



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hooked on Hiking

As I write this first message as president, I reminisce about the first hike I took with the club. I had wanted to start hiking but didn't know where to begin. I was excited when I found the hiking club's website and joined immediately. The first newsletter I received had an article on Hiking Basics and I used that information to assemble my gear. I was ready for my first hike at Lehigh Gap! This was going to be a challenge for me. I wasn't sure what to expect and was nervous as to whether or not I would be able to hike 6 miles. I was reassured when I got there by how friendly and helpful everyone was. I was familiar with the area. My Great Grandmother had lived in Palmerton and I remember as a little girl be amazed at seeing the trains riding along the side of the mountain. I wondered how on earth they built that track. Now I was walking on that track and seeing the area from a whole new perspective. The view was spectacular. It was a beautiful fall day, I could see the river and the trees were an array of yellow, orange and red. I was hooked on hiking.

As I was challenged that day I want to challenge everyone to participate in at least one activity with the club this year. Try an activity you haven't done before. Come out and help on a Maintenance Hike, go on one of our many hikes or other events! We have hikes of different lengths and terrains. Love the water? We have kayaking and tubing outings! Not up for a strenuous hike? Walk along with us at one of our weeknight walks! Come to a meeting for one of the programs offered, to the picnic in July, or Trail Magic in June.

A good place to start is the KTA Spring Hiking Weekend 2018. The KTA or Keystone Trails Association has teamed up with the Allentown Hiking Club for this weekend in Jim Thorpe, PA. It runs from April 13th to 15th 2018 and has 23 hikes scheduled along with other activities. Information can be found on KTA's website www.kta-hike.org. The hikes can also be found on our website and in this newsletter. So choose a hike or other activity and join in!

Karen Gradel



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Deadlines for the Summer 2018 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, June 13th, 2018

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, June 13th, 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!

September

Julie Watson Sellersville, PA
Hongli Jin Harleysville, PA
Michele Magness Westchester, PA
Shannon Roy Lansdale, PA
Barbara Daub Lenheartsville, PA
Stacia Hile Milton, PA
Jeffery Fisher Harleysville, PA
Jamie Smith Quakertown, PA
Bryan & Linda Gulick New Tripoli, PA

December

David Irvine Schnecksville, PA
Rosanne Harakal Coopersburg, PA
Chris Kaleman & Family Bethlehem, PA
Claire & Emil Lukas Stockertown, PA

January

Jackie Sideman Whitehall, PA
Randall Miller Bethlehem, PA
Joseph Markulics Easton, PA
Marie Fechik-Kirk Nazareth, PA
Michele Chwastiak Macungie, PA
Kitty Reese Slatington, PA
Diane Reider Reading, PA
Amili Famili & Family Orefield, PA

February

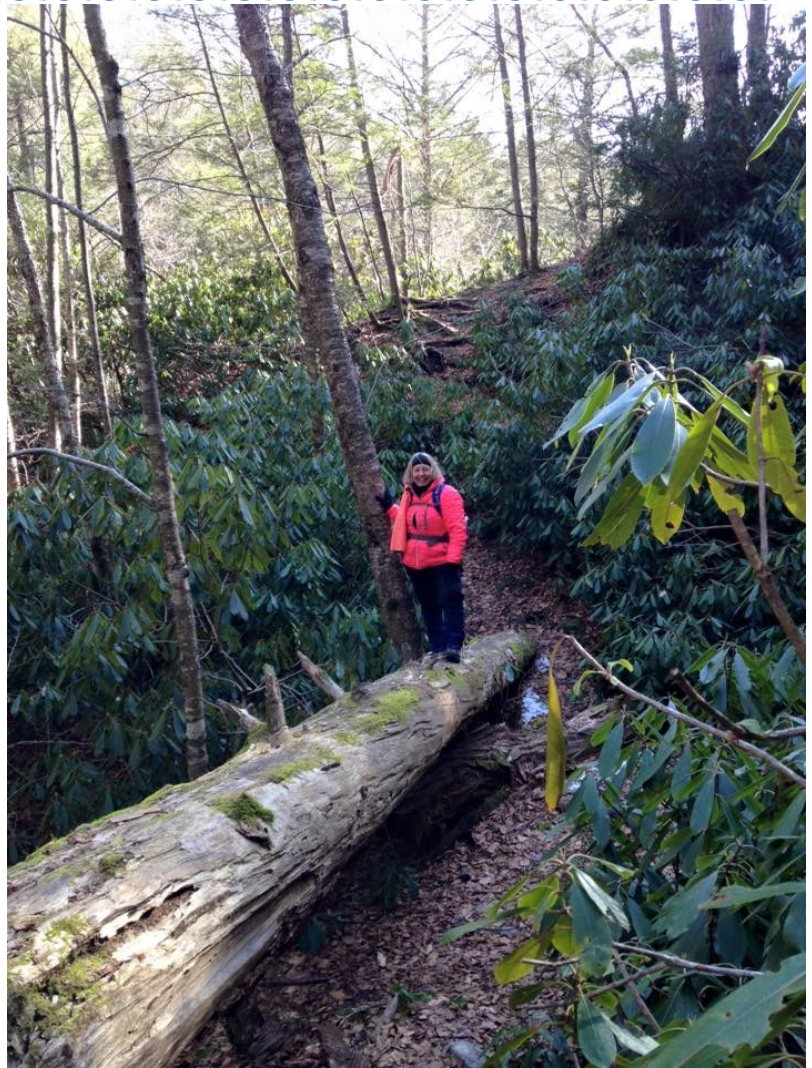
Jenna Meyer Milford, NJ
Gail Nonnemacher Bethlehem, PA



Hi~ I'm Cindy Paetow from Quakertown and I have been leading most of the Weeknight Walks. These are fun, social hikes, almost always involving food afterward. I started the Weeknight Walks about a year and a half ago with a couple of other leaders, as we wanted to get motivated to get outside during the week. It's worked; if you lead a hike, you have to go.

Most of these walks have been in the Quakertown area, which I realize may be too far for many people. If anyone is interested in leading these types of walks in your area, I would highly recommend it. It's a great way to get around your neighborhood, meet new friends, get exercise and ...if like me, you like to eat, support some local businesses.

I was a member of the Allentown Hiking Club many years ago and, when trying to get back in shape a few years ago, came back to join the club. The social aspect of hiking



makes it fun and helps to motivate me when I don't always feel like getting out there.

I am hoping to get a few shorter weekend hikes on the upcoming schedules. If you see a hike led by me, you can be assured that it will be a mainly shorter, easier hike (trying to avoid hills if at all possible) and designed to be more fun than workout. I think its important to get outside and walk on a regular basis no matter what your physical ability.

The other thing that appeals to me about the Allentown Hiking Club is the devotion members put into trail maintenance and keeping up the trails for future generations. If you see these events listed on the schedule, come out and give it a try. There are jobs for all abilities from pulling weeds, to painting trail signs to, once trained, operating some of the trail maintenance equipment.

Currently, I am also in charge of Publicity so if you have any suggestions let me know. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and check out the Meetup page if you haven't already done so. You can see pictures of past hikes and events on both pages. I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming meeting or hike.





Lock Two Clean up

Pictures from the fall 2017 Trail cleanup at Lock #2 in Lehigh Gorge which has been adopted by the Allentown Hiking club.

The next clean up will be on April 21st; come out and join us. It's lots of fun and very rewarding. Several members of the Allentown Hiking Club have been tending to this lock for about 20 years. They've gotten it in pretty good condition now and it just needs some regular maintenance to make sure it stays that way. The members who have been maintaining this lock can show you what needs to be done. It's actually pretty simple and many hands make light work.

If you'd like to join us, check out the hiking schedule for details. Hope to see you there ~

Workers Needed!





A note from our Appalachian Trail Chairman

The ATC has L.L. Bean grants to clubs available. Thought was to apply for the grant for a DR string walk behind trimmer. Before applying for the grant, I would like to know if there is someone who would volunteer to keep the trimmer stored at their house and if there are volunteers to operate it????

I am also asking for volunteers to be an assistant Trails Chairperson for the AHC section. Duties would include: hiking the trail, checking for maintenance problems (blow downs, encroachments, damage, weeds, trash, etc.) Help in arranging maintenance hikes, (weed whacking, chainsaw large blow down removal, building projects, etc.) At this time, we do have some volunteers that have sections of our trail that do check on and remove trash, blow downs and report problems.

KTA is also looking for a Trail Chairperson for 5 mile AT section from Lehigh Furnace Gap to Lehigh Gap, additional mileage on the south and north scenic trails.

I would like to thank the hike leaders for leading hikes for the KTA Spring Meeting, April 13, 14, 15 being held in Jim Thorpe. Hikes are open for AHC members to go on. Most of the hikes do not have co-leaders. I would ask, if you go on the hike, PLEASE help the leader, be a sweep, keep the group together, talk to KTA hikers. Additional hikes are needed for Friday 13th and Sunday 15th.

Thank you,

Ed Ritter

Allentown Hiking Club is looking for someone to fill the position of Hiking Schedule Coordinator.

The duties of the Coordinator include attending the 4 scheduling meetings each year and collecting the hike forms, entering the hikes on the AHC website and on Meetup. The Coordinator will also review and approve hikes and activities as well as make updates to the schedule on the website as needed.

Positions have been filled!

- Much thanks and appreciation to Jenna Meyer, one of our newest members for generously offering to maintain the Outer Bridge Shelter! This is a very large undertaking, thank you Jenna!
- After Lucy stepped down as president, we would like to thank the Cantwells for graciously giving their time again. Mike and Lucy Cantwell have taken over the position of A.T. monitor coordinators. Thank you Mike and Lucy!





Spring 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>Thursday 3-29-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles 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>Wednesday 4-4-18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>APRIL MONTHLY MEETING Presentation followed by Allentown Hiking Club Monthly Business Meeting</p> <p>Prior to the AHC April business meeting, Author Jeffrey Ryan will discuss his books: Appalachian Odyssey: A 28-year hike on America's trail and his newly released Blazing Ahead: Benton MacKaye, Myron Avery and the Rivalry that Built the Appalachian Trail. Ryan is an avid hiker who has hiked a number of long-distance trails including the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail and the New England National Scenic Trail. Copies of Appalachian Odyssey and Blazing Ahead will be available for purchase and the author would be delighted to sign copies. Learn more about Jeff and his books at www.JeffRyanAuthor.com</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>Sunday 4-8-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 16 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>AT Section Hike: Eckville to Fort Franklin Road This is a challenging hike which will include a 1000ft+ ascent and some very rocky terrain, and will feature stops at Dan's Pulpit, Balanced Rock, Tri-County Corner & Allentown Shelter. Definitely not for beginners! If you have the stamina for a steep ascent, are a skilled rock hopper, and a fan of great vistas, you should enjoy this hike. If your main purpose is to go fast and get exercise, please consider another hike. We will be moving at a good clip, but stopping to enjoy the vistas and sightings along the way. We'll be doing some shuttling, so I'll be looking for volunteer drivers. Wear sturdy boots and bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. No dogs. Rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader at least 2 days in advance (ksnyd82@gmail.com) Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Kerry Snyder 610-737-7768 ksnyd82@gmail.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 4-10-18 10:15 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Bethlehem and Bach Hike the Monocacy Trail and enjoy a Bach at Noon concert.</p> <p>We will meet at Illick's Mill to walk the Monocacy Trail to center city, arriving in time for the Bach Concert at Central Moravian Church. Conductor Greg Funfgeld introduces each piece. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. After the concert we will eat lunch in the historical industrial area, and then walk back to our cars. Bring lunch and water. Steady rain on morning of event will cancel the hike, and we will meet at the church at 11:30 to enjoy the concert.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Illick's Mill parking lot, 100 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>



<p>Tuesday 4-10-18 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 hope spring is finally here. We'll 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. Thunderstorms, Heavy rain or Snowstorm cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet outside 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>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 hike with Keystone Trails Association (KTA). Allentown Hiking Club will be hosting a variety of hikes for the KTA Spring Hiking/Meeting weekend in the Jim Thorpe area. See the following hikes below and find one, or two or three to join! Hope to see everyone out this weekend.</p>
<p>Friday 4-13-18 10:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Hike the KTA section of the Appalachian Trail Exploring the KTA section of the AT</p> <p>This hike is being led by Paul Shaw in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html One of the most scenic hikes in Pennsylvania! After hiking to the top of the Kittatinny Ridge on the AT we will traverse the spectacular North Trail with extensive ridge top grasslands and amazing views of the Lehigh River and ridges and valleys to the north. After descending the north slope of the Kittatinny Ridge, we complete our loop back to the Nature Center via a succession of very scenic trails with continuous views. This AT section is now maintained by the KTA. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are also recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center; 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Friday 4-13-18 12:00 noon</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Trexler Nature Preserve Loop hike through the Trexler Nature Preserve</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html The Trexler Nature Preserve is a 1,108 acre expanse founded by Gen. Harry C Trexler as a way to protect endangered bison and elk at the turn of the century. This hike will take us through sections of the preserve where we will most likely catch a glimpse of these animals in their natural habitat. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Trexler Nature Preserve; 5150 Game Preserve Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Friday 4-13-18 1:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>Loop Hike of the Penn Forest Tract of Weiser State Forest A loop hike through the Weiser State Forest</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This loop hike will cover most trails within the Penn Forest Tract. Trails range from fire roads and power line trails to more rugged forest trails. Some trails may be very muddy. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles and sunscreen are also recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Weiser State Forest, Penn Forest Tract; 299 Stony Mountain Road, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Friday 4-13-18 1:00 pm</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>D & L Trail Weissport to Jim Thorpe This will be a shuttle hike along the Lehigh River from Weissport to Jim Thorpe.</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html The trail offers views of the river, the trout-filled canal, lock and building remnants, and forested mountain slopes. Wear hiking boots or sturdy sneakers. Bring water and an optional snack.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at: Jim Thorpe Market, 1 River St., Jim Thorpe, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Friday 4-13-18 1:15 pm</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 4 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>Hike the Switchback Railroad in Jim Thorpe A moderate hike of the switchback railroad</p> <p>This hike is being led by Ed Lawrence in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This rugged hike will start at Mauch Chunk Lake Park. We will hike on historic rail beds with a graded ascent to a vista followed by a steep descent back into town. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Mauch Chunk Lake Park; 625 Lentz Trail, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 8:30</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>Appalachian Trail - KTA Section Exploring the KTA's section of the AT</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Very steep climb, 1000 ft. elevation in 1 mile to top of mountain, down winter trail, cross bridge, hike up steep hill, 1000 ft. elevation to Outerbridge Shelter, then blue trail to top of mountain, down LGNC trail, visit Osprey House nature center, cross bridge to cars. Please bring 2+ liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Perhaps also bring gloves for the rocky climb.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at 4940 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088 AT east parking lot GPS 40.781994-75.602741 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Janet Penner 484-888-6786</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 8:30</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Appalachian Trail - Lehigh Gap West Loop hike around Lehigh Gap West</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Starting from Lehigh Gap Nature Center, hike Woodpecker Trail through rocky ground to Appalachian Trail. Climb steadily up the AT (southbound), pass a spring on the right, then reach George W. Outerbridge Shelter where we will enjoy a break. Continue ascending up the AT to the scenic North Trail where we will see fantastic views of the Lehigh River valley, Palmerton, and Bowmanstown. Learn a brief history of the New Jersey Zinc Company and efforts of the Superfund cleanup. Hike along the ridge, through grasslands, until we reach the third communication tower. Turn left onto the Appalachian Trail (northbound). Enjoy lunch at a campsite before descending back to Woodpecker Trail and Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are also recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at: Lehigh Gap Nature Center, 8844 Paint Mill Rd., Slatington PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Pam Root 610-965-2213 pswilson01@aol.com</p>



<p>Saturday 4-14-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>AT - KTA Section A tour of the new growth in the Superfund site.</p> <p>This hike is being led by Dennis Hurley (dennisjhurley@comcast.net; 717-385-6879) in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Very steep and rocky climb (not for people with a fear of heights), 800 feet elevation in one mile to the top of the mountain (optional easier climb 1.5 miles up the Winter Trail – this is still a steep climb.), east on AT to power line, west on service road, down Winter Trail. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are also recommended. Perhaps also bring gloves for the rocky climb.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at: AT parking/Lehigh Gap, 4940 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport PA 18088. AT east parking lot. Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Hike the Switchback Railroad in Jim Thorpe Loop hike exploring the Switchback Railroad</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This strenuous hike will depart from The Inn at Jim Thorpe and explore the switchback railroad. Expect steep climbs and descents and beautiful views. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at The Inn at Jim Thorpe; 24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Sam Carlson 610-791-0709</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Hike to Glen Onoko Falls Hike to Glen Onoko Falls with exploration of the falls and tunnel</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This is an out and back hike. We will depart from the hotel and walk to Glen Onoko Falls. The way to and from the falls is easy but there is a steep climb as we explore the falls themselves. We can also explore the old railway tunnel. Please bring 2+liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at The Inn at Jim Thorpe; 24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Hike the D&L Hike through the D&L including canal and rail trail</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This is an out and back hike. We will depart from the hotel and walk towards the D&L, crossing the train trestle to the round table. We will take a side trip to Locks #1 and #2. We will cross the car bridge on our way back to the hotel. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear hiking boots.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at The Inn at Jim Thorpe; 24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: John McCarty 215-279-2679</p>



<p>Saturday 4-14-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Jim Thorpe History Hike and D&L Lock Walking Tour Explore Jim Thorpe and the D&L</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html From the hotel, we will walk down Broadway past the Courthouse to Josiah White Park and the Train Station, where we will go inside to look at the display, which features a town time line. We will continue up Race St., passing St. Mark's Church and the Historic Stone Row. Then we will return to Broadway to view the buildings along this historic street, before climbing Hill St. to South Ave. We will walk to Sam Miler Park Field to see the Pisgah Plane of the Switchback Railroad and then descend to the Asa Packer Mansion and the D & L Trail. We will walk north on the rail trail less than 2 miles, crossing the Lehigh River, and then take a level footpath about ¼ mile to see Lock 2. We will retrace our route back to Jim Thorpe and the hotel. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at The Inn at Jim Thorpe; 24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Exploring the trails around the Lehigh Gap Nature Center Loop hike including a mile long boulder field on the AT ridge</p> <p>This hike is being led by Carl Rush in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html The hike will start at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. We will shuttle to the AT at Ashfield Road, Lehigh Furnace Gap. We will hike the AT north to the south Blue trail, there will be ROCKS. Join AT, Take north blue Trail, to AT to Outerbridge Shelter, to LGNC Trail to car. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are also recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center; 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 9:15 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 11 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Switchback Railroad Loop Hike Loop hike to explore the Switchback Railroad</p> <p>This hike is being led by Ed Lawrence in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Starting at Mauch Chunk Lake Park we will hike the entire Switchback Railroad Loop in a counter clockwise direction. The first third of the hike will be relatively flat hiking into Jim Thorpe which will bring us to the bottom of the historic incline and culminating in the ascent, views and lunch. The remainder of the hike will be a long gradual descent on the historic rail bed back to our vehicles. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Mauch Chunk Lake Park; 625 Lentz Trail, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Saturday 4-14-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Lehigh Gap Nature Center Loop hike of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Hike the trails on LGNC. 750 acre wildlife refuge with 13 miles of trails with connections to the Appalachian Trail, D&L and Lehigh River Water Trails. Recovered superfund site. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center; 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>



<p>Sunday 4-15-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7-9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>Loop hike at Tuscarora State Park Loop hike around the lake at Tuscarora State Park</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This is a loop hike around the lake at Tuscarora State Park. There are no significant climbs and the trails are well maintained. Some areas may be muddy. Please bring 2+liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Tuscarora State Park; 687 Tuscarora Park Road, Barnesville, PA 18214 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>Hike Beltzville State Park Loop hike through Beltzville State Park</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html We will be hiking a variety of trails in this state park that included a peninsula loop with a conifer forest, streams and waterfalls. Please bring 2+ liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Beltzville State Park; 2950 Pohopoco Drive, Lehighton, PA 18235 Once turning into the main entrance, drive straight back to the large parking lot down toward the lake. Do not take any of the right hand turns into other driveways that you see. From there we'll carpool the 2 or 3 miles to the trailhead. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Suzanne Churchill 610-393-2662</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 7 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>AT - KTA Section A tour of the new growth in the Superfund site.</p> <p>This hike is being led by Dennis Hurley (dennisjhurley@comcast.net; 717-385-6879) in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Very steep and rocky climb, 800 ft. elevation in 1 mile to top of mountain, down winter trail, cross bridge, hike up steep hill to Outerbridge Shelter, then blue trail to top of mountain to view above the Devil's Pulpit, then back down the mountain to cars. Not for people with fear of heights. Please bring 2+ liters of water plus lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are also recommended. Perhaps also bring gloves for the rocky climb.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at 8899 PA Route 873 Slatington PA 18080. AT west parking lot. Right after bridge. (40.781319-75.608707) Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Hike Glen Onoko Falls Loop hike to explore Glen Onoko Falls</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html This is an out and back hike. We will depart from the hotel and walk to Glen Onoko Falls. The way to and from the falls is easy but there is a steep climb as we explore the falls themselves. We can also explore the old railway tunnel. Please bring 2+liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Sunscreen and trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at The Inn at Jim Thorpe; 24 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Susan Meyer 610-462-1310</p>



<p>Sunday 4-15-18 8:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5-6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Trexler Nature Preserve Loop hike through the Trexler Nature Preserve</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Follow-up to Friday's hike to explore additional trails at this location. The Trexler Nature Preserve is a 1,108 acre expanse founded by Gen. Harry C Trexler as a way to protect endangered bison and elk at the turn of the century. This hike will take us through sections of the preserve where we will most likely catch a glimpse of these animals in their natural habitat. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Trexler Nature Preserve; 5150 Game Preserve Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>AT- KTA Section Little Gap to Lehigh Gap Hike Little Gap to Lehigh Gap</p> <p>This hike is being led by Jim Foster in conjunction with the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Jim Foster, Chair of the KTA A.T. section committee, will lead a 5 mile hike on the eastern portion of KTA's section. You'll learn about the history of the area, the remediation work on top of the mountain and the plans to re-route the A.T. section. The hike will be from Little Gap to Lehigh Gap, using the winter trail near Lehigh Gap. Meet at the Lehigh Gap East parking lot at 9 a.m. We'll take enough cars to get everyone to Little Gap, then hike from Little Gap to Lehigh Gap. Please bring 2+ liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at: 4940 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport PA 18088. AT east parking lot. Gps 40.781994-75.60274 Posted on meetup.com? NO</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4.5-6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Loop Hike in Mauch Chunk Lake Park - 4.5 - 6.5 miles Hope your taxes are done ~</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html We'll meet at Boat Launch A (by the bathrooms and pavilion) and make a 4 1/2 mile loop using the Switchback, Board Bottom, Fireline and Shoreline Trails. One steep ascent and one steep descent. This will be a leisurely paced Sunday hike; we'll take our time and enjoy the trail. For those interested, there is a beautiful section along the creek we can check out adding an additional 2 miles for a total of 6.5 miles. Meet at Mauch Chunk Park Boat Launch A Mauch Chunk Lake Park 625 Lentz Trail Jim Thorpe, PA 18229</p> <p>Meeting place: Mauch Chunk Park Boat Launch A; Mauch Chunk Lake Park; 625 Lentz Trail Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com Co-leader: Michelle Hinkle 484-221-3172</p>
<p>Sunday 4-15-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B+</p>	<p>Lehigh Gap Nature Center Loop hike of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center</p> <p>This hike is planned in support of the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) Spring Hiking Weekend in Jim Thorpe. https://www.kta-hike.org/spring-hiking-weekend-2018.html Hike the trails on LGNC. 750 acre wildlife refuge with 13 miles of trails with connections to the Appalachian Trail, D&L and Lehigh River Water Trails. Recovered superfund site. Please bring 2+ liters of water and snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trekking poles are recommended.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center; 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Janet Penner 484-888-6786</p>



Monday 4-16-18 6:00 pm	Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-4 miles	Your taxes are done! Get outside and take a deep breath! It's staying light a little longer so we may walk a little further. We'll meet at the Eagle/Local in Quakertown and stay together as we head down to the Park at 4th. Once there, people can walk at their own pace as we circle around the different paths. After the walk we'll head back to the 200 year old historic Eagle/Local, a familiar local dive bar. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle in Quakertown last year. Plans for renovations have been pushed back but the food is great. In addition to the unique fresh burgers, Monday night is Mac and Cheese night. Meet in the parking lot behind the Eagle/Local. (make sure your GPS takes you to Quakertown and not Trumbauersville - we've had a few problems with that)
Hike rating: A+	Thunderstorms, Heavy snow, ice or rain cancels. 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
Saturday 4-21-18 9:30 am	Lock #2 Cleanup Spring maintenance of Lock #2.
Round trip road miles distance: 40 miles	Bring lunch, water, and gloves. I will bring tools.
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1 miles	Meeting place: Rite Aid parking lot in Walnutport. Those familiar with Lock #2 can meet at the Lock about 10:15Am
Hike rating: A+	Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com
Sunday 4-22-18 9:00 am	Green Lane Reservoir Earth Day Hike Loop hike around the Green Lane Reservoir... and it's EARTH DAY!
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles	This loop hike will circle the Green Lane Reservoir, affording views of both the lake and countryside. There will be several short climbs and stream crossings. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels.
Hike rating: E	Meeting place: Meet at the Park Office at the dead end of Snyder Road, just south of the dam. 2144 Snyder Road Green Lane, PA 18054 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net
Tuesday 4-24-18 6:00 pm	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.
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles	Spring should definitely be here by now! We'll stay together as we take a walk through town to the Park at 4th and then we'll walk around the paths there where people can go at their own pace. 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 (by the side of the Police Station/borough hall - across from the bank and shopping center) Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels.
Hike rating: A+	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>Sunday 4-29-18 4:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>Hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle under the Full Pink Moon Watch the moonrise from the Pinnacle.</p> <p>Come and watch the full moon rise from the Pinnacle! April's Full Moon, the Full Pink Moon, heralds the appearance of the pink moss, or wild ground phlox—one of the first spring flowers. 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. Moonrise is at 7:37pm and sunset is at 7:55pm. 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>Wednesday 5-2-18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>MAY MONTHLY MEETING Presentation followed by Monthly Business Meeting</p> <p>Rescheduled presentation by Fred Branyan highlighting his adventures hiking/climbing Mt. Adams in the Cascades in Washington State. The presentation will be followed by the regular monthly business meeting.</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>Sunday 5-6-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 21 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Lehigh Furnace Gap Boulder Field and AT Hike This is a somewhat challenging hike along the Appalachian ridge which will include 1.1 miles on an exposed unstable boulder field and a stop at Outerbridge Shelter. Not for beginners! Many great views north and south!</p> <p>Leaving from and returning to Lehigh Furnace Gap on the AT, this "loop" hike will include portions of the AT as well as the north and south trails on either side of it. If your main purpose is to go fast and get exercise, please consider another hike. We will be moving at a good clip, but stopping to enjoy the vistas and sightings along the way. Numerous views both north and south of the Northeast Extension and Lehigh River. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: There is limited parking at the trail head, so we will be starting elsewhere and taking a limited number of cars there. Please contact Hike Leader for start location (ksnyd82@gmail.com) at least 2 days in advance. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Kerry Snyder 610-737-7768 ksnyd82@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 5-6-18 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12+ miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>New York City Hike Hike New York City's Highline trail and Central Park</p> <p>Spend the day hiking and sightseeing in New York City. The plan is to spend the day hiking on the Highline trail which is an old elevated rail bed that has been turned into a urban trail and then spend time hiking in Central park. In the event of heavy rain on the planned day plans may be modified to instead tour museums and other inside attractions. We will take the Transbridge bus from the Rt33 park and ride lot. You can Take Transbridge from other locations however some of those buses do not stop at Rt33 so you may be on a different bus than us, but we can meet at the port authority in NYC. You will need to purchase your bus ticket ahead of time and you will need cash to purchase subway tickets for our shuttle to the start of the Highline trail. You can join us for part of the hike however once you leave the group you are on your own.</p> <p>Meeting place: Route 33 Park and Ride but please contact the event leader in advance. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Mike "Sparky" Wuerstle 267-374-0324 bluegrasshorizon@yahoo.com</p>



<p>Tuesday 5-8-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>Let's look for some May flowers! We'll meet at the Eagle/Local in Quakertown and stay together as we head down to the Park at 4th. Once there, people can walk at their own pace as we circle around the different paths. After the walk we'll head back to the 200 year old historic Eagle/Local, a familiar local dive bar. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle in Quakertown last year. Plans for renovations have been pushed back but the food is great. In addition to the unique fresh burgers, Tuesday is Breakfast for Dinner night. Meet in the parking lot behind the Eagle/Local. (make sure your GPS takes you to Quakertown and not Trumbauersville - we've had a few problems with that) 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>Sunday 5-13-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Hike Jacobsburg State Park Hike the rolling hills of Jacobsburg</p> <p>We will cover many of the 18 miles of trails this park offers. Trails of varied surfaces are through meadows and forests with rolling hills. Hiking boots recommended and water shoes might be nice to have for a cooling walk through Bushkill Creek. Bring water and lunch/snacks. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at the large, triangular parking lot, just south of the park's Environmental Education Center, on Belfast Road. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 5-16-18 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 the nature trail at Robert O. Keller Memorial Park in Richland Township. You can try out the exercise equipment along the way. 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. (It's NOT Veteran's Park on Pumping Station - previously there was some confusion with GPS taking people there) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 5-19-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 6 mile</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: B</p>	<p>Natural History Hike Hike from either Ashfield road or Little Gap road to Lehigh gap. The actual route will depend on the weather and the group. Bring water and lunch. This will be a relatively slow hike with stopping to discuss various natural points of interest.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Osprey House there will be car pooling Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com</p>
<p>Sunday 5-20-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-6 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Annual Trail Maintenance and Picnic Annual AT Maintenance Hike followed by potluck picnic 1:00 at Leaser Lake north ramp. This is our annual clean-up of our section of the Appalachian Trail. Some effort will be to remove weeds, rocks, branches, invasive's, garbage from along the trail to allow the walk behind trimmer to be used by eliminating obstacles. Also maintenance at the shelter is needed. Please bring gloves, trimmers, clippers, water. After clean-up we will have a picnic at 1:00 at Leaser Lake north ramp. Hot dogs will be provided by the club. Please bring a covered dish item to share with the group. Bring a chair if you want. Meeting place: Meet at the parking lot of the Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant; 2520 W Penn Pike, Andreas, PA 18211 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Ed Ritter 610-730-2683 critter888@verizon.net Co-leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>



<p>Thursday 5-24-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Upper Saucon) Join us for a 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 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: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 5-26-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 14 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Trexler Nature Preserve Loop Hike A hike through the wilds of the Trexler Game Preserve</p> <p>This loop hike will explore the northern portions of the Game Preserve, beginning at the Trexler Environmental Center, following the Border Trail through the Central Range to the North Range, then taking a variety of trails to explore the lesser-traveled sections of the park, returning to the Central Range and concluding on several trails that run along the Jordan Creek. There will be several long, steep climbs, multiple scenic overlooks, and likely buffalo and elk sightings. Early bailout options will be available. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels. There has been a significant project underway recently to remove invasive growth throughout the park and while trails are still passable they are also littered with small branches and debris. Please be aware of this as you consider your participation in this hike. You can reference the park website for additional information: https://www.lehighcounty.org/Community/Trexler-Nature-Preserve/Our-Progress/Invasive-Plant-Removal</p> <p>Meeting place: Trexler Environmental Center, 4935 Orchard Road Schnecksville, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 5-30-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm (Hellertown) Join us for a walk on the rail trail in Hellertown, PA We'll walk on the rail trail for about 40 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. Afterward we can try out Lost Tavern Brewing on Main Street. They have a food truck until 8:30 pm. Meet by the bathrooms at Water Street Park. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Water Street Park, 90 W Water Street, Hellertown PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 6-2-18 7:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C</p>	<p>Whip-Poor-Will Hike Annual Whip-Poor-Will Hike We will hike up Translator Road (a very steep dirt road) to the top of the Mountain, we will then wait for dark. Then listen for Whip-Poor-Wills on the way back down the Mountain. Bring water. A hiking stick of some sort is suggested. A flashlight if you wish.</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 6-3-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 14 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Hike French Creek State Park Let's explore the trails of French Creek State Park We'll cover trails in both French Creek State Park and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, including both Hopewell Lake and Scotts Run Lake and trails on both sides of Route 345. Trails are rocky and hilly and could be muddy. Please bring at least 2 liters of water and wear sturdy hiking boots. Heavy rain cancels. Trail map can be found here: http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_004691.pdf</p> <p>Meeting place: Hopewell Lake Boat Launch Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Wednesday 6-6-18 5:45 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Allentown) Join us for a short walk before the Allentown Hiking Club Meeting Let's get a little exercise before the meeting starts. We will meet at St. Timothy's and walk about .6 miles to Cali Burrito on Reading Road to have some dinner. Afterward we'll head back to the church for the club meeting. Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancel the walk</p> <p>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 6-6-18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>JUNE MONTHLY MEETING Monthly Business Meeting followed by hike scheduling for the summer Regular monthly business meeting followed by hike scheduling for July, August and September. Hike leaders, please come prepared to list your hikes on the upcoming calendar to prevent duplication and overlaps.</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 6-9-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>Walking Purchase Park Loop Hike This is a pleasant, moderately challenging hike along various mountain bike trails in a section of old growth forest in the slopes above the Lehigh River in Fountain Hill.</p> <p>If your main purpose is to go fast and get exercise, please consider another hike. We will be moving at a good clip, but stopping to enjoy the vistas and sightings along the way. There are some wet areas and plenty of rocks, so please wear sturdy boots and bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact hike leader for starting location (ksnyd82@gmail.com) at least 2 days in advance. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Kerry Snyder 610-737-7768 ksnyd82@gmail.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 6-12-18 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Allentown and Bach Walk downtown Allentown and enjoy a Bach at Noon concert. We will meet at Trout Hall to begin our walk around downtown Allentown, where we can view the new construction and historic sites. We will arrive at the air conditioned St. John's Lutheran Church on South 5th St. in time for the Bach concert. Conductor Greg Funfgeld provides an interesting introduction to the works on the program. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Bring water. Steady rain on morning of event cancels the hike, but we will meet at the church at 11:30 for the concert.</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Trout Hall at the corner of Walnut and South 4th Streets in Allentown. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Barbara Wiemann 610-262-6977 blwiemann@gmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 6-14-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks (Quakertown Eagle) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>It's almost summer. We'll meet at the Eagle/Local in Quakertown and stay together as we head down to the Park at 4th. Once there, people can walk at their own pace as we circle around the different paths. After the walk we'll head back to the 200 year old historic Eagle/Local, a familiar local dive bar. Proprietors of The Local in Souderton, which offered fresh farm to table food, purchased the Eagle in Quakertown last year. Plans for renovations have been pushed back but the food is great. In addition to the unique fresh burgers, Thursday nights add Oysters and Seafood to the menu. Meet in the parking lot behind the Eagle/Local. (make sure your GPS takes you to Quakertown and not Trumbauersville - we've had a few problems with that) 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>Sunday 6-17-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10-12 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Loop hike at Tuscarora State Park Loop hike around the lake at Tuscarora State Park</p> <p>This is a loop hike around the lake at Tuscarora State Park. There are no significant climbs and the trails are well maintained. Some areas may be muddy. Please bring 2+liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots. Trail map can be found here: http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_003027.pdf</p> <p>Meeting place: Meet at Tuscarora State Park; 687 Tuscarora Park Road, Barnesville, PA 18214 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 6-20-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3 miles</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - (Lake Lenape Park, Sellersville) Let's take a walk through Lake Lenape Park We'll walk through Lenape Park stopping half way through our walk for ice cream at Dairy Queen.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lake Lenape Park, 210 E Walnut Street, Sellersville PA Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 6-23-18 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5-6 miles</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 lets explore some of the wooded trails. We'll walk around the trails for 2 to 3 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: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 6-26-18 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3 miles</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - (Quakertown) Let's take a walk around Quakertown Summertime is Ice Cream time. Let's meet at the parking lot in the triangle in Quakertown. We'll walk to the Park at 4th and then grab some great ice cream at Rosemarie's.</p> <p>Meeting place: The triangle parking lot is located between Third and Fourth streets on W. Broad (Route 313). Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 6-28-18 8:00 am</p>	<p>Trail Magic Day We will provide food, beverages and treats for Thru-hikers. We always get a great assortment of goodies and supplies. Fresh fruit, vegetables and sweet treats are always popular. You can also contact hike leader to find out what we need. Karen 267-424-4602 or email me at kjgradel@gmail.com.</p> <p>Meeting place: Bake Oven Road Parking lot. GPS Coordinates 40.744544, -75.738112 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602</p>
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MEMBERSHIP

Paula Uhrin: 283 Ridgeview Drive, Alburtis Pa. 18011

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

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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

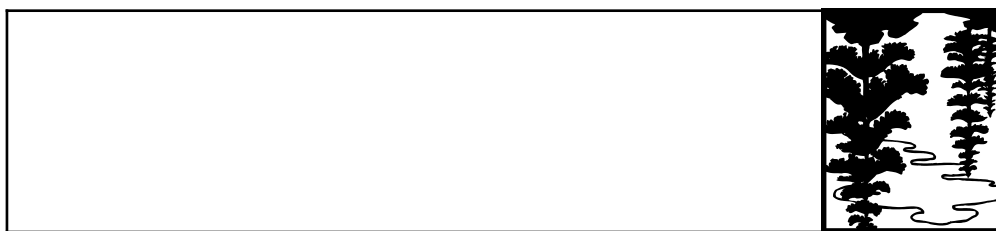
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): _____

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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