branch off the Trail or go to do maintenance and don't report your hours.

I would like to THANK everyone that maintained the Trail, been officers in the AHC, and those who gave their time and energy to the AT and the AHC. You are volunteers, we need you and more like you. To thank you and to recognize your service, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail has a Volunteer Recognition Program.

The <u>Hours of Service</u> recognition program is based on the cumulative hourly contributions of volunteers to the Appalachian Trail, and is administered by ATC through the local Trail clubs.

Individual volunteers are responsible for tracking and reporting their hours of service to their club according to the club's requirements. Then each club is responsible for providing hours of service information to ATC.

100 – 500 hours	500 – 1000 hours	1000 – 2000 hours
AT patch	AT cap	AT vest
Lucy Cantwell	Dick Snyder	Jim Gabovitz
Susan Ritter	Ed Ritter	Barbara Wiemann
Bill Geiger	Ann Griffin	Carl Griffin
Maryann Nissley	Nick Rosato	Mike Benyo
Edna Himmler	Hal Wright	Janet Goloub
Frank Bertalin	Bernie Harris	
Edna Harris	Ginny Musser	
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4000 hours + Take Pride In America Presidential Award

framed Certificate, Lapel Pin, Letter from the President of the USA

Barbara Wiemann Ginny Musser Mike Benyo

THANK YOU (turn in your hours)

Ed Ritter AHC Trail Chair



July 1 2015 Annual Covered Dish/AHC Meeting. Awards were given for service on the trail.

From Left: Dick Saul, Edna Himmler, Paula Uhrin, Carl Griffin, Jim Gabovitz, Lucy Cantwell, Ann Griffin, Nick Rosato, Barb Wiemann, Ed Ritter, Mary Ann Nissley.

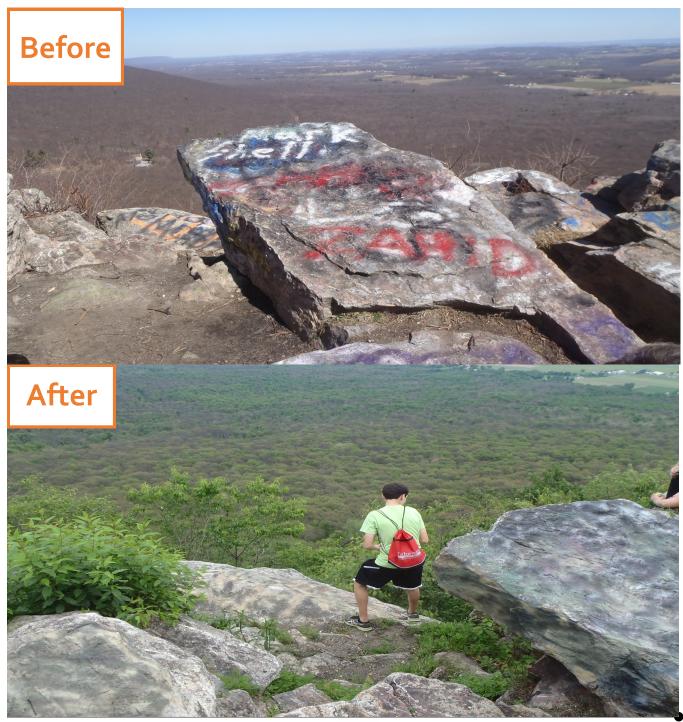


The National Park Service has purchased tracts of land to protect the Appalachian Trail. The Allentown Hiking Club is responsible for monitoring about 15 miles of boundary around these tracts. In late fall, when leaves are down, club monitors walk the boundary lines, checking for encroachments such as tree cutting, illegal dumping, and hunting stands. Once a year, each monitor walks a section that can be walked in about 5 hours.

AHC has openings for monitors. If you would like more information, contact Barb Wiemann at blwiemann@gmail.com or call 610-262-6977.

Bake Oven Knob Graffiti and Trash removal

On June 14th 2015 volunteers from PA Game Commission, Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Allentown Hiking Club and Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club headed up the AT to Bake Oven Knob to obliterate graffiti and remove trash. Over 150 cans of spray paint that was donated by PA Game Commission, Miller's Ace Hardware - Northampton, Allentown Hiking Club, Lowes - Whitehall, Home Depot – Whitehall and Sherwin Williams – Allentown were used to cover over the graffiti. A couple of hours later, with sore and painted spraying fingers, Bake Oven Knob rocks looked great, a little more natural, and cleaner. Thanks to all that planed and helped. Sorry to say, but a couple of days later graffiti was placed over the rocks again.



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"An Adventurous Day Tubing on the Lehigh River"
August 16th, 2015

Gene Scharle, Event Leader

Photo taken by Pam Root





Mary Ann Nissley wanted to make us aware that a very good friend of hers, Ed Sidote, from the Finger Lakes Trail Conference, who presented her with her 1995 patch, passed this year. He was the third person to walk the Finger Lakes Trails from end to end. She has some very fond memories of him and the good times they shared. Many of you may remember Ed as a go-getter. He had a huge capacity for awe and joy. Wherever he went he exuded an intense but very innocent charisma.

"I walked slowly to enjoy this freedom, and when I came out of the mountains, I saw the sky over the prairie, and I thought that if heaven was real, I hoped it was a place I never had to go, for this earth was greater than any paradise." - Daniel J. Rice, *The Unpeopled Season: Journal from a North Country Wilderness*

"The long distance hiker, a breed set apart, From the likes of the usual pack. He'll shoulder his gear, be hittin' the trail; Long gone, long 'fore he'll be back."
-M. J. Eberhart



Fall 2015 Hiking Schedule and **Upcoming Events**

FOR THE MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT



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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. The rating system is:

A+ Up to 7 miles, little climbing and easy terrain, 2 mph or slower B+ Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 mph or slower B+ Up to 7 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph C+ 7-10 miles, some climbing and easy terrain 2 to 2.5 mph C- 7-10 miles significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, 2 to 2.5 mph D+ 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 Over 12 miles, some climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph Over 12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph	RATING	DESCRIPTION (distance,terrain,pace)
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Wednesday	OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING
10-7-15 7:30 pm	Starting at 7:30PM there will be a presentation by John McCarty on his 7-week trip to New Zealand and
	Australia.
	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.
	Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793
Wednesday	Plainfield Rail Trail Hike
10-14-15 10:00 am	Hike along the Bushkill Creek in Northampton County.
TT'1 /1 '1 /	Large trees line the trail on both sides, framing pretty views of Bushkill Creek as it meanders in and out
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 8	of view. The trail crosses the creek five times on charming wooden bridges. One on the southern end offers a particularly dramatic view of the creek far below. We will hike north for four miles and then
miles	turn around to return to our cars. Bring lunch and water. Steady rain on morning of hike cancels. No
	calls morning of hike.
Hike rating: U	
	Meeting place: Meet at the southern trailhead in Stockertown. Heading north on Route 33, take the
	Stockertown exit and turn right at the first stop sign. At the next light, turn left onto Sullivan Trail Road. Continue about 0.75 mile and pass a power station on the right. Park in the lot past the power station.
	Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com
Thursday	
10-17-15 1:00 pm	Autumn Refuge Hike Hike several trails at Lehigh Gap Nature Center.
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Hike / bike / on-	
water distance: 7	Meeting place: Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center
miles	Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net
Hike rating: B	
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Friday 10-18-15 9:30 am	Walnutport Canal Festival Hike easy walk in Weissport. Bring light lunch and water.
10-10-13 7.30 am	Three easy wark in weissport. Dring right functi and water.
Hike / bike / on-	Hike on D&L Trail in Weissport and return to Walnutport to attend Canal Festival. Lots of good food
water distance: 7	and entertainment at Canal Festival.
miles	Maating place: Pita Aid in Walnutport
Round trip road	Meeting place: Rite-Aid in Walnutport. Leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479
miles distance: 18	Co-leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479
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Hike rating: U Saturday	Lock #2 Clean-up
10-24-15 9:00 am	Semi-Annual clean-up and maintenance at Lock #2.
Hike / bike / on-	Bring lunch, water and gloves. We will have tools and gloves. Please call so we have adequate tools.
water distance: 1/2 miles	Meeting place: Rite-Aid, Rt. 145 Walnutport or at Lock #2 at 9:45AM.
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Round trip road	Co-leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net
miles distance: 40	
miles	
Hike rating: U	

Sunday 10-25-15 8:30 am	DWGNRA Cliff Park Trails Hike This hike will include almost all of the trails in the Cliff Park Section of the DWG National Restoration Area for a total of 7.5 miles.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 8-10 miles	These trails are relatively new, having been completed in 2009. There are several wonderful overlooks of the Delaware River and one of the city of Milford as well as a small but scenic waterfall. These trails
Round trip road miles distance: 60 miles	are nice and wide, not rocky and easily walked in lighter footwear. In addition we'll do a short hike to the nearby Raymondskill Falls as well as a short hike along Dingman's Creek to see Silver Thread and Dingmans Falls. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Also this is an all day hike so don't expect to be back to the Park and Ride until after 5:00 and possibly later.
Hike rating: U	Meeting place: Park & Ride lot at the intersection of Wm. Penn Hwy & PA 33. Leader: David Povenski 610-462-7704
Sunday 11-1-15 10:30 am	Hike to Deep Lake Hike to Deep Lake and back.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 4	On State Game Lands. Bring lunch and water. No pets please.
miles Round trip road	Meeting place: McDonalds in Wind Gap Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gabby@enter.net
Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles	
Hike rating: A+	
Wednesday 11-4-15 7:30 pm	NOVEMBER 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 Street, Allentown, PA Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793
Saturday	AT Hike - Rt. 309 to Bear Rocks
11-7-15 10:00 am	7 mile out and back hike on the Appalachian Trail from Rt. 309 to Bear Rocks and back.
Round trip road miles distance: 7 miles	We will pass beautiful views from the narrow Knife Edge, eat lunch at Bear Rocks, then return. Terrain is rocky requiring a few hand holds and good balance. We will spend some time enjoying the scenery at Bear Rocks. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Bring water and lunch. Heavy rain cancels.
Hike rating: C	Meeting place: Meet at trailhead on Rt. 309 across from Blue Mountain Summit Hotel. Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com
Sunday 11-8-15 9:00 am	Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge Hike Classic loop hike through the Delaware Water Gap including Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge, and the AT.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 15 miles	This lot fills up quickly so please arrive early. From there we will hike the Dunnfield Hollow Trail to Sunfish Pond. This section includes multiple stream crossings that, depending on how fast the creek is
Hike rating: E	running, may require getting your feet wet, so please plan accordingly. Trekking poles are strongly recommended. After a rest at a rock outcropping on the northeast side of Sunfish Pond we will continue on the Appalachian Trail to Raccoon Ridge for lunch. After lunch we will travel back down the Appalachian Trail to our cars. Sturdy hiking boots are recommnded. Bring at least 3 quarts of water (you will thank me) and lunch plus snacks. Steady rain cancels.
	Meeting place: Meet at the Dunnfield Creek Parking lot, which is the second to last exit in NJ off Route 80 West.
	Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net

Sunday 11-15-15 11:00 am	Hike On The Delaware Canal Towpath An easy stroll on the towpath in Bucks County.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 6 miles	Meeting place: Meet at the towpath parking lot across the bridge just north of the intersection of Rt. 212 and Rt. 611 south of Riegelsville. Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 610-346-7042 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com
Hike rating: A+	
Sunday 11-15-15 12:00 pm	Parks and Arts of Allentown Series Part XXIV One hour easy walk along Cedar Brook before concert.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 4 miles	Easy 1 hour walk along Cedar Brook to an old mill and Second Harvest Food Bank and the Master Gardeners Vegetable gardens to look for familiar plants. From there drive to Miller Symphony Hall to enjoy the 3pm Allentown Symphony concert with violin soloist competition winner. Afterwards, a brew at the Brew Works. Tickets: 20% Hikers discount: mention HIKE20 when calling; 10% food discount at
Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles	Brew Works with concert stub. Free parking at the prison lot. MillersymphonyHall.org 610-432-6715, 23 N. 6th St., Allentown, Pa.
Hike rating: U	Meeting place: Joe Daddonna Lake and Terrace. Take Rt. 222 to 21st St., 1st left onto Reading Rd., 1st right onto St. Elmo St., turn left into parking lot. Leader: Mercedes Jurkiewicz 484-515-8001
	Co-leader: Ron Kieffer 610-562-8680
Sunday 11-22-15 9:00 am	Appalachian Trail - Fort Franklin Rd. to Tri-County Corner Joint hike with Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club to commemorate BMECC's first Appalachian Trail work trip.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 6.6 miles	We are celebrating the 89th anniversary of BMECC's first Appalachian Trail work trip on Nov. 21, 1926, when their trail crew placed their first blazes on the Berks-Lehigh border at Tri-County Corner. On the return hike we will stop at the Allentown Shelter. Bring lunch and water. Heavy rain on morning
Round trip road miles distance: 8 miles	of hike cancels. Meeting place: Meet at the tower at the south end of the Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant parking lot
Hike rating: C+	on PA 309 (on top of the mountain). We will carpool to Fort Franklin Road since parking is very limited at that road crossing.
	Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com
Friday 11-27-15 9:00 am	Walk Off Your Turkey Hike Hike the trails of the South Mountain part of the Robert Rodale Reserve.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 6 miles	Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers. Bring water and snack or lunch. Cell - 267-424-4602 kjgradel@gmail.com.
Hike rating: B+	Meeting place: Boroline Park, 600 Alpine St., Emmaus Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857
Saturday 11-28-15 9:30 am	Hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle This is a classic loop hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 9 miles	What better way to enjoy the crisp fall air than by climbing a mountain? This is a 9 mile loop hike, starting at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, climbing to Pulpit Rock and then following the ridge to the Pinnacle for spectacular views of the Lehigh Valley. This is not a beginner's hike due to the 1000' ascent and very rocky terrain. Bring a least 2L of water and lunch / snacks. Steady rain cancels.
Hike rating: C	Meeting place: Hamburg Reservoir parking lot; 410 Reservoir Rd, Hamburg, PA
	Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net

Wednesday 12-2-15 6:00 pm	December Holiday Feast, Monthly Meeting and Winter Hike Scheduling 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 Hike Scheduling Coordinator.
	Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott St, Allentown, PA Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793
Sunday 12-13-15 9:00 am	Green Lane Reservoir Loop hike around the Green Lane Reservoir
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 Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net
Saturday	Holiday Hike
12-19-15 7:00 pm	Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday in downtown Bethlehem.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 5 miles	This hike has been a club favorite for many years. We will spend about 2-1/2 hours hiking the historic section of Bethlehem with an optional stop after the hike at the Brew Works.
Hike rating: B	Meeting place: Meet at plaza next to library on Church Street. Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 610-346-7042 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com
Thursday 12-31-15 11:00 am	Appalachian Trail Hike to Allentown Shelter Enjoy an easy hike to the Shelter where we will share munchies.
Hike / bike / on- water distance: 8 miles Hike rating: B	We will start at PA 309 and hike south four miles to the Allentown Shelter. At the shelter we will stop for lunch; 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 start at Fort Franklin Road. Bring lunch, water, and snack to share. Steady rain or snow on morning of hike cancels. No calls on morning of hike.
	Meeting place: Meet at the tower on PA 309 at the summit of Blue Mountain. Park on the west side of the road. Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com

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

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ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP: —
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AHC Hike / Event Form - <u>Please fill out all fields</u> 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	s: Hike distance: c contact hike leader, or enter	_ miles		
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