



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changing of the Guard

Can't believe I am writing this President's Message for the last time. After a five year run, I now turn the reins of the presidency over to Karen Gradel, who supported me during this tenure as our very capable and ever-so-dependable vice-president. I can say without any hesitation that you are in very good hands!

It seems like only yesterday when I became the new president, wondering how I could ever fill the boots of the presidents before me. How did it make me feel? In a word, terrified! But I quickly learned that the former officers and established members always had my back, and were there to steer me through my confusion and uncertainty.

I have to say that it has been quite a learning experience. Every step of the way, in each situation I faced, I learned something more about hiking, about the Appalachian Trail, and about how we fulfill our mission as caretakers of the AT (and have fun doing it!). Most importantly, I learned how we fit into the tapestry of the AT family, the maintaining clubs, by cooperating with the ATC in its mission "to preserve and manage the Appalachian Trail - ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be shared and enjoyed today, tomorrow, and for centuries to come."

I'd be remiss not to extol the kindness and generosity of the members of this club. I can't thank you enough, my fellow officers and chairpersons who keep the organization humming. Without your hard work and dedication we never could have achieved our goals, both work-related and recreational, that we strive for each year. Thanks again, my loyal and talented trail mates!

As we move forward, I assure you that I will continue as a very active member of the organization, hoping in many ways to build upon the knowledge gained by way of these past experiences. I thank you for your trust in me, and in turn I have high hopes for the club in the future under the guidance of your new leadership.

Lucy Cantwell, Past-President (2013-2017)



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Deadlines for the Spring 2018 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

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!

October

Mike Dicello.....Pottsville, PA
Liz Litchfield.....Bethlehem, PA
Christine McNeill.....Allentown, PA
Trudy Gebbie.....Landsdale, PA

November

Rich & Stacy Weidler..... Wilkes-Barre, PA
Karren Belles Dallas, PA
Robin Jackson..... Lansdowne, PA
Lisa Novey-Wikowski Phoenixville, PA
Andrew Ferguson Lehigh, PA
Dev Malhotra..... Allentown, PA
Joan Matthews Mohnton, PA
Matt Renz Chalfont, PA
Donna Kohut Macungie, PA
Peggie Brewer West Chester, PA



MARP DELEGATE WANTED!

I will be resigning as the Allentown Hiking Club Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership delegate. Barb Wiemann is the alternate delegate for the club. I have enjoyed this role and think anyone assuming it would find it beneficial. MARP meets twice a year. The fall meeting is in October and runs from 8:30 to 5:00. The spring meeting is in March and lasts for a day and a half. All meetings are on the week-end. The locations change so travel is required. Overnight accommodations and meals are subsidized by ATC. All expenses can be submitted to AHC for reimbursement. The clubs meet with members or ATC and the National Park to discuss trail issues. This can be anything from the procedure to building a bridge on the trail to pipelines. Past topics have included privies, bear boxes and poles, pipelines, Alpine Rose, cell towers, fees imposed by other parks, group size, fund raisers or other events on the AT just to name a few. This forum allows the local clubs to give their input on various topics, to make recommendations that go to the RPC for review who then make recommendations to the ATC.

When I first accepted this position I thought I would get bored sitting in meetings all day long. I have to say I was never bored. I learned a lot about the trail, ATC, the National Parks and other clubs, as well as met a great group of people who care about hiking and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this position please feel free to contact me.

Anne Griffin

610-760-0479

Election Results for Calendar Year 2108

At the December club meeting, elections were held for officers for the coming year. The results are in, and the Allentown Hiking Club officers elected to serve for 2018 are as follows:

President:	Karen Gradel
Vice-President:	Paula Uhrin
Secretary:	Dick Fink
Treasurer:	Michelle Hinkle

Congratulations to these fine candidates, and best wishes for a happy and successful year!



New Honorary Member

Anne Griffin, a long time member who has always played an active role in club activities, has been awarded Honorary Membership in the Allentown Hiking Club.

Anne has been a member for more than 20 years and served three years as a club officer (two years as Secretary and 1 year as Vice-President). She has organized or helped to organize many club picnics (after the AT work days and the annual picnic in July). She has been active in trail work, especially with the trails that AHC has adopted at Lehigh Gap Nature Center and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Trail Tenders and Lock 2 near Glen Onoko.

Anne has served as the AHC representative to the Mid Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee for 10 years, providing our voice to this regional group, carefully informing the club of issues, policies, and decisions that affect the club, and seeking club opinion on matters that the RPC will discuss. She has taken a leadership role with the RPC, serving as Vice Chair, and chairing the Nominating and Awards Committees of the RPC.

Congratulations to Anne and thank you for your dedication to AHC!

-Submitted by Barb Wiemann



Lock Two Clean up (November 4th)



Club members Dick Snyder, Cindy Paetow, and Michelle Hinkle work to clear vegetation from the walls of Lehigh Canal Lock 2 south of Glen Onoko, while Nick Rosato works at the base of the wall. AHC has adopted Lock 2 as service project in conjunction with the D & L Trail of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. Jim Gabovitz organized the work day. Photo by Barb Wiemann.



Keystone Trails Association

Every year KTA has a Spring and Fall Hiking /Meeting Weekend. This spring April 13,14,15, it will be held at a hotel in downtown Jim Thorpe. KTA has asked AHC if we would provide hikes in the area for the weekend. At the September AHC meeting, this request was approved. So far we have 8 hikes planed. Town History Walk, Gravity Trail, Glen Onoko, Trexler Game Preserve, Beltzville, LGNC, and the AT. KTA would like at least 20 hikes scheduled for the weekend.

I am still looking for hike leaders and coleaders. I have KTA hiking guidelines that I can provide. They want a variety of hikes for different hiker abilities and interests. If you have a favorite hike you want to lead, even though it's at the above areas, please consider leading. I need some shorter hikes for attendees because of meetings being held during the weekend. Most hikes leave from the hotel (8:30) and carpool to trail head. Return time 5:30. Please contact me if you can help.

Thanks,
Ed Ritter
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Established in 1956, the KTA has been working to protect and promote Pennsylvania's hiking trails for 60 years. Over time, the Keystone Trails Association has continued to grow and expand its advocacy efforts and trail programs. Today, the Keystone Trails Association has firmly established itself as a force and voice for hikers throughout the commonwealth.

Volunteers needed!

The Allentown Hiking Club has two roles that need to be filled. The first is Outerbridge Shelter Chairperson. The duties are as follows: Check the Outerbridge shelter as needed. This is about once a week during hiking season and less frequently, during the winter. You would make sure there is a log book in the shelter, if full bring it to a meeting so it can be stored in the AHC library. Remove trash, trim weeds around the shelter, clean the fire ring. If the shelter needs maintenance such as painting, or re-chinking these can be listed as maintenance hikes on the quarterly schedule. Work through the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to resolve any problems such as encroachment.

The second role is Monitor Coordinator. This role will be open in 2018. Anyone interested can contact Carl Griffin for a sample of the report that is submitted to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy annually. It is suggested you accompany someone this season monitoring to get a full appreciation of the role, Carl can put you in touch with those monitoring if you are interested. The duties begin in late summer with enlisting people to monitor individual sections. Our section of trail is broken into 8 pieces and each piece is assigned to a monitor. You would gather the paperwork from all monitors once they complete their section and submit the information to ATC. The actual monitoring takes place after the leaves fall, usually mid-October to mid-December. The report is due to ATC by the end of the year.



What makes a Great Hike Leader?

As we have recently acquired several new hike leaders into the Allentown Hiking Club, it seemed like a good time for us all to reflect on what it is that makes a hike leader valuable to us and the hiking community. I began to think back to the truly great hike leaders I have known through the years and try to assess what made them important to me at various stages in my hiking days. I wish to send a heartfelt thank you to all of those leaders, since perhaps we do not make our gratitude known well enough in the moment. But what is the difference between good and great?

First, I think being a good hike leader requires thought. A good hike leader will carefully plan a route, usually but not always to a pre-traveled trail. The thought process continues with a carefully worded hike description which does not try to exclude interest or scare away potential hikers, but does accurately portray the challenges to be encountered. A great hike leader will also assess the needs of the Club to schedule a variety of activities that will bring in new members on all levels of participation. The great leaders of my past did not always lead hikes which were a test of their own capabilities. The best and strongest frequently led beginner backpacks or park walks. If they had not, many people could never have benefitted from their wisdom.

Good hike leaders always have the safety of their group in mind. They will have to assess equipment, personal capabilities and trail conditions as the trip progresses. They will sometimes have to make rescues or abandon goals to get hikers home safely. Great hike leaders never leave a doubt in the group mind that although there will be some tough going, every member will make it out of the woods and probably return to hike again. Great hike leaders don't joke about these vital things. They make sure that the world knows that this is the policy of our Club and even more, the right thing to do.

Good hike leaders have the mental states of their hikers in mind. They can see if the goals of enjoying the outdoors and protecting the environment are being met in a way that others will want to join us and that those who do will return. Great hike leaders also try to teach stewardship, work ethic, conservation and camaraderie by example and training, in a way that is enjoyable but not pedantic.

Good hike leaders respect what has come before. They try to absorb the way things have developed and see the value in asking for advice before offering it. Great hike leaders also pass on this respect to their hikers and those they train, and try to see the next steps to help with the evolution of the Club.

Great hike leaders do the work. They lead hikes, of course, but they also attend meetings, do trail maintenance, serve on committees, and provide occasional training sessions for new members. They hold offices, spread word about the club, and defend our values from conflicting viewpoints.

There are many other qualities of good and great leaders, but perhaps my offerings, loaned to me from past leaders, will begin the thought processes. After all, a good hike leader requires thought.

Submitted by Carol Crowell



Hi, I'm Kimberly Moyer from Quakertown PA. My favorite type of hikes are day hikes between 6 and 10 miles at a steady pace with a few stops to take in the sights and sounds of the outdoors. I attended Delaware Valley University for my undergraduate and graduate studies, and during that time I studied conservation, wildlife and policy. Looking forward to meeting club members in person at the monthly meetings and on the trail!



My name is Julie Watson, and I am from Sellersville, PA. I grew up hiking and camping and have carried a love of it into adulthood. I'm up for all kinds of hikes, but prefer 10-15 miles. I love rock scrambling, waterfalls, and beautiful views. I volunteered to be a hike leader because I want to share my love of the outdoors and meet people who feel the same. A little more about me: I studied fine arts at Colorado College and library science at the University of Oklahoma. I love to travel and try to take some kind of hike wherever I go. I probably won't be able to attend many of the monthly meetings, but I look forward to meeting you on the trail!





Winter 2018 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 1-3-18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING Monthly Business Meeting</p> <p>Kevin J. Halbfoerster, Conservation Administration Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Game Commission/Southeast Region Office will be presented a plaque during this evening's meeting for his efforts at Bake Oven Knob. Mr. Halbfoerster was nominated by the Allentown Hiking Club as Volunteer Partner of the Year in 2016 and the Appalachian Trail Conference awarded him Partner of the Year for 2016 for his work at Bake Oven Knob. Please join us to congratulate and thank Mr. Halbfoerster for all of his hard work.</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Saturday 1-6-18 8:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 54 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9.8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>D&L Trail - White Haven to Black Diamond Shuttle hike on the D&L Trail - Anthracite Region</p> <p>The D&L tells the story of American's industrial past with lots of history and quaint towns. Join us for an exploratory winter hike on the D&L Trail in the Anthracite Region. This is a shuttle hike. We will carpool to Black Diamond Trailhead (576 Woodlawn Avenue, Mountain Top, PA), park a few vehicles here, then shuttle to White Haven North Trailhead, where we will begin a 9.8 mile hike northbound back to Black Diamond Trailhead. The trail is flat. Scenery is wooded, open pastures, multiple ponds, small bridge, and a large lake. Bring water and lunch. No dogs please.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Wescosville Park n Ride (next to Charcoal Drive-In), 4440 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, for a carpool to Black Diamond Trailhead. We will leave promptly at 8:00 am. Or, you can drive directly to Black Diamond Trailhead, 576 Woodlawn Avenue, Mountain Top, PA, meet at 9:00 am. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 1-9-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Center Valley Promenade) Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>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. Meet outside in the Parking Lot next to LLBean (the side without an entrance) A favorite; Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Heavy rain or Snowstorm cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet 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>Saturday 1-13-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Green Lane Reservoir Hike Loop hike around the Green Lane Reservoir</p> <p>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 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Sunday 1-14-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>South Mountain Preserve Hike 7 mile loop hike on the trails of South Mountain Preserve.</p> <p>This preserve features woodland trails, large rock outcroppings, small stream crossings, moderate inclines, and a boardwalk. We will start the hike from Klines Lane parking lot at 9am. For those who desire a slightly shorter hike, you can join the group at Boroline Park, 600 Alpine St, Emmaus, at approximately 9:20am. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended as the terrain is moderately rocky and some areas may be wet or snow covered. Bring water and snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: Klines Lane parking lot (just east of the 2nd set of RR tracks), Emmaus, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 1-17-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations have been pushed back to 2018 so we will check out the original place before renovations begin. We will meet in the Eagle Parking Lot and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. Thunderstorms, Heavy snow or rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Some parking in lot; also on street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 1-20-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 miles</p>	<p>Leaser Lake 4 mile hike Fun 4 mile Hike Around Leaser Lake</p> <p>Join us for a hike around Leaser Lake Saturday morning. We will meet at the Northern Parking Lot off of Ontelaunee Road. Not sure of trail conditions so be prepared for snow or mud....just in case :) We'll take our time for a leisurely hike.... Heavy rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: From route 143 North, travel 1.5 miles to LEFT onto Ontelaunee Road. Travel 1 mile (make left at Y) to parking lot on left Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Tuesday 1-23-18 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 McCooles) 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>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 McCooles's Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. Thunderstorms, Heavy snow or rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCooles'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>Wednesday 1-31-18 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 Proper Brewery) Join us for a 2 - 3 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>It's cold outside! We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Proper Brewing Company, 117 W Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (behind the building on the side of the Police Station/borough hall)) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 2-10-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 to 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Joacobsburg Snowshoe or Hike Loop hike at Jacobsburg State Park</p> <p>If there is enough snow on the ground we can snowshoe, if not we will just hike. We will do a loop hike that includes part of the Henrys Woods Trail, Jacobsburg Trail and Homestead Trail. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The main parking lot on Belfast Road. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602</p>
<p>Thursday 2-15-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations have been pushed back so we will check out the original place before renovations begin. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We will meet at the Eagle and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. Thunderstorms, Heavy snow, ice or rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking is behind the hotel or on the street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 2-17-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area A loop hike to check out the flocks of snow geese and tundra swans.</p> <p>We will meet at the Visitor's Center for this 10 mile loop hike. Trails will be rocky and hilly and likely wet in spots as we will be following along Middle Creek for a period of time. Sturdy hiking boots and trekking poles are recommended. Please bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. If there is snow on the ground, microspikes or other traction devices will be mandatory. If time and conditions allow we can also move a little closer to the lake for an up close view of the waterfowl. Heavy rain or snow cancels. For additional information about the area and directions to the Visitor's Center please refer to their website: http://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/AboutUs/ContactInformation/Southeast/MiddleCreekWildlifeManagementArea/Pages/default.asp</p> <p>Meeting place: Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area Visitor's Center, 100 Museum Road, Stevens PA 17578 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



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<p>Saturday 2-24-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond, AT Loop Hike Loop hike through the Delaware Water Gap including Dunnfield Creek, Sunfish Pond and the AT.</p> <p>From the Kittatinny Point Visitor Center parking lot we will walk under Route 80 then 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 lunch stop at a rock outcropping on the northeast side of Sunfish Pond we will continue around the north side of Sunfish Pond to the Appalachian Trail and then travel back down the AT to our cars. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 2 quarts of water and lunch plus snacks. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Kittatinny Point Visitor Center, which is the first exit in NJ off Route 80 East. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Saturday 2-24-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 26 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Merrill Creek Reservoir Hike - 5.5 miles 5.5 mile Hike around Merrill Creek Reservoir in Washington NJ.</p> <p>Let's take a walk at Merrill Creek Reservoir. Be prepared for sections of the trail that may be wet and/or muddy so wear appropriate footwear. Bring lunch to eat with a stop at the nature center. Driving and trail conditions will be considered. Heavy rain or ice cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: Parking lot near McDonalds in Easton at the intersection of Routes 22 and 248(25th St.) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Wednesday 2-28-18 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 Proper Brewery) Join us for a 2 - 3 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the new solar lighted "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>It's cold outside! We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Proper Brewing Company, 117 W Broad St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (behind the building on the side of the Police Station/borough hall)) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



<p>Saturday 3-3-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Peace Valley Hike 4-5 miles Let's hike around the Peace Valley Park trails</p> <p>According to the Peace Valley website, "Peace Valley offers 14 miles of nature trails in the woods and meadows at the eastern end of Lake Galena. The walking options vary from groomed foot paths near the Nature Center Solar Building to remote hiking trails in the mature woods. The foot paths are generally mowed or graveled and provided with bridges or stone steps at creek crossings." Most hikes go around the lake but let's explore some of the wooded trails. We'll walk around the trails for about 2 hours checking out some of the various paths and wildlife.</p> <p>Meeting place: Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 N. Chapman Road, Doylestown, PA 18901 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 3-4-18 9:15 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle Loop hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle</p> <p>This is a 10 mile loop hike to Pulpit Rock and the Pinnacle. This hike starts at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, climbing first to Pulpit Rock and then following the ridge to the Pinnacle for spectacular views of the Lehigh Valley from both locations. This is not a beginner's hike due to the 1000' ascent and very rocky terrain. If there is snow on the ground, microspikes or other traction devices will be mandatory. Bring a least 2L of water and lunch / snacks. Steady rain or snow cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Hamburg Reservoir parking lot; 410 Reservoir Rd, Hamburg, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 3-7-18 7:30 pm</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA</p>	<p>MARCH MONTHLY MEETING Monthly Business Meeting followed by hike scheduling for the spring quarter</p> <p>Regular monthly business meeting followed by hike scheduling for the spring quarter. Hike leaders, please come prepared to list your hikes on the upcoming calendar to prevent duplication and overlaps.</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Thursday 3-15-18 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 McCooles) 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>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 McCooles's Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. Thunderstorms, Heavy snow or rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce (which is also the McCooles'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>Saturday 3-17-18 8:15 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 23 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p>Loop Hike of Blue Marsh Lake Loop hike sound Blue Marsh Lake</p> <p>This is a 23-mile loop hike around the lower portion of Blue Marsh Lake. There is no significant elevation gain, though the distance and pace make this a not-at-all-for-beginner hike. Bring at least 2+liters of water plus lunch and plenty of snacks to stay fueled. Steady rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Center and park at the end of the road near the beach and concession stand. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



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<p>Saturday 3-24-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3 or 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>French Creek State Park - 3 or 6 mile hike Let's take a hike around Hopewell Lake</p> <p>Meet at the Hopewell Boat Launch, located at 785 Park Road, Elverson PA. The three mile hike around the lake will pass through Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Please come dressed for the weather and wear your hiking shoes as trails may be wet and/or muddy. Alternatively, if the group wants a longer hike, we can do the 6 mile Boone Trail depending on weather and group consensus.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Hopewell Boat Launch, located at 785 Park Road, Elverson PA. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Thursday 3-29-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>The 200 year old historic Eagle Hotel in Quakertown, a familiar local dive bar, has a new owner. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle Hotel in Quakertown. Plans for renovations may have begun by this time so we will play after walk refreshments by ear. We will be walking through town to the park so please wear bright outerwear and/or bring a light. We will meet at the Eagle and take a meandering walk through Quakertown stopping back at The Eagle Hotel/The Local for burgers and/or drinks. Cash only. Thunderstorms, Heavy snow, ice or rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking is behind the hotel or on the street; Usually quite a few spots across from the front entrance on Route 313 (Broad Street) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Friday to Sunday 4-13-18 to 4-15-18</p>	<p>KTA Spring Hiking /Meeting Weekend Variety of hikes being held in the Jim Thorpe area</p> <p>Save this weekend to lead or hike with Keystone Trails Association (KTA) hiking members. Allentown Hiking Club will be hosting a variety of hikes for the KTA Spring Hiking/Meeting weekend in the Jim Thorpe area. There will be a variety of hikes for different hiker abilities and interests. Make sure to check the website and next newsletter for more information.</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? NO</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

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

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

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

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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

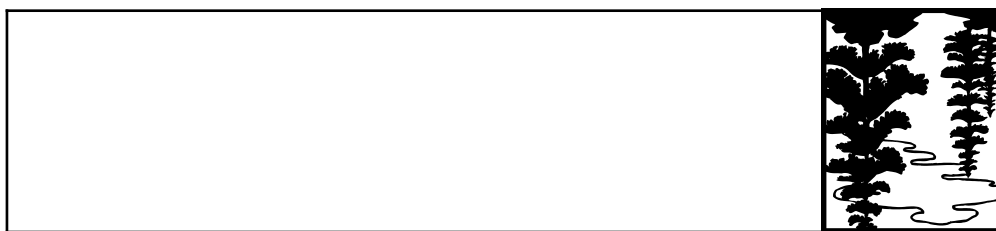
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): _____

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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