



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we were honoring Holly Vogler with an Honorary Membership for her longtime service to the club, I looked around the room and saw a number of dedicated people who have served the club for many years. These people are the backbone of the AHC. This year and in the past few years we have seen the passing of some members who have been fundamental to the function of the club. We've been fortunate to have new members step up to fill these open positions in the club. We also have some new hike leaders this year. I want to sincerely thank everyone who has given their time to help the AHC preserve the physical trail and the spiritual ideals of the Appalachian Trail.

This upcoming year we have numerous opportunities for you to get involved. As always we have our Maintenance Events on the Appalachian Trail, at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center and at Lock # 2 on the D & L Trail. There will also be lots of hikes, some old favorites that are scheduled year after year and some new trails to explore. We are also going to add more family hikes to our schedule to get kids out into nature and excited about outdoor activities. Kayaking and camping trips will be offered. We will also provide Trail Magic again on June 27th and 28th. It's always a good time to sit with the Thru Hikers and hear their stories. And one of the things we always hear is how well maintained our Shelters and section of the trail are. This is a testament to our hard working volunteers!

Have a great New Year of hiking,

Karen Gradel
AHC President



Allentown Shelter Christmas 2018



Allentown Hiking Club

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Deadlines for the Summer 2019 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, March 20th 2019

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, March 20th 2019

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

Carol Jinks Allentown, PA
Tom Davis..... Kittanning, PA
Phillip Sidney..... Allentown, PA
Beth & Steve Van Kouteren..... Allentown, PA
Patrick Connolly & Elanor Taylor..... Bethlehem, PA
Roberto & Juni De Jesus Fountain Hill, PA

October

Christopher Smith Macungie, PA
Jan Gnadt Doylestown, PA
Will Jefferson Bath, PA
Eric, Melody, Sadie Shubert..... Danielsville, PA

November

Pratima Agnarwal..... Bethlehem, PA
Betsy Nepon Allentown, PA
Donald Cuomo..... Quakertown, PA
Gregory Metzgar..... Easton, PA
Frank Tallent Macungie, PA
Pete Di Mattia..... Summit Hill, PA
Nancy Geiger & Mark Blaha Sellersville, PA
Earl & Bernadette Metzgar Nazareth, PA



Corridor Monitoring - What It Is and Why We Do It

It's the time of year for the Allentown Hiking Club to do our annual corridor monitoring. We talk about it at each meeting, but some of you may wonder, "What is this all about?" Here is a brief explanation of this annual activity.

A critical component of our duties as a maintaining club of the AT is corridor monitoring and boundary maintenance—keeping a close eye on the federal estate purchased to protect the Appalachian Trail. The AT "corridor" is the land owned by the National Park Service that extends a few hundred feet on either side of the trail. Corridor monitoring means walking along and examining the border of this NPS land and the adjacent lands (for example, privately owned lands, state game lands, municipalities) to assure that all boundary markers are in place and no encroachments have occurred. This involves leaving the AT treadway and bushwhacking over rocks and through dense vegetation to locate "monuments," i.e., the markers installed by surveyors years ago to establish a line between NPS lands and that of neighboring landowners.



Photo of a typical "monument" (courtesy of Paula Urhin)

Encroachments, such as illegal dumping of waste, timber theft, rock piles, discarded machinery, hunting blinds, or evidence of incompatible uses such as ATVs are also documented. These discoveries are subsequently reported to the ATC (Appalachian Trail Conservancy) and corrective action is taken, if needed. During the monitoring we also post signage along the boundary lines, indicating which areas belong to the NPS. Volunteer monitors thus become the "eyes and ears" of state and federal landowning agencies.

Monitoring helps assure the American public that its investment is being cared for and protected.

The Allentown Hiking Club monitors 35 tracts containing over 600 acres, which has 106 surveyor's monuments and 15 1/3 miles of exterior boundary. This is divided into 7 sections and is monitored by club members who commit to individual segments of about 4-7 miles each. Some of our monitors have been doing their sections for upwards of 20 years!

New volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to step up and join the action! If you think you might be interested in participating in the corridor monitoring, please contact the Monitor Coordinators listed on page 2 of the newsletter. We'd be happy to have you join one of the established monitors when they hike their section to collect the monitoring information. Also, keep an eye out for announcements on the AHC Forum, as monitors may post their hikes on the spur-of-the-moment, since good weather conditions are generally better for this activity. Be adventurous and come and see what it's all about!

Submitted by Lucy Cantwell, Corridor Monitor Coordinator



Work Party Photos



*Above: Blow downs being removed from Bake Oven Knob to Knife Edge 6/9/18
Below: DR Mower being demonstrated by Ed Ritter 5/20/18*





Thank you to everyone who attended the weed whacking party at the Charcoal Trail at Lehigh Gap Nature Center 9/29/18, photo courtesy of Jim Gabovitz.



Wear Blaze Orange

“Wear a fluorescent or "blaze" orange hat and vest (and pack cover if backpacking), or hooded outerwear when hiking in fall, winter or spring. Blaze orange will help distinguish you from wild game. If you hike with a dog, it should also wear blaze orange visible from all sides. We recommend that pets be leashed at all times while hiking.”

Safety advisory excerpt taken from <http://www.appalachiantrail.org>



APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY 2018 CONFERENCE

Attended by Cynthia Paetow and Agnes Sablow

The Appalachian Trail

Conservancy's (ATC) written mission is "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."

We were excited to be a part of the ATC conference this year and to learn how much this organization does for the hiking community. One of the things that stood out is the number of clubs, organizations, governments and individuals that work together for the benefit of the Appalachian Trail (AT). One of the AT's core values is Cooperation. We had speakers from A.T. Communities, the AT Park Ranger, ATC Board members, Youth Representatives and so many more. There are a multitude of groups, organizations, governments and individuals working hard behind the scenes to maintain this trail that we all enjoy.



The focus for much of the weekend was on getting new people outside hiking on and maintaining our trails. Diversity in race, ethnicity, age and abilities was discussed and we were encouraged to look at our own groups and networks. Some ideas included offering specialty events such as those for young adults or family hikes to bring out adults and children together. History or cultural hikes were mentioned as well as reaching out to other diverse groups in our area.

Overall, we think our club is on the right track. Like many other clubs, we have an aging membership, but like any established group, it has its ebbs and flows. Our schedule is currently filled with many different kinds of activities from short city walks to long strenuous hikes, from kayaking to camping and a variety of cultural treks, maintenance hikes and social activities. We have daytime, evening and weekend hikes of various lengths. Our Meetup and Facebook pages have added to our Club Page, bringing in new attendees and members.

Our club can also utilize the ATC website. In fact, the ATC encourages us to list all our maintenance events on their website which is another way for people to find us. Logging all of our volunteer hours maintaining the AT is extremely important in continuing to obtain funding for the AT. The more hours that are logged and submitted shows the government how much work it takes to maintain the trail. The ATC can also "compete for a significant amount of NPS [National Park Service] funding from its national "Volunteer in the Parks" program." So, when our Appalachian Trail Chair, Ed Ritter, asks us for our volunteer hours, please make sure he gets those.

Finally, we would encourage everyone to visit the ATC website. There is so much information there that we could not even begin to cover. Whether you are an active hiker, someone trying to get back into shape, someone who wants to help maintain the trail or someone who can no longer hike but wants to support the Appalachian Trail, there is something for everyone.



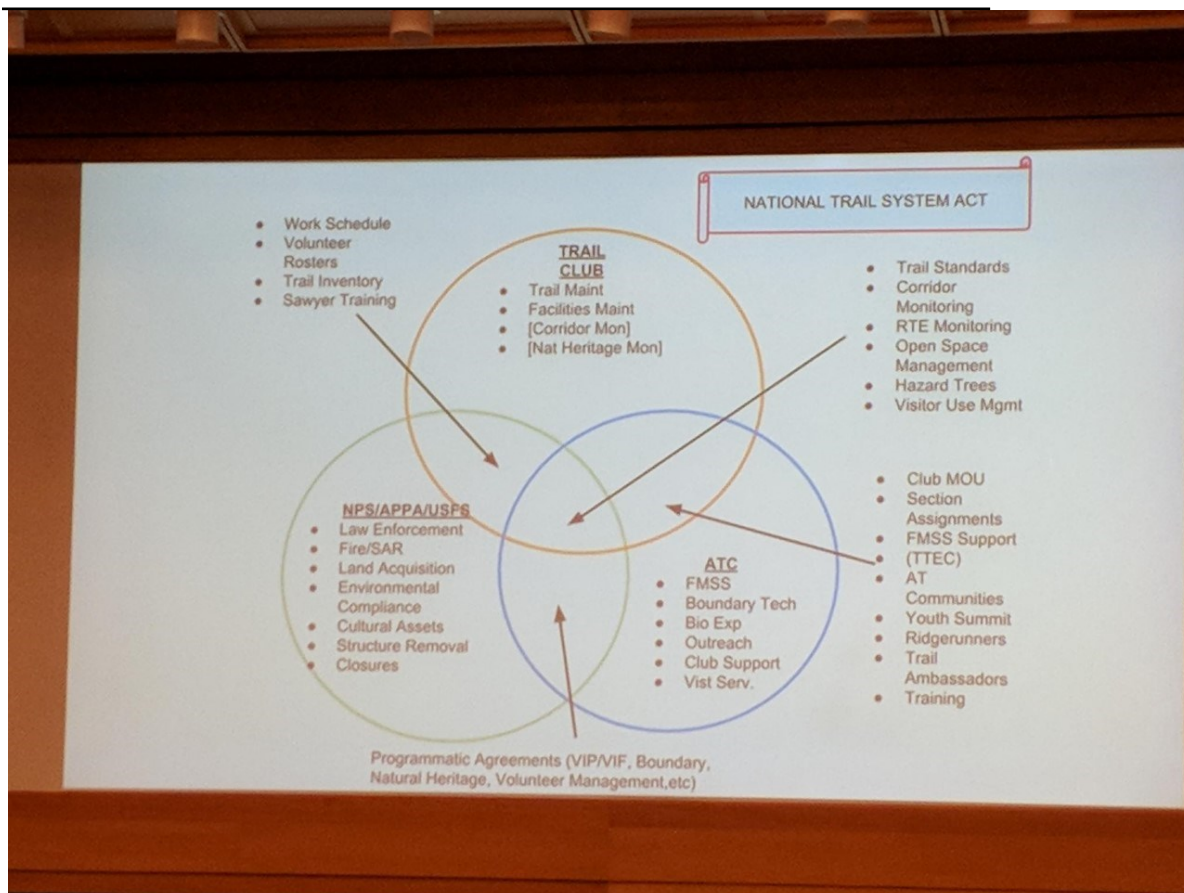
Hope to see you all soon on a hike, at a meeting or working together on a maintenance activity.

Happy Hiking ~

<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/>



Highlights from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy 2018 Conference





Spring 2019 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 1-2-19 7:30 pm</p>	<p>JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING Presentation followed by Monthly Business Meeting</p> <p>Presentation TBD 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? YES Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Tuesday 1-8-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - Quakertown McCooles (3-4 miles) Join us for 3-4 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll through Quakertown to the lighted Park at 4th and Mill. As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. We can also enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at McCoole's Red Lion Inn for some appetizers and drinks. Thunderstorms or 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 McCoole's overflow parking) 21 N Main St, Quakertown, PA 18951 (This is located in town. If you put just the Chamber in your GPS it may take you to the old one on 663.) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 1-13-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Lehigh Gap West</p> <p>We will hike Prairie Warbler Trail, Woodpecker tr to the AT out past the Lehigh Tunnel take the south blue trail through a wonderful rocky boulder strewn trail back to the AT head east retrace some steps till we pick up the blue North trail with stunning views of the Leigh River, Bowmanstown, and Palmerton. Good hiking boots, layers of clothing 2 plus liters water. a good lunch. Options for a early out available.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lehigh Gap Nature Center Ospry House. 8844 Paint Mill Rd. Slatington Pa Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Kyle Conrad 215-840-3737</p>
<p>Sunday 1-13-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8-9 miles Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>South Mountain Preserve Hike (8-9 miles) 8-9 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 several boardwalks. We will start the hike from Klines Lane parking lot at 9am. 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: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Thursday 1-17-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm - Quakertown Proper Brewery (2-4 miles) Join us for 3-4 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>We will be walking through town to the lighted park and can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Thunderstorms or heavy snow or rain 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 1-26-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 9 miles Hike rating: C</p>	<p>Winter Pulpit and Pinnacle Hike (9 miles) Loop hike to the Pulpit and Pinnacle</p> <p>This is a loop hike, starting at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, first climbing to Pulpit Rock and then onward 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>Monday 1-28-19 8:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 5 miles Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Mens Breakfast and Hike Allentown hiking Clubs Men's Breakfast & Hike</p> <p>Meet up for breakfast with discussion on Mens role in the hiking club, with an emphasis on bringing more men into the hiking club and into leadership roles. A short hike to follow.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Kyle Conrad 215-840-3737</p>
<p>Wednesday 1-30-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - Quakertown Eagle (3-4 miles) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>We'll meet at the Eagle/Local in Quakertown and stay together as we head down to the lighted 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. Plans for renovations have been pushed back but the food is good! As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. 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 or rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking in lot in back or on street; Make sure you are going to the borough of Quakertown; some GPS takes you to Trumbauersville Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Monday 2-4-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Nolde Forest Loop Hike (12 miles) Loop hike through the Nolde Forest</p> <p>Nolde Forest encompasses more than 665 acres of deciduous woodlands and coniferous plantations. A network of trails makes the center's streams, ponds, and diverse habitats accessible to all. We will hike most of the trails that wander throughout the park under tall trees and near creeks. Some trails are footpaths and others are remnants of gravel roads used by original owners of the mansion. We will stop at the Mansion to check out its unique architecture. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 2L of water and lunch / snacks. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Trail map can be found here: http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_003596.pdf</p> <p>Meeting place: To my knowledge there is no street address for this parking lot. This parking lot is on Route 625 just a few miles south of the intersection with Route 724. You can refer to the link with the trail map and the Sawmill parking lot is very clearly marked. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 2-6-19 7:30 pm</p>	<p>FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING</p> <p>Presentation TBD The presentation will be followed by the regular monthly business meeting. Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Saturday 2-9-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12-15 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p>Lehigh Gap Nature Center (12-15 miles) Hike the Trails of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center</p> <p>Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center parking lot for a 12-15 mile hike on the AT and in the Nature Center. This hike is cross-posted with the Chester County Trail Club. The route may be adjusted depending on trail conditions. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring 2L of water plus lunch and snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lehigh Gap Nature Center, 8844 Paint Mill Rd, Slatington, PA 18080 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Janet Penner 484-888-6786</p>
<p>Tuesday 2-12-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm - Center Valley Promenade (2 miles) Join us for an easy 2 mile lighted walk around the Promenade Shops in Center Valley (Window shopping only!)</p> <p>It's dark now ~ let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll and burn a few calories so we can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking. Tuesday is \$5 Burger and fries night at Bar Louie's. Thunderstorms or Heavy snow or rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please meet at 6:00 in the Parking lot on the WEST side of LLBean (Promenade entrance from West Saucon Valley Circle). Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Sunday 2-17-19 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (10 miles) 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.aspx</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>
<p>Sunday 2-24-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Kyle's Backyard Series Hiking in the Unami Hills</p> <p>This is part 1 of a series of hikes in the Green Lane Area. Two township preserves and an unnamed Lands Trust Parcel with a bit of private lands. So join in seeing the diabase and what it has to offer. Stream crossings, large boulders, meadows, and Devil's Potatoes Patch. Allentown Hiking Club members and special invites only. No MeetUp.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Kyle Conrad 215-840-3737</p>



<p>Thursday 2-28-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - Quakertown McCooles (3-4 miles) Join us for 3-4 mile walk from the Quakertown Chamber of Commerce to the “Park at 4th” in Quakertown.</p> <p>Let's get our blood flowing with a short midweek stroll through Quakertown to the lighted Park at 4th and Mill. As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. 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. Thunderstorms or 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 (This is located in town. If you put just the Chamber in your GPS it may take you to the old one on 663.) Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 3-2-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Trexler Nature Preserve (12-15 miles) Hike the trails of the Trexler Nature Preserve</p> <p>Meet at the Orchard Road parking lot for a 12-15 mile hilly hike exploring all corners of the Preserve. This hike is cross-posted with the Chester County Trail Club. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring 2L of water plus lunch and snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: Trexler Nature Preserve, 4935 Orchard Rd, Schnecksville, PA 18078 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Janet Penner 484-888-6786</p>
<p>Wednesday 3-6-19 7:30 pm</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>Meeting place: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Karen Gradel 267-424-4602 Co-leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Saturday 3-9-19</p>	<p>Morris Arboretum</p> <p>Spend a day Searching for the early signs of Spring, No death march here, go at your own pace and enjoy this beautiful setting. More details to come.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Kyle Conrad 215-840-3737</p>
<p>Sunday 3-10-19 9:30 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 14 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E+</p>	<p>Hike French Creek State Park (14 miles) Let's explore the trails of French Creek State Park</p> <p>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>Tuesday 3-12-19 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 - Quakertown Proper Brewery (2-4 miles) Join us for 3-4 mile walk from The Proper Brewing Company to the "Park at 4th" in Quakertown.</p> <p>We will be walking through town to the lighted park and can enjoy some refreshments when we are done walking by meeting back at The Proper Brewing Company for appetizers and drinks. As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. Meet in the Parking lot behind the brewery (on the side of the Police Station/borough hall) Thunderstorms or heavy snow or rain 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>Sunday 3-17-19 8:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 23 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: E</p>	<p>Loop Hike of Blue Marsh Lake (23 miles) Loop hike around 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 or snow 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>
<p>Wednesday 3-27-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks - Quakertown Eagle (3-4 miles) Join us for a walk through Quakertown</p> <p>We'll meet at the Eagle/Local in Quakertown and stay together as we head down to the lighted 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. Plans for renovations have been pushed back but the food is good! As it is dark now, please wear bright clothing and/or bring a flashlight. 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 or rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Eagle, Corner of Rts 212 and 313; Quakertown PA. Parking in lot in back or on street; Make sure you are going to the borough of Quakertown; some GPS takes you to Trumbauersville Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 3-30-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 10 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Lehigh Gap Hike - East of Gap (10 miles) Hike up the rocks at Lehigh Gap East</p> <p>Meet at the Appalachian Trail parking lot at the Lehigh Gap for a 10 mile loop hike on the AT and surrounding trails. This hike is cross-posted with the Chester County Trail Club. The plan is to go UP THE CLIFF, hike around, and come down the Winter Route. Our route may be adjusted depending on trail conditions. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring 2L of water plus lunch and snacks.</p> <p>Meeting place: 4940 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport PA 18088 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Janet Penner 484-888-6786</p>
<p>Sunday 3-31-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Breakfast in Intercourse, PA Bring brunch money. Real interesting Hike</p> <p>Breakfast in Intercourse PA. About 8-10 miles. No hills, no elvation - flat rail trail. Bring brunch money. We will have a quick tour of Kauffman's Farm. We will be hiking a short section of the Lowgrade Trail which crosses southern Lancaster County from Chester County to the Susquehanna River where it becomes the ENOLA low grade trail. We will be doing a series of hikes to complete this trail. Keep in touch with Ron and Mercedes. We have some real interest stops along the way. Ron Kieffer, 610-217-4637 Mercedes, 484-515-8001 Email contact is mercedesJurkiewicz@gmail.com</p>





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$10.00 PER CALENDAR YEAR FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, AND RENEWALS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 31ST TO STAY ON THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. DUES CAN BE PAID AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR MAILED TO THE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Paula Uhrin: 283 Ridgeview Drive, Alburtis Pa. 18011

NAME(S):

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_____ Dues @\$10.00 / \$15.00 Household

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

_____ Club golf shirt @ \$12.00 + \$3.50 shipping ea.

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

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

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

Checks payable to "Allentown hiking Club"

Total enclosed _____

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





AHC Hike / Event Form - Please fill out all fields and give this to the Hiking Scheduling Coordinator at the scheduling meeting or see page 2 of The Happy Hiker for email and phone contact information.

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

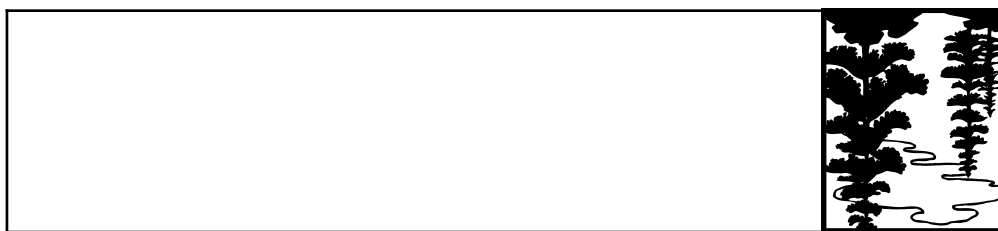
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): _____

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

Event Title: _____

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

Additional details that appear only on the Activities page



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