



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Busy Season Awaits Us

Around this time of year I am always tempted to say to get ready, because the hiking season is about to begin. But the truth is that it never really stops, because each season offers new ways to explore our little corner of the universe. I am pleased that the hiking schedule has been reasonably full during the winter months, and that the spring schedule is loaded, too. I'd be remiss, however, not to give a shout out about some very important events and work projects coming up in the next few months. As you know, volunteerism is central to our club's mission, and we are dedicated to the maintenance of several local trails.

First of all, on May 21 we will hold our annual maintenance hike for our 10.3 mile section of the Appalachian Trail. We will get out there and clean up the trail, cutting back vegetation, removing trash and blowdowns, refreshing blazes where needed, and doing whatever else is needed to neaten up the trail. As in the past few years, removal of the invasive plant species Garlic Mustard will be a major priority on this maintenance hike. Also, as in previous years, this project will be included in the Great American Clean-Up of PA, so our efforts will be documented in this state-wide effort to beautify our state.

Additional clean-up and maintenance projects are scheduled for the Chestnut Oak Trail at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center on Saturday, 4/22, and for Lock #2 on the old Lehigh Canal near Glen Onoko on Saturday, 4/29. Look for details on all of these amazing hiking and volunteer opportunities further on in this bulletin. You will be amazed at how fulfilling participation in these activities can be.

Finally, in the interest of pure fun, plan to travel to Maine in August for the biennial conference of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. This event is an assembly of almost a thousand hikers, and includes meetings, workshops, entertainment, and most of all, zillions (perhaps an exaggeration!) of hikes of all lengths and difficulties. There truly is something for everyone! This year, the conference happens to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the completion of the Appalachian Trail, and special anniversary hikes will be offered. August may seem far away, but don't wait too long to plan for this awesome event. Registration opens in May. Please see the ad for the ATC biennial further on in this issue of the newsletter.

Enjoy the spring, and Happy Hiking, everyone!



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Deadlines for the Summer 2017 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

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!

December 2016

Gerald Polachak Easton, PA
 Joyce Partington..... Allentown, PA
 Kathryn Mayer Allentown, PA
 Shah Chintan..... Stewartsville, NJ
 Jim & Brenda Montgomery Portland, PA



HOW WE DISCOVERED THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Neil and I hadn't hiked in years, okay 27 years, but who's counting? The most hiking we did lately was walking the dogs around the neighborhood. We moved to Pennsylvania after retiring, as Neil grew up in PA. One afternoon last year, Neil received an email from his friend Tom. Neil and Tom had served together way back when in the Navy on the submarine James K. Polk. It had been a while since we'd last seen our friends and the email teased that Tom and his son Trip were hiking the AT near Hawk Mountain with Patti providing logistics. Tom's email joked that we should meet up with them for dinner near Hawk Mountain. "How far is Hawk Mountain?" I asked. Neil replied, "About 45 minutes." "Let's go!"

That dinner was the start of Neil and I's return to hiking and we have completed 50 miles of the AT in PA. It turns out that Tom and Trip have set a goal of hiking the entire AT. They had several sections left in PA and Neil and I have enjoyed hiking with Tom, Trip and Patti so much, that we are planning to join them in New York for the Lemon Squeezer, and in Virginia for McAfee's Knob. Trip hopes to be one of the first persons with autism to complete the entire AT. So far Tom and Trip have completed Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Trip has posted a video on YouTube with some great photos of his AT journey at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGeyYluvGzE>

Terri Stubits



Left to Right: Patti, Tom, Neil, Terri and Trip. Parking lot near Bake Oven Knob.



Glen Onoko Hike

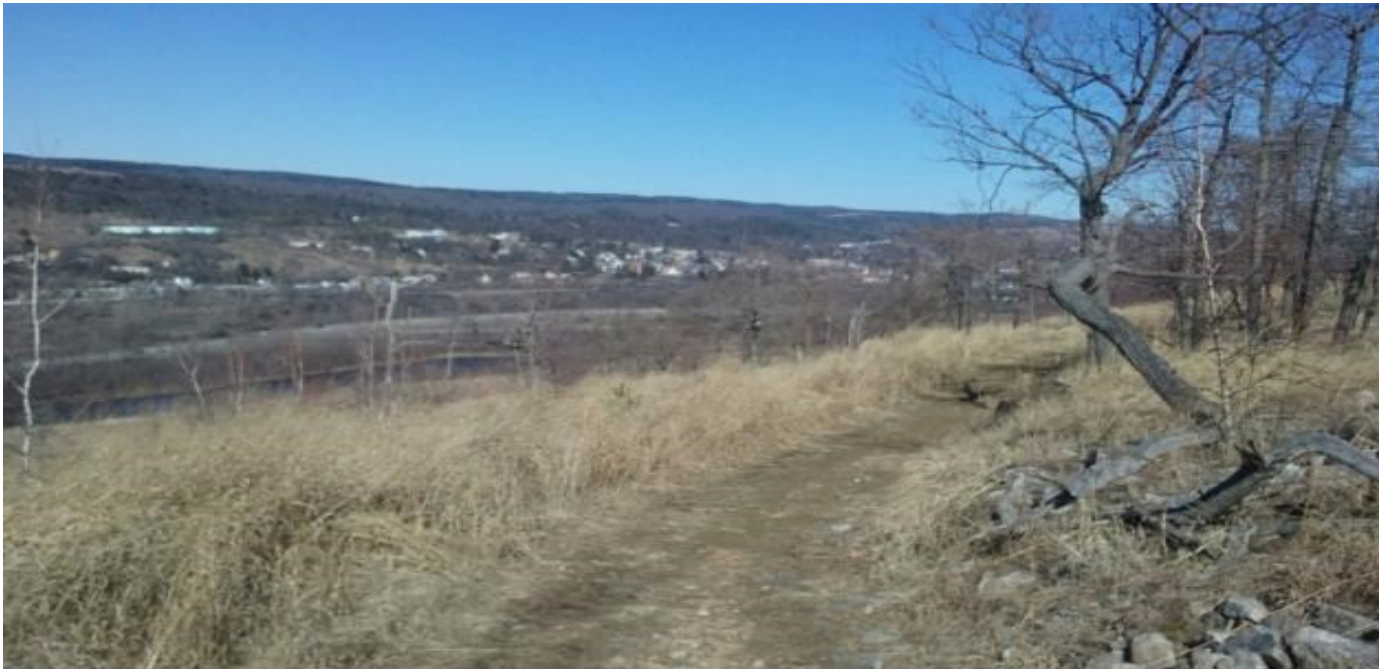
In late February, Terri and I took a hike up to the top of Glen Onoko Falls in Lehigh Gorge State Park. It had been nearly 40 years since I had made that hike as a child – I was hoping I remembered the route, and even more importantly, we were hoping that we did not become one of the statistics that we had been reading about in the paper over the past year (hikers getting lost, injuring themselves, and worse). It was a nice hike for late February with the Mountain Laurels and the stream and falls running, but hiker beware. The trail runs along the stream and in several places, crosses the stream. There were orange blazes on the trees and rocks in some places, but overall, we thought the trail was poorly marked, especially when we came to the base of the falls and needed to decide whether to go left or right to get to the top. Unfortunately, along the way we did find graffiti on the rocks and trash along the trail, including beer cans/bottles, which are prohibited in the park. On the way down, we net up with a group of several families hiking together. There must have been 25 or more of them ranging from about 4 to 74. Hiking shoes, no (there were signs indicating that a good pair of quality hiking shoes is recommended), proper hiking gear, no. I guess I understand where those statistics come from! I mentioned to one of them, I hope you have a count of all in your group to ensure they all make it back! All in all, it was still a nice hike and we look forward to going back in the summer.



LNE Hike

Last weekend we hiked from the Lehigh Gap Nature Center north along the Lehigh & New England Railroad trail. It is a nice 3-mile hike north along the Lehigh River from Slatington towards Bowmanstown. Sure, it has views of the old Palmerton Zinc Company West Plant recovery site, but as you walk you can see the mountain side making a comeback after years of pollution. The LNE trail is a few hundred feet above the Delaware and Lehigh Trail which follows the same route along the Lehigh River. After 3 miles, we turned back and followed several trails that are part of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. One of those is the north blue trail that splits from the AT on the top of the mountain. A great 6-mile round trip hike and an opportunity to meet with the Dan Kunkle, the Executive Director. Dan and I played baseball for the Lehighton men's team in the old Pocono Mountain League 35 years ago,. Wow!

- story submitted by Neil Stubits



The ATC Biennial

80th Anniversary of the Completion of the A.T.

This August will mark the 80th Anniversary of the completion of the Appalachian Trail in 1937. The last section of the Trail to be completed is located in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, and is marked by a bronze plaque on a high ridge between Sugarloaf and Spaulding Mountain.

It is logistically difficult to hike to this location on a day hike. However, at the ATC Maine 2017 Conference this August, special Anniversary hikes will be offered that will make visiting this spot a little easier.



Come to the last "biennial" to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the completion of the A.T. at Colby College, August 4-11, 2017, www.atc2017.org. Registration opens May 1.



Publicity Chairperson Needed!

The Allentown Hiking Club is in need of a press/media liaison to provide information on meetings, events, etc. to the community. Simply said, we need someone to publicize the club and its activities/events through the local media. The time commitment is minimal, say an hour or so per month, to send notices of meetings and activities to local news sources. A reasonable groundwork is already in place from the efforts of the previous Publicity Chairpersons. If you are willing to volunteer your service for this important club position, please contact the club president by e-mail or in person at the next monthly meeting. The club will be very grateful for your help!





Spring 2017 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:

RATING	DESCRIPTION (distance,terrain,pace)
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</u>
D	<u>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</u>
E	<u>Over 12 miles, significant climbing and/or rocky terrain, over 2.5 mph</u>
U	<u>Hike unrated by hike leader</u>



<p>Wednesday 4-5-17 6:00 pm</p>	<p>APRIL MONTHLY MEETING Monthly business meeting.</p> <p>Program to be determined.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Thursday 4-6-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Coopersburg) Join us for a one hour walk on the rail trail in Center Valley</p> <p>Spring is in the air and the sun is setting later so let's expand our weeknight walks to some new areas. We will be walking on the towpath for about a half hour before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out Casa Toro Mexican Grill in Fairmont Village Shopping Center. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Rail Trail Living Memorial Park, E Landis Street, Coopersburg, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Sunday 4-9-17 12:15 pm</p>	<p>Arts/Parks/ Brew Series XXXIII CONCERT COMBO A 1 hour hike from the Allentown Fish Hatchery followed by Allentown Symphony's performance of Mahler's 2nd Symphony.</p> <p>Hike beginning at the Allentown Fish Hatchery for one hour, then a 15 minute drive to the Miller Symphony Hall (23 S. 6th St, Allentown, Pa. 18101). Enjoy the 3pm performance by The Allentown Symphony (with our hike leader playing cello) of the exciting Mahler Symphony #2 (you'll recognize the movie music!) Free Parking at the Prison Lot (Penn St bet. Hamilton Blvd and Linden sts.) Then enjoy a brew at the Allentown Brewworks. Concert: 20% off ticket prices for Hikers; Box office 610-432-6715 mention "HIKE20" or purchase on Sunday; 10% off food at Brewworks afterwards with ticket stub.</p> <p>Meeting place: Fish Hatchery Parking lot. Little Lehigh Trout Nursery, 2901 Fish Hatchery Rd. Allentown, Pa. 18103 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Mercedes Jurkiewicz 484-515-8001 mercedes.jurkiewicz@gmail.com Co-leader: Ron Kieffer 610-562-8680</p>
<p>Tuesday 4-11-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Quakertown) Join us for an easy 2 – 2 1/2 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Spring is in the air with a full moon tonight so let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. To make it worth coming out of your nice warm house, we can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for some appetizers and warm drinks. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Proper Brewing Company, 117 W Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (behind the building). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



<p>Wednesday 4-12-17 6:15 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Alburtis) Join us for a one hour walk through Lock Ridge Park in Alburtis</p> <p>Bluebells bloom in April. We may or may not see them but lets take a walk through the LockRidge Park in Alburtis. We will be exploring the trails through the park returning to our cars before dark. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lock Ridge Park and Furnace Museum, 525 Franklin St., Alburtis, PA 18011 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Friday 4-14-17 1:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>Good Friday Hike Shuttle Hike on the D & L Trail from the Route 33 Boat Launch to Bethlehem.</p> <p>Meet at the Wooden Match and shuttle to the Rt 33 Boat Ramp parking lot. We hike back to Bethlehem traveling thru Freemansburg with time to explore historic Lock 44, the Lock 44 locktender's house, the restored 1829 mule barn, the Geissinger Grist Mill ruins. Optional after hike refreshments at the Wooden Match.</p> <p>Meeting place: The parking lot to the right of the Wooden Match 61 West Lehigh Street Bethlehem, PA 18018 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857</p>
<p>Wednesday 4-19-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2.5-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks @ 6:00 p.m. - Quakertown Join us for an easy 2 ½ - 3 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Spring is in the air so let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll. We will be walking through town to the park, so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. To make it worth coming out of your nice warm house, we can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at McCoole's Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCoole's overflow parking) 21 N Main St, Quakertown, PA 18951 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 4-20-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Upper Saucon) Join us for a one hour walk on the rail trail in Center Valley</p> <p>Spring is in the air and the sun is setting later so let's expand our weeknight walks to some new areas. We will be walking on the towpath for about a half hour before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out the Copperhead Grill on Route 378 for some refreshments. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Upper Saucon Township Community Park, Preston Lane, Center Valley/Bethlehem (parking lot by the bathrooms) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Saturday 4-22-17 12:15 pm</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Chestnut Oak Trail Work We will do Maintenance on the Chestnut Oak trail LGNC. Bring gloves and water.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com Co-leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479</p>



<p>Tuesday 4-25-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Center Valley) Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Spring is in the air let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll. To make it worth coming out of your nice warm house, we can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Tuesday night is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's so it's a good place to add some calories after the walk. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 4-27-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Hellertown) Join us for a one hour walk on the rail trail in Hellertown, PA</p> <p>Spring is in the air and the sun is setting later so let's expand our weeknight walks to some new areas. We will be walking on the rail trail for about a half hour before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out the new Crossroads Hotel on Main Street Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Water Street Park, 90 W Water Street, Hellertown PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Saturday 4-29-17 10:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Lehigh Gorge Maintenance on Canal Lock #2. This Lock near Glen Onoco has been adopted by Allentown Hiking Club to Maintain.</p> <p>Bring gloves, Water, and Lunch.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Rite Aid in Walnutport or about 10:45 at Lock #2 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com Co-leader: Carl Griffin 610-760-0479</p>
<p>Sunday 4-30-17 10:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>HIKE THE TREXLER NATURE PRESERVE Hike the outer loop of the Preserve, along the northern perimeter trail, excluding the South Range.</p> <p>Bring water and lunch. Hiking boots recommended. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Heavy, steady rain cancels the hike. NOTE: on the day of the hike, the leader can only be contacted by phone.</p> <p>Meeting place: Parking lot of the Trexler Environmental Center, 4935 Orchard Rd., Schnecksville, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Dan Sautter 610-203-9061</p>
<p>Wednesday 5-3-17 7:30 pm</p>	<p>MAY MONTHLY MEETING Monthly business meeting.</p> <p>Program to be determined.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>



<p>Saturday 5-6-17 10:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 180 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6-8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>Hike Around Lums Pond 6 – 8 mile fun hike around Lums Pond in Bear, DE</p> <p>Join us for a hike at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, DE. As described on the website; “the Swamp Forest Trail loops around Lums Pond through fresh water wetland forests of Black Cherry, Sweet Gum, and Maple following a gentle terrain over a packed earth or crushed stone surface and crossing over many elevated boardwalks and bridges.” A few of us will be camping for the weekend, heading up on Friday, May 5th and staying through Sunday, May 7th. If you would like to camp, you can reserve a campsite through Reserve America. Site sharing is encouraged to split costs; however, the campground does limit each site to only 2 tents or 1 RV plus 1 tent with up to 8 people. Fees are listed on the Reserve America site. There are a few tent only sites but we recommend the RV sites which seem to be a little nicer. The campground is small but with fairly new bathroom facilities. We will be camping rain or shine. Any questions about camping, please contact Michelle or Cindy. The campground offers kayaking (need to bring your own as rentals are not yet open) a zip line course through GoApe! and several hiking trails. For more information on camping, kayaking, the zip line or the park, go to: http://www.destateparks.com/park/lums-pond/ For the Saturday hike, please meet at 9:45 am in the Campground at Yurt #2. If you are coming Saturday only, there is a daily use fee of \$8 per carload. Carpooling is encouraged to split the cost.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Lums Pond State Park campground entrance is off Red Lion Road (RT 71) between the intersections of Howell School Road and Summit Bridge Road (RT896). For the Saturday hike, please meet at 9:45 am in the Campground by Yurt #2.</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 5-9-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Center Valley) Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Spring is here ~ let’s get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie’s. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle).</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 5-11-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Richland Township) Join us for a one hour walk through Robert O. Keller Memorial Park in Richland Township</p> <p>Spring is here ~ join us for a one hour walk through Robert O. Keller Memorial Park in Richland Township. Afterward we can check out Casey's Tavern just down the road Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 pm in the parking lot located next to the Township Building at 1328 California Road.</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 5-14-17 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Green Lane Reservoir Hike Loop hike around the Green Lane Reservoir</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day! 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



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<p>Sunday 5-21-17 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 1 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5.2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Hike Hike from Little Gap to Lehigh Gap This is a Natural History hike with Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water.</p> <p>Meeting place: Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>
<p>Sunday 5-21-17 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10.3 miles</p>	<p>ANNUAL A.T. MAINTENANCE HIKE Spring maintenance hike for AHC's Appalachian Trail section followed by a potluck picnic at Leaser Lake.</p> <p>This is our annual clean-up of our section of the A.T. Some effort will also be devoted to removal of invasive plant species (garlic mustard) from along the trail. Please bring gloves, trash bags, clippers, and water. After clean-up we will have a picnic at Leaser Lake. Hot dogs will be provided by the club. Please bring a covered-dish item to share the with group. Bring your own chairs.</p> <p>Meeting place: Blue Mountain Summit Inn parking lot, Rt. 309 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Ed Ritter 610-730-2683 critter888@verizon.net Co-leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Thursday 5-25-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Upper Saucon) Join us for a one hour walk on the rail trail in Center Valley Spring is here ~ and the sun is setting later. We will be walking on the towpath for about a half hour to 45 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out the Copperhead Grill on Route 378 for some refreshments. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Upper Saucon Township Community Park, Preston Lane, Center Valley/Bethlehem (parking lot by the bathrooms) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Sunday 5-28-17 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge Hike Loop hike through the Delaware Water Gap including Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, Raccoon Ridge, and the AT.</p> <p>From the Dunnfield Creek parking lot we will hike the Dunnfield Hollow Trail to Sunfish Pond. This section includes multiple stream crossings that, depending on how fast the creek is 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 recommended. Bring at least 3 quarts of water and lunch plus snacks. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Dunnfield Creek Parking lot, which is the second exit in NJ off Route 80 East. Follow the ramp under the overpass, turn left and then right into the lot. Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Tuesday 5-30-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Hellertown) Join us for a one hour walk on the rail trail in Hellertown, PA</p> <p>We'll walk on the rail trail for about a half hour or 45 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out the new Crossroads Hotel on Main Street Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Water Street Park, 90 W Water Street, Hellertown PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Thursday 6-1-17 6:15 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-2.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Bethlehem) Join us for a walk through Sand Island in Bethlehem</p> <p>Meet by the tennis courts/bathrooms on Sand Island and to take a walk and explore the area for an hour or two. Optional stop afterward in Bethlehem for refreshments.</p> <p>Meeting place: Sand Island, 44 River St Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (meet by the bathrooms/tennis court parking area) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Saturday 6-3-17 6:45 pm</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 1 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>Whip-Poor-Will We will hike up Translator lane.</p> <p>To the top of the Mountain and wait for dark. We will then hike down Translator lane listening for Whip-Poor-Wills. Bring water and good shoes. Those familiar with this hike can meet at Translator Lane for a 7:00 PM start.</p> <p>Meeting place: Osprey House Lehigh Gap Nature Center Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 6-7-17 7:30 pm</p>	<p>JUNE MONTHLY MEETING Monthly business meeting. Program to be determined.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Friday 6-9-17 5:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>Hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle under the Strawberry Full Moon Watch the moonrise from the Pinnacle.</p> <p>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 8:33pm and moonrise is at 8:36pm. 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.</p> <p>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</p>



<p>Tuesday 6-13-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Center Valley) Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>Summer is almost is here ~ let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 6-15-17 6:15 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Nockamixon) Join us for a weeknight walk in Nockamixon State Park</p> <p>We will explore the 2 mile Sterner Mill Hiking Trail in Nockamixon State Park. From Route 313, head North on 563 and Sterner Mill is the first hiking trail area on your right hand side. Optional refreshment stop after the walk.</p> <p>Meeting place: From 563 North, drive .8 miles to Sterner Mill Hiking Area on Right. Take that to the parking lot on LEFT. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 6-17-17 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 53 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>BEAR CREEK PRESERVE HIKE Enjoy the beautiful rhododendrons on this scenic 7 mile loop hike.</p> <p>Bear Creek Preserve is a vast expanse of forests and steep stream valleys located just south of Wilkes-Barre, PA. This preserve features streams, wetlands, waterfalls, hemlocks, rock outcroppings, views and rhododendron tunnels. We will hike to the scenic outlook, cross 3 bridges (one is a new cable suspension bridge) and enjoy the trail that parallels Shades Creek. Good hiking footwear is highly recommended since sections will be rocky and some areas may be wet. Bring water and lunch. No dogs, please. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Wescosville Park-n-Ride (next to the old Charcoal Drive-In), 4440 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, for a carpool to Bear Creek Preserve. We will leave promptly at 9:00am! Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com Co-leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 6-21-17 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2.5-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks @ 6:00 p.m. - Quakertown Join us for an easy 2 ½ - 3 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Summer evenings - let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll through Quakertown to the park at 4th and Mill. We can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at McCoole's Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. Heavy rain, cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCoole's overflow parking) 21 N Main St, Quakertown, PA 18951 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



Thursday 6-22-17 8:00 am	<p>Trail Magic Day We will provide food, beverages and treats for Thru-hikers.</p> <p>We always get a great assortment of goodies and supplies. Fresh fruit, vegetables and sweet treats are always popular. You can also contact me to find out what we need. Karen 267-424-4602 or email me at kjgradel@gmail.com.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meeting place: Meeting place: Bake Oven Road Parking lot. GPS Coordinates 40.744544, -75.738112 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857</p>
Friday 6-23-17 8:00 am	<p>Trail Magic Day We will provide food, beverages and treats for Thru-hikers.</p> <p>We always get a great assortment of goodies and supplies. Fresh fruit, vegetables and sweet treats are always popular. You can also contact me to find out what we need. Karen 267-424-4602 or email me at kjgradel@gmail.com.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meeting place: Meeting place: Bake Oven Road Parking lot. GPS Coordinates 40.744544, -75.738112 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 215-536-5857</p>
Thursday 6-29-17 6:15 pm	<p>Weeknight Walks (Emmaus) Join us for a weeknight walk at South Mountain Preserve</p>
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles	We will hike the 2 mile Orange Alpine Street Trail at South Mountain Preserve in Emmaus. Hiking boots or shoes recommended as trail is rocky. Optional refreshment stop after the walk
Hike rating: B+	<p>Meeting place: Boroline Park, 600 Alpine St., Emmaus Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
Wednesday 7-5-17 6:30 pm	<p>JULY MONTHLY MEETING and POTLUCK PICNIC @ FRANKO PARK A short monthly business meeting followed by a potluck picnic</p> <p>It's that time again for our annual picnic. The club will provide hot dogs and drinks. We ask our members to bring a favorite dish to share with the group. DIRECTIONS: I-78 to the Lehigh Street exit then north on Lehigh Street. Turn right at the 1st light onto Downyflake Lane. Then turn right onto S. 12th Street. At the light, turn left onto W Emmaus Avenue. Then turn right, before the Eastern Salisbury Fire and Rescue, onto Honeysuckle Road. Then bear left onto Black River Road. Franko Park is 1/4 mile on the left.</p> <p>Meeting place: Franko Park, Black River Road, Salisbury Township. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479 Co-leader: Edna Himmler 610-797-5182 ehimmler@gmail.com</p>





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

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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"

Total enclosed _____

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





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

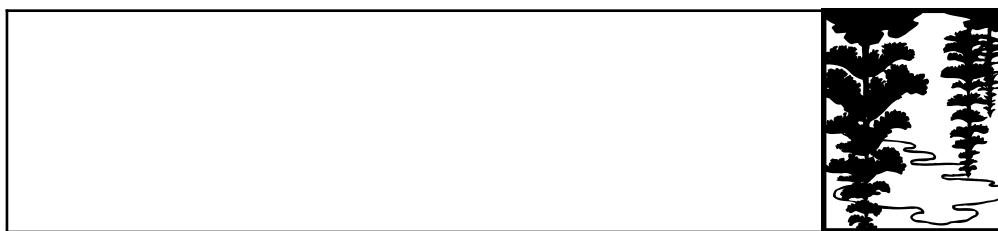
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): _____

Add this hike to Meetup.com ? yes / no (select one)
 If yes limit hike to _____ hikers or no limit.

Event Title: _____

Description: A one-sentence description of the event that appears on the website Activities page, the main page, and in the AHC Weekly Update email.

Additional details that appear only on the Activities page



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