



MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND THE KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hike Safety

We hike for a variety of reasons, for physical fitness, to challenge themselves, to explore nature. We pack our backpacks and head out never thinking that we won't get from point A to point B without a problem. In May a Berks county woman walking her dog got lost on the on the Tom Lowe Trail. I'm sure she thought she was just going for a short hike since she didn't have any food or water with her. The idea she would spend the night hunkered down outside never crossed her mind. This should be a lesson for us to not get too comfortable even on a short or familiar trail.

Having a fully charged cell phone with you to call for help is basic item to carry with you but there are dead spots on the trail with no cell service so make sure you tell someone where you will be and what time you will be back. And check in with that person when you return. Always take water with you and for longer hikes a protein bar, water filter and thermal blanket should be in your pack. You should carry a first aid kit and make sure you keep it updated and replenished as you use items from it. And a tip from Michelle Hinkle is to carry your old expired Driver's License in your backpack for identification.

If possible hike with a companion, there is safety in numbers. While the trail is usually a tranquil place where there is a real comradery among the 'trail family' sometimes the violence from the outside world creeps in. One such incident happened in May 2019 when one hiker was murdered and another injured by an unstable person. Even though the group of four hikers made the decision to leave the area where the unstable person was, two of the hikers were still overpowered. If you find yourself in a situation where you feel uncomfortable get out of the area as soon as you can. And make sure you report anything unusual to the local authorities. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy says 'If you see something, say something'. The Nation Park Service has a 24 hour Dispatch/Communications Center which can be reached at 1-866-677-6677 or you can send an email to incident@appalachiantrail.org. If you are doing trail work or hiking in our area and see something that doesn't seem right our local Game Warden Tyler Kreider has asked that we let him know about it. The Pennsylvania Game Commission violation number is 1-888-PCG-8001 or you can reach Tyler at 610-926-3136. Safe Hiking.



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Deadlines for the Fall 2019 Newsletter & Schedule

Happy Hiker Newsletter

Wednesday, September 18th 2019

Activity Schedule

Wednesday, September 18th 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!

March

Wendy Kerr Oley, PA
Anita Albenzi Allentown, PA
Robin Pennell Riegelsville, PA
Connie Derewal Quakertown, PA
Diane Amschel Bethlehem, PA
Charles McMahon Glenmoore, PA
Linda Glossner Quakertown, PA
Mike Zeller Coopersburg, PA
Christine Seita Hellertown, PA

April

Julia Schiermeyer..... Emmaus, PA
Albert Meale..... Bloomsburg, PA
Howard Mintzer..... Shoemakersville, PA
Gregory Gillespie..... Hellertown, PA
Karen Coombs Kutztown, PA

April (Cont.)

Christine Sigwart Quakertown, PA
Alex Guranich..... Bethlehem, PA

May

Jerry & Sharon Cramer..... Coplay, PA
Kathryn Evans..... Allentown, PA
Patti Rich..... Orwigsburg, PA
Kathy Marcuccilli..... Phillipsburg, NJ
Mary Ellen O'Connell Bethlehem, PA
Judy Cernobyl Orefield, PA
David Rabold Coopersburg, PA
Joe Lazorik Coopersburg, PA



Ed Ritter Named ATC Mid-Atlantic Volunteer of the Year

Ed Ritter, AHC's Trails Chair, has been selected as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Ed's contributions to the Appalachian Trail spanned 30 years. In 1989, Ed and Frank Bertalan were appointed AHC Trails Co-chairs. Since 1992, when Frank became the AHC Monitor Chair, Ed has served as Trails Chair.

During these 30 years, Ed has organized Appalachian Trail work trips, supervised trail relocations, scheduled shelter caretakers, and performed thousands of hours of trail maintenance. The club built a privy and constructed a new shelter during his tenure. Ed is a certified sawyer, and handles blow down removal. He has participated in AHC's trail assessments, the trail inventory for APPA, and submits the club's hours report to ATC each year. Ed has worked with Scouts (such as projects to earn Gold Awards) and led a special work trip for Girl Scouts in conjunction with their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Ed compiled the club's Local Management Plans. In addition, Ed was a club corridor monitor for two areas for more than 25 years.

Edward Ritter is the consummate club volunteer. For 30 years, he has been the guiding force in maintaining and improving the Allentown Hiking Club's Appalachian Trail section of trail, and is very deserving of this honor. Congratulations and thank you to Ed!



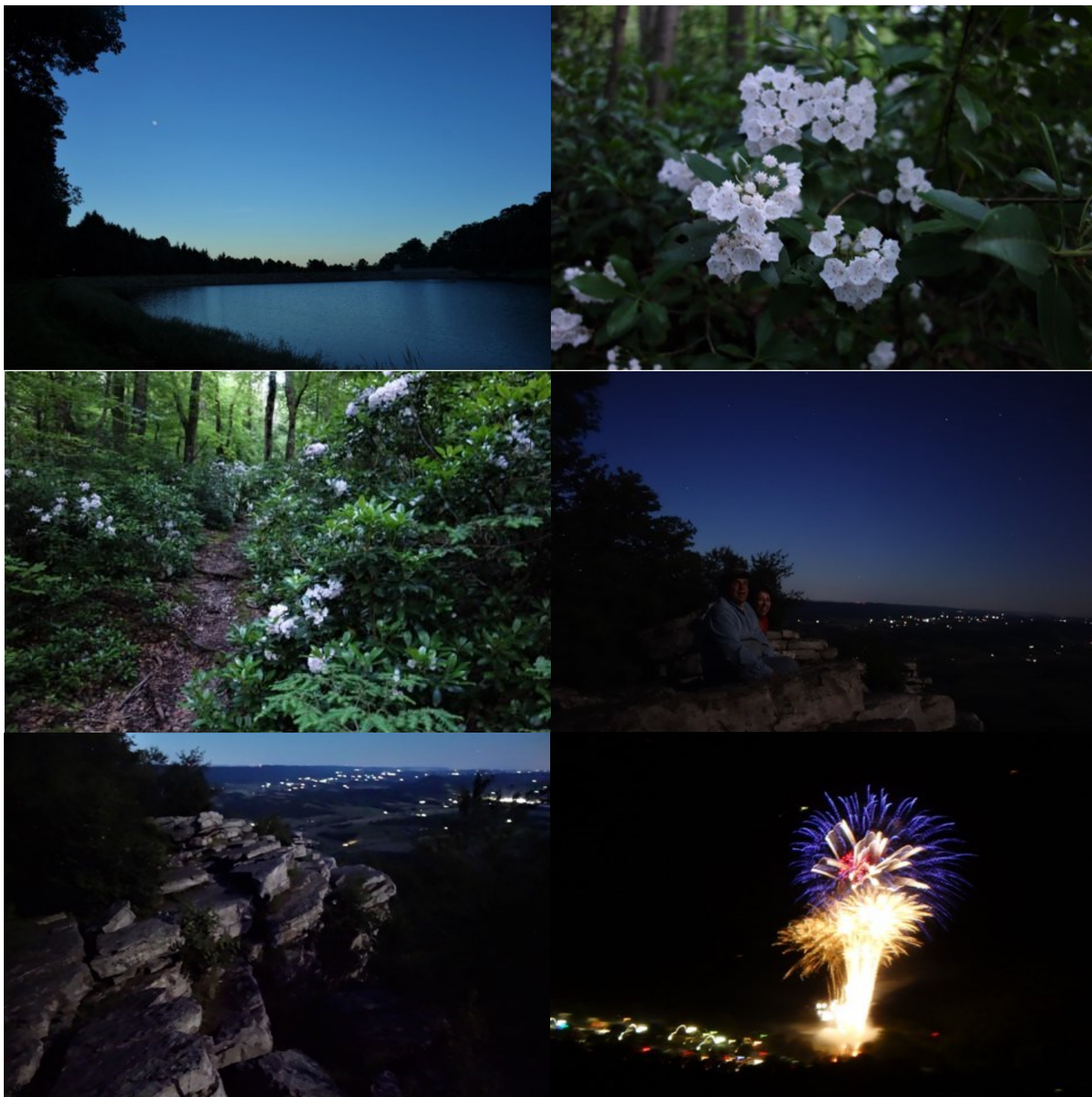


An Eagle Project was completed on May 18th by David Kunz along with 24 other Scouts and Leaders. A campsite area near the beginning of the Knife Edge was cleaned and cleared. This campsite was David's first camping experience when he joined Scouts many years ago. Last year his troop hiked the AT discovering the site in poor condition. The Scouts removed brush and blow downs on the site. The fire ring and tent sites were cleaned. The access trail was blazed and signed "Designated Campsite". On the way out they removed 4 blow downs, covered up graffiti, and picked up trash. Thanks to David and Scouts for working on the AT.

Hiking Quotes

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. - Lao Tzu, philosopher and founder of Taoism.
- It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves. - Sir Edmund Hillary, first man to summit Mount Everest.
- To travel, to experience and learn: that is to live. - Tenzing Norgay, the Himalayan Sherpa to accompany Sir Hillary on his expedition.





Pictures from a June 16th hike that Mercedes Jurkiewicz, Ron Keefer and Mark Stanavage attended. This included a beautiful fireworks display from atop the Pinnacle courtesy of the Kempton Fair.



Help Wanted: AT Corridor Monitors

Each fall, the Allentown Hiking Club monitors the boundaries of our section of the AT, called the "corridor," which is land owned by the National Park Service that extends a few hundred feet on either side of the trail. Some of our long-time monitors, who have been performing this function for upwards of 20 years or more, are no longer able to commit to this duty. **So we are seeking a few new persons to help with this very important task!**

According to the ATC Volunteer Leadership Handbook, Corridor Monitors *"are responsible for visiting and reporting on the condition of an assigned area of corridor land within a Trail club's section.... Volunteers interested in monitoring may be quite different from those who like trail work—good monitors often enjoy orienteering, bushwhacking, and traveling in rugged terrain."*

The monitoring process is not unlike a scavenger hunt, with a compass and a map to assist you. If ever you are in need of an adventurous hike, this is it. If you think you might be interested in participating in the corridor monitoring, please contact the **AT Monitor Coordinators** listed on page 2 of the newsletter. We'll teach you how to collect the required information by pairing you with an experienced monitor assessing his/her section of the trail. The commitment on your part, after this simple training, is basically one day a year, scheduled by you at your convenience. Be adventurous! Volunteer and see what it's all about!

For an excellent description of the duties of a corridor monitor, please see the article on Corridor Monitoring published in the Spring 2019 issue of the Happy Hiker, on page 3.

Submitted by Lucy Cantwell, Corridor Monitor Coordinator





Summer 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>Tuesday 7-9-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk Trexler Park in Allentown (3 miles) A walk in the Trexler Memorial Park - paved paths and a short incline in one area. This is a walk in the Trexler Memorial Park which has paved paths. We will do a loop which involves a short incline in one area.</p> <p>We will meet at the entrance of the Park. Access is on Springhouse Rd, Allentown, 18104. Hopefully we will beat the heat. Please bring water & wear sturdy walking shoes.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the leader: Joyce Partington - phone: 908-887-0934 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Joyce Partington 908-887-0934</p>
<p>Wednesday 7-10-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk Louise W. Moore Park. 2-3 miles. Easy hike on gravel/shredded rubber paths. We will walk between 2 – 4 loops which is approx. 2-3 miles.</p> <p>Bring water, wear walking shoes. Meet in the parking lot</p> <p>Meeting place: Louise W. Moore Park, Country Club Rd., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18045 Turn right into parking lot. GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 40.691829, Longitude: -75.292915 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jill Pask 610-821-9744</p>
<p>Thursday 7-11-19 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 4-5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Lake Lenape Park, Sellersville, PA Easy morning hike along Sellersville-Perkasie Bicycle/Walking Path System.</p> <p>We'll walk through Lake Lenape Park, along the banks of Branch Creek, for a total of about 2 miles and then return along the same path. Along the route is an historic covered bridge. Length of hike can be extended if group so desires. Option for ice cream or lunch at end of hike. Some areas shaded and some in open sun, so bring an ample water supply and sun protection. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: Lake Lenape Park 210 East Walnut St Sellersville, PA 18960 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Lucy Cantwell 215-855-2793</p>
<p>Saturday 7-13-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D+</p>	<p>Nolde Forest Loop Hike 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring at least 2L of water and lunch / snacks. Heavy rain cancels.</p> <p>Meeting place: To my knowledge there is no street address for the Sawmill parking lot which 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>Sunday 7-14-19 10:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>Loop hike at Tuscarora State Park 8 miles loop hike around the lake</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. There are two stream crossings and some areas may be muddy. Please bring 2+liters of water and lunch/snacks and wear sturdy hiking boots.</p> <p>Meeting place: Tuscarora State Park; 687 Tuscarora Park Road, Barnesville, PA 18214</p> <p>I've found that mapping apps don't get the street address correctly placed on a map. There is a large sign on Tuscarora Park Road at the park's entrance. Enter the park and keep driving straight to the very far parking lot.</p> <p>Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>
<p>Wednesday 7-17-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-3 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Family Weeknight Walk Quakertown (2-3 miles) Walk around Quakertown and then head to QNB Founder's Day - We can walk at a pace suitable for families with children.</p> <p>We'll meet at Quakertown High School at 6:00 pm and walk around town for an hour. We'll head back to the school for the QNB Founder's day festivities from 7 pm to 9 pm. Activities include (from QNB webpage) "a performance by The Quakertown Band. Entertainment will also be provided by Wackadoodle & Friends, with an appearance by QNB's youth banking mascot, QuiNBy the Savings Squirrel. Hot dogs and soda will be available for a donation to the Quakertown Lions Club while the Kona Ice food truck will be offering flavored shaved ice." Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancel walk (activities will take place inside the school in case of inclement weather if anyone is interested)</p> <p>Meeting place: Quakertown High School parking lot; Across from Quakertown High School, 600 Park Avenue, Quakertown, PA 18951 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Thursday 7-18-19 5:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk to Concert in the Park Want to walk a mile to see Foghat and The Guess Who?</p> <p>Walk to Sands Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Borough of Quakertown: Foghat and The Guess Who at Quakertown's Univest Performance Center at Park at 4th.</p> <p>You will need to bring a chair to sit in and \$34 cash for the concert. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks available; cash only. (You can get tickets ahead of time for \$29 but I'm not sure what the weather cancellation policy is.)</p> <p>Tickets are available at the door at 5:30 pm so lets meet and be ready to go to get a good spot. Once your chairs are set up, we can walk around the park.</p> <p>Meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 21 N. Main Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 at 5:30 pm. (make sure you don't just put the Chamber in your GPS because it may take you to the old site off of 663 - the new one is in town down from McCoolles). It's about 3/4 to a mile walk to the park - and then back again when the concert is over. Info is available on the website below.</p> <p>Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels. (concert is still on unless severe weather, however, I am a fair weather concert go-er)</p> <p>Let me know if you are planning to attend in case parking is an issue - email me at cpaetow@hotmail.com</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader if you are coming in case parking is an issue. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



Saturday 7-20-19 9:00 am	(TBD - Block The Date) (DETAILS TO COME) Meeting place: Please contact the event leader Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jill Pask 610-821-9744
Tuesday 7-23-19 6:00 pm	Scenic Lehigh Parkway Walk 3-4 miles on scenic parkway.
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles	We will walk on the paths of the scenic parkway. Starting at the Fish Hatchery Parking lot we will head to Bogart's Bridge, cross over & loop back to start point.
Hike rating: A+	Optional refreshments after the hike at Penn Pizza. Heavy rain or thunderstorms cancels.
	Meeting place: Fish Hatchery Parking lot, 3901 Fish Hatchery Rd., Allentown, PA 18103 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Joyce Partington 908-887-0934
Wednesday 7-24-19 6:00 pm	Hike Wayne Grube Park. 3-5 miles (Details to come, see allentownhikingclub.org events for updates.)
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-5 miles	Meeting place: Wayne Grube Park, 1200 Willowbrook Rd., Northampton, Pennsylvania, 18067
Hike rating: A+	GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 40.676396, Longitude: -75.461745 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jill Pask 610-821-9744
Thursday 7-25-19 5:30 pm	Walk to Concert in the Park Want to walk a mile to see Kashmir with Classic Stones Live? Walk to Sands Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Borough of Quakertown: Kashmir with Classic Stones Live at Quakertown's Univest Performance Center at Park at 4th.
Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles	You will need to bring a chair to sit in and \$24 cash for the concert. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks available; cash only. (You can get tickets ahead of time for \$19 but I'm not sure what the weather cancellation policy is)
Hike rating: A+	Tickets are available at the door at 5:30 pm so lets meet and be ready to go to get a good spot. Once your chairs are set up, we can walk around the park. Meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 21 N. Main Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 at 5:30 pm. (make sure you don't just put the Chamber in your GPS because it may take you to the old site off of 663 - the new one is in town down from McCoolles). It's about 3/4 to a mile walk to the park - and then back again when the concert is over. Info is available on the website below. Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels. (concert is still on unless severe weather, however, I am a fair weather concert go-er) Let me know if you are planning to attend in case parking is an issue: - cpaetow@hotmail.com. Meeting place: Please contact the event leader if you are coming in case parking is an issue. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com



<p>Wednesday 7-31-19 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 Hellertown (2-4 miles) Join us for a walk on the rail trail in Hellertown, PA</p> <p>We'll walk on the rail trail for about an hour and a half before turning around and heading back before dark. This is a walk where people can go at their own pace as we are going back the same way we came. You will walk as far as you can in 40 -45 minutes and then turn around and walk back for the same amount of time. We'll all meet back at the starting point. 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>Wednesday 8-7-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks Allentown (1.5 miles) 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 8-7-19 7:30 pm</p>	<p>AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING Presentation followed by Monthly Business Meeting. Author Jeffrey Ryan will give a presentation and book signing on his new book 'Hermit'.</p> <p>A 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>Thursday 8-8-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk Ironton Rail Trail We will walk along the Coplay Creek.</p> <p>This is an in & out walk & is a flat surface. There are some historic sites along the way which we can stop & see. We will meet at the Levans Trail Head 3256 Levans Rd, Coplay (North Whitehall), PA 18037. Please wear sturdy walking shoes & bring water.</p> <p>Meeting place: The Levans Trail Head, 3256 Levans Rd, Coplay (North Whitehall), PA 18037 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Joyce Partington 908-887-0934</p>
<p>Sunday 8-11-19 11:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 8-9 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: C+</p>	<p>South Mountain Preserve Hike 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 11am. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended as the terrain is moderately rocky. 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>Sunday 8-11-19 11:00 am</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Lehigh River Tubing Float the Lehigh River from Treichler's Bridge to the dam in Northampton. Rain date: 8/18/2019</p> <p>Bring an INFLATED truck tube and wear a swimsuit, water shoes and a wide brimmed hat. Hopefully nobody will interrupt us this time. Trucks and vans will be helpful to haul tubes. RAIN DATE: the following Sunday, August 18th 2019</p> <p>Meeting place: Whitehall Mall between SEARS and the Auto Shop. For your reference, SEARS AUTO CENTER address is 2025 Whitehall Mall, Whitehall, PA 18052 Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Gene Scharle 610-432-5652</p>
<p>Thursday 8-15-19 5:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk to Concert in the Park Want to walk a mile to see Gary Puckett and The Union Gap with The Grass Roots? Walk to Sands Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Borough of Quakertown: Gary Puckett and The Union Gap with The Grass Roots at Quakertown's Univest Performance Center at Park at 4th.</p> <p>You will need to bring a chair to sit in and \$34 cash for the concert. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks available; cash only. (You can get tickets ahead of time for \$29 but I'm not sure what the weather cancellation policy is)</p> <p>Tickets are available at the door at 5:30 pm so lets meet and be ready to go to get a good spot. Once your chairs are set up, we can walk around the park. Meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 21 N. Main Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 at 5:30 pm. (make sure you don't just put the Chamber in your GPS because it may take you to the old site off of 663 - the new one is in town down from McCoolles). It's about 3/4 to a mile walk to the park - and then back again when the concert is over. Info is available on the website below.</p> <p>Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels. (concert is still on unless severe weather, however, I am a fair weather concert go-er)</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader if you are coming in case parking is an issue. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Friday 8-16-19 5:15 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 Sturgeon Moon Come and watch the Sturgeon Full Moon rise from the Pinnacle!</p> <p>Please arrive by 5:15pm for a 5:30pm departure. As we will need to make it up to the Pinnacle by sunset, the group will leave on time. Traffic on Route 22 can be a challenge, so please plan accordingly.</p> <p>Come and watch the full moon rise from the Pinnacle! Some Native American tribes called the August Moon the "Sturgeon Moon" because they knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon.</p> <p>This is an 8 mile loop hike, starting at the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot and then going up to the Pulpit and Pinnacle for spectacular views of the rising full moon. Sunset is at 8:02pm and moonrise is at 8:58pm.</p> <p>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/thunderstorms or overly cloudy conditions will cancel the hike.</p> <p>Meeting place: Hamburg Reservoir parking lot, 420 Reservoir Road Hamburg, PA. Depart at 5:30pm. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Paula Uhrin 484-951-4299 jcnj168@ptd.net</p>



<p>Tuesday 8-20-19 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 Upper Saucon (2-4 miles) Join us for a walk on the rail trail in Center Valley</p> <p>We will be walking on the towpath for about 45 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. This is a walk where people can go at their own pace as we are going back the same way we came. You will walk as far as you can in 40 -45 minutes and then turn around and walk back for the same amount of time. We'll all meet back at the starting point. Afterward we can try out the Copperhead Grill on Route 378 for some refreshments. Thunderstorms or 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>Friday 8-21-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 3-5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>8-21-19 6:00 pm Bogert's Covered Bridge (Lehigh Park). 3-5 miles</p> <p>(Details to come)</p> <p>Meeting place: Bogert's Covered Bridge (Little Lehigh Parkway), 1447 Bogert's Covered Bridge, Allentown, PA 18103 Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Jill Pask 610-821-9744</p>
<p>Wednesday 8-28-19 5:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk to Concert in the Park Walk a mile to see Vince Neil of Motley Crue with special guest Lita Ford-Sands Walk to Sands Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Borough of Quakertown: Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe with special guest Lita Ford-Sands at Quakertown's Univest Performance Center at Park at 4th.</p> <p>You will need to bring a chair to sit in and \$34 cash for the concert. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks available; cash only. (You can get tickets ahead of time for \$29 but I'm not sure what the weather cancellation policy is.)</p> <p>Tickets are available at the door at 5:30 pm so lets meet and be ready to go to get a good spot. Once your chairs are set up, we can walk around the park.</p> <p>Meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 21 N. Main Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 at 5:30 pm. (make sure you don't just put the Chamber in your GPS because it may take you to the old site off of 663 - the new one is in town down from McCooles). It's about 3/4 to a mile walk to the park - and then back again when the concert is over. Info is available on the website below.</p> <p>Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels. Concert is still on unless severe weather, however, I am a fair weather concert go-er.</p> <p>Let me know if you are planning to attend in case parking is an issue: (email) cpaetow@hotmail.com</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader if you are coming in case parking is an issue. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



<p>Friday 8-30-19 5:30 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Walk to Concert in the Park Walk a mile to see Trace Adkins-Don't Stop Tour Walk to Sands Sounds of Summer Concert Series by Borough of Quakertown: Trace Adkins-Don't Stop Tour at Quakertown's Univest Performance Center at Park at 4th.</p> <p>You will need to bring a chair to sit in and \$44 cash for the concert. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks available; cash only. (You can get tickets ahead of time for \$39 but I'm not sure what the weather cancellation policy is.)</p> <p>Tickets are available at the door at 5:30 pm so lets meet and be ready to go to get a good spot. Once your chairs are set up, we can walk around the park.</p> <p>Meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 21 N. Main Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 at 5:30 pm. (make sure you don't just put the Chamber in your GPS because it may take you to the old site off of 663 - the new one is in town down from McCooles). It's about 3/4 to a mile walk to the park - and then back again when the concert is over. Info is available on the website below.</p> <p>Thunderstorms or heavy rain cancels. Concert is still on unless severe weather, however, I am a fair weather concert go-er.</p> <p>Let me know if you are planning to attend in case parking is an issue: (email) cpaetow@hotmail.com.</p> <p>Meeting place: Please contact the event leader if you are coming in case parking is an issue. Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 9-4-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 1.5 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks Allentown (1.5 miles) Join us for a short walk before the Allentown Hiking Club Meeting</p> <p>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 9-4-19 7:30 pm</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING</p> <p>Quarterly scheduling 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>Thursday 9-12-19 6:00 pm</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2-4 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A</p>	<p>Weeknight Walks at 6:00 pm - Coopersburg (2-4 miles) Join us for a 1.5 hour walk on the rail trail in Coopersburg</p> <p>We will be walking on the towpath for about 45 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. This is a walk where people can go at their own pace as we are going back the same way we came. You will walk as far as you can in 40 -45 minutes and then turn around and walk back for the same amount of time. We'll all meet back at the starting point. Afterward we can try out Copperhead Grill. Thunderstorms or Heavy rain cancels</p> <p>Meeting place: Rail Trail Living Memorial Park, E Landis Street, Coopersburg, PA Posted on meetup.com? YES Leader: Cynthia Paetow 215-536-7311 cpaetow@hotmail.com</p>



<p>Saturday 9-14-19 9:00 am</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 12 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: D</p>	<p>Hike Green Lane Park 12 Miles Hike Around the Lake.</p> <p>Walk from the parking lot to the blue trail, red trail, connector trail, part of the perkiomen trail. Pace: 3 mph.</p> <p>Directions: take RT. 29 south from Emmaus (approximately 17 miles); turn right onto Green Lane Rd.; at the "Y" stay to you left. Parking lot is on the left of the tennis courts and amphitheater.</p> <p>This is a combined hike with Chester County Trail Club. Bring water, snack and lunch. Contact hike leader: Frank Tallent (c) 610-248-5045, meet at the park. Meeting place: GPS: 40.337047,-75.486183 street address: 2153 Greelane Rd, Green Lane, PA. Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Frank Tallent 610-248-5045</p>
<p>Wednesday 9-18-19 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 Hellertown (2-4 miles) Join us for a walk on the rail trail in Hellertown, PA</p> <p>We'll walk on the rail trail for about an hour and a half before turning around and heading back before dark. This is a walk where people can go at their own pace as we are going back the same way we came. You will walk as far as you can in 40 -45 minutes and then turn around and walk back for the same amount of time. We'll all meet back at the starting point. 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>Wednesday 9-25-19 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 Upper Saucon (2-4 miles) Join us for a walk on the rail trail in Center Valley</p> <p>We will be walking on the towpath for about 45 minutes before turning around and heading back before dark. This is a walk where people can go at their own pace as we are going back the same way we came. You will walk as far as you can in 40 -45 minutes and then turn around and walk back for the same amount of time. We'll all meet back at the starting point. Afterward we can try out the Copperhead Grill on Route 378 for some refreshments. Thunderstorms or 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 9-28-19 12:15 pm</p> <p>Round trip road miles distance: 6 miles</p> <p>Hike / bike / on-water distance: 2 miles</p> <p>Hike rating: A+</p>	<p>Chestnut Oak Trail Maintenance Weed Whack and repair the Chestnut Oak trail</p> <p>We will work on the chestnut Oak trail. Please bring gloves and water. Those planning on weed whacking should wear long pants and bring eye protection if you have it. We have protection gear for about 5 people. We will also be doing some trail remediation.</p> <p>Meeting place: Osprey House at Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Directions to the Nature Center can be found at (LGNC.com) Posted on meetup.com? NO Leader: Jim Gabovitz 610-262-3578 gapples@rcn.com Co-leader: Anne Griffin 610-760-0479</p>



Wednesday
10-2-19 7:30 pm

OCTOER MONTHLY MEETING-

Presentation followed by Monthly Business Meeting. Muhlenberg college Professor Benjamin Carter will give a presentation on his research of the charcoal hearths located on the Blue Mountain.

A 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





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

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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

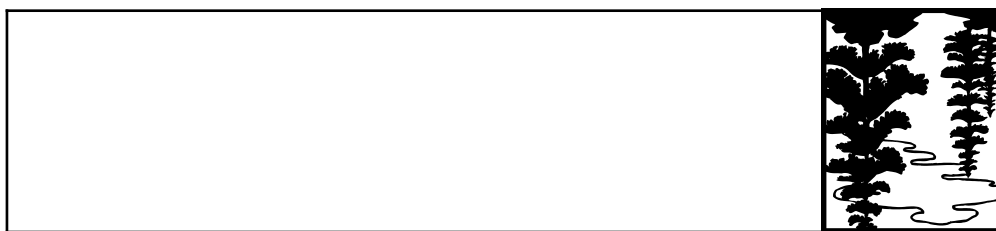
Hike Rating (from AHC Hike Rating System): _____

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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