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Aug 5 Monthly Meeting

Join us on Wed. Aug 5
At 6:00pm at the Moraine
State Park North Shore
Lakeview Area Shelter for
a picnic and program by
Tom Baumgardner on
playing disc golf. The
park's course is nearby and
you will have fun trying it!
Bring a dish to share, the
BOC will provide hot dogs.
Come early and hike or bike or paddle the lake or swim at
the Lakeview swim area.



Moraine Regatta Aug 1-2

Join us for two fun filled days of water, land, air events at
Moraine State Park The Regatta at Lake Arthur is an
annual 2-day event staged in the Lakeview area at
Moraine State Park each August. In the words of its
Mission Statement, the Regatta "...promotes Moraine
State Park and Butler County as a recreational destination
for both tourists and residents by being the premier eco-
tourism event of the region. The Regatta at Lake Arthur
features entertainment, canoe and kayak races, children's
activities, classic car cruise, fishing tournament, hot air
balloons, Moraine Marketplace, hiking, swimming,
sailboat races, historic oil well demonstrations, fishing for
kids, and a kids clinic. Add in fireworks over the lake on
Saturday night, and you have a weekend event that's
"Naturally Fun". A number of local food vendors are
always there in the mix to keep everyone fed with a
variety of summertime festival fare. For more information
go to <http://www.moraineregatta.com>. See detailed
schedule later in this newsletter.

Volunteering

On June 20, I volunteered to help with the Rachel
Carson Challenge - the 36 mile all day hike done
by aliens on the longest day of the year. I am
pretty sure they are, because I did just the last 8
miles as a sweep, and there's no way a normal
human could do that for 34 miles. And I was
especially pleased to see all the Butler Outdoor
Club members who helped as volunteers. I
counted 11 of us on the list.

And then on Wednesday July 15th, Dan Bickel of
Moraine State Park hosted a forum of friends of
the park to brain storm for new ideas. I again was
pleased to see about 10 of us out there.

Of course these are just two examples that show
the kind of people who are members of our club;
people who know the importance of putting in
more than they take out of life. I could go on about
the North Country Trail members and the 3MJC,
and many more. I'm proud to be associated with all
of you.

And one benefit to doing that, in addition to the
satisfaction of doing something good, is that you
have a great time; and you get to know some of the
best people; and they get to know you.

So when the call goes out for help on a project or
event, do yourself a favor and volunteer.

And now that I have you ready to do your part, I'll
mention an item that we need assistance on in the
next few weeks. we need help on the Moraine
Regatta - to help with some activities the BOC is
sponsoring and to man our BOC Table and the
NCT table. A lot of our regular volunteers are
going to be out of town that weekend, so we need
some help. Contact Tom Baumgardner if you can
help out on this.

John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674

Tour de NCTA PA Stage 4

Since the next Allegheny Forest stage was postponed, we decided to squeeze another South-west stage in. This was on familiar territory for those of us in the Butler area - it was the Hells Hollow / McConnel's Mill section, one of the most beautiful sections of the NCT. And we had two of the adopter / maintainers along with us, Kay Thompson and Joe Hardisky; and they didn't disappoint us. The trail was in great shape, and especially nice because we went through the section that was just completed by the NCT Volunteer Adventure project in June. They did an amazing job getting the trail off the creek bed and up on the steep rocky hillside. The stone work was beautiful. Nine of us were able to make the 8 mile hike on the July 5th. A nice way to work off a long and picnic filled holiday weekend.



Stage 5, will be Aug 29 and 30, 2009 in the Allegheny National Forest. Stage two has gotten us 12 miles south of the New York border, so we will pickup the trail where we left off doing 3 sections that wind along Route 321. The section south of Rt 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59 is 5.8 miles. The section From Rt 59 South to Route 321 (again) is 6.7 miles. The third section from 321 to 321(one more time) is 5.3 miles. We will do the middle section of 6.7 miles south of Route 59 on Saturday, camp overnight at Tracy Ridge camp ground, then hike the 1st and 3rd sections for a total of 11.1 miles on Sunday. The two days together will be 17.8 miles. Just like Stage 2, this is a strenuous hike, so you should be in decent shape and have good shoes. We will meet at the trail head at Route 59 at 11:00 on Saturday Aug 29, setup the shuttle, and be hiking by 11:30. After the hike we will drive to and camp-out at Tracy Ridge. On Sunday we will resume pickup the first of the 3 sections at Route 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59. Then in the afternoon we drive to and setup a shuttle for the 3rd section of 5.3 miles ending at the Red Bridge Recreation Area. For planning purposes, contact me if you plan to join us, or are interested in doing just the Sunday portion. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674

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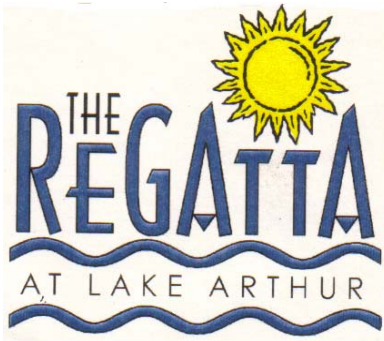
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“The purpose of the Butler Outdoor Club is to provide year-round outdoor activities for the enjoyment and fellowship of our members, while creating awareness, appreciation and conservation of the environment.”

Visit our club website for the latest event updates and club news at

www.butleroutdoorclub.org



Tenth Annual Regatta at Lake Arthur

CANOE and KAYAK RACES

2 and 4 Mile Recreational

Moraine State Park, at Lakeview on the
North Shore ~ Saturday August 1, 2009

Race Registration: 9:00 AM until Race Time

Race Meeting: 9:45 AM

Race Starting Time: 10:00 AM

- Both Races run concurrently along the same Race Course. One starting time for all racers.
- Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each Race, plus awards for First Senior and First Female
- Special Racing Classes and separate Awards for Kids!

Registration area and starting line are on the left (east) side of the Lakeview swimming beach.

1. Registration fees PER PARTICIPANT (includes t-shirt):

\$18.00 Race Day Registration

\$15.00 Pre-registration if fee and registration form are postmarked by Saturday July 27, 2009

\$10.00 SPECIAL RATE Registration Fee for Children 15 and under (both pre- and Race Day)

(Payment method: Cash or checks made payable to "The Regatta at Lake Arthur")

2. One T-shirt per person.

3. Assigned boat numbers (received Race Day) must be displayed on both sides of bow.

4. All issues relative to the race are subject to change by the Rules Committee.

5. Race course will be posted at Registration Table and discussed at Race Meeting.

6. Each Racer **MUST WEAR** a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (life jacket).

7. Each boat must contain an audio signaling device, such as a whistle (PFBC regulation)

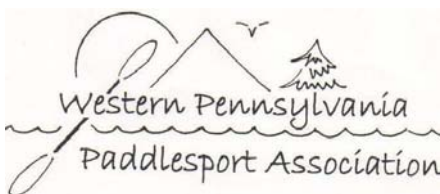
8. **DCNR and PFBC boat registration/launch permit requirements are waived during the Regatta for Race participants. Your boat doesn't need a "sticker" for this event.**

9. A Liability Waiver must be signed at the Registration Table by each Racer, or by an authorized adult for each Racer under 18.

The race course is NOT closed to public use during the Race, and Sailing Races will be under way adjacent at the same time. Every effort will be made to keep other boaters away from canoe/kayak racers, and will include a Coast Guard Auxiliary escort. Lake Arthur has a 20 h.p. limit. SAFE, CAREFUL, and ATTENTIVE boating practices are mandatory.

Facilities: Lakeview Beach (next to Registration area) has a bathhouse with restrooms and FREE showers.

RACE/REGISTRATION QUESTIONS: *Becky Sheeler* 724-794-1636 beckysheeler@gmail.com



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Aug 1 & 2 2009

Schedule for Both Days

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

LAKEVIEW EVENTS

TIME

LOCATION

Kids Craft Area

10:00 to 10:30 Kids Crafts – Paper Turtles
 10:30 to 11:30 Kids Crafts - Butterflies & Caterpillars
 12:30 to 1:30 Kids Craft – Boat Building (Kits available at information Station-\$2/kit)
 1:30 to 2:30 Kids Craft – Rainsticks
 2:30 to 3:30 Kids Craft – Paper Plate Memo Holder
 3:00 to 6:00 Kidz’n Power Child Safety
 4:30 to 5:30 Kids Craft – Kids Bingo
 5:30 to 6:30 Kids Craft – Pine Cone Bird Feeder

Kids Game Area (by the Beach)

12:00 Hula Hoop Relay
 1:00 Remember the Beach
 2:00 Fish Toss
 3:00 Feed The Shark
 4:00 Hula Hoop Contest

Paddling Events Area

10:00 to 11:00 Canoe/Kayak Races - 2 and 4 mile rec. races - 9:00 AM registration
 10:00 to 6:00 Wooden Canoe Heritage Association - classic wooden canoes on display
 1:00 to 3:00 Play Dead Fish Polo
 1:00 to 3:00 Voyageur Canoe Rides
 1:00 to 3:00 Kayak Experience
 2:00 to 4:00 Cleveland Amateur Boat Building Society - constructing “Small boat”
 4:00 to 5:00 Freestyle Canoeing Exhibition Performance

Stage Area

2:15 The Magic of Kevin Cramer
 3:30 Flutist Carl Adams
 4:40 Presentation of Trophies for Sailboat Races
 4:45 Singer/songwriter Rick Bruening
 6:00 Acoustic Jazz/Blues with Jim Perrett
 7:00 Door Prize Drawings
 7:15 Bands from the Duane Davis School of Performance Guitar

Miscellaneous Areas

10:00 Cub Scout Flag Raising Ceremony Adjacent to Lifeguard Building
 10:00 to 4:00 Oil Pump House Display 422 Launch Area
 (not at Lakeview Near intersection 422 & 528)
 10:00 to 4:00 Disc Golf - Pittsburgh Flying Disc Society Top of Eastern Parking Lot
 10:00 to 4:00 Ground Kite Display Field near Food vendors
 10:00 to 6:00 Moraine Marketplace Along the Walkways
 Food, crafts, organizations, and merchants
 11:30 to 1:30 Sailing Races - Buoy Race Watts Bay (visible from Lakeview)
 registration 10:30, skipper’s mtg. 11:00, starting gun 11:30
 11:00 to 4:00 Moraine Model Mariners West Side of Lakeview Area
 Radio Controlled Boats

11:00 to 3:00 DCNR Park Naturalist Sidewalk beside Kids Craft Area
 1:00 Oil Pump House Excursion Meet at North Country Trail Booth
 Noon to 6:00 East Butler EMS ambulance on display Bottom of Western Parking Lot
 Noon to 6:00 Helicopter Rides Amphitheater Parking Lot
 - \$30/adult, \$10 children 10 and under
 Noon to 7:00 Free Shuttle Bus to Helicopter Rides See map for Shuttle Stop
 & overflow parking area locations (Every 20 minutes except 1 – 2)
 1:00 to 3:00 Geo-caching Experience East side of Lakeview craft tent area
 - introduction to geo-caching
 2:00 to 4:00 Armstrong presents Pittsburgh Passion West side of Swimming
 Beach
 3:00 Boat Parade - all boats welcome! Bear Run Launch Area (Coast Guard to lead)
 - assemble at Bear Run Launch Area
 6:00 Hot Air Balloon Launch (weather permitting) Lakeview
 9:30 Fireworks Display Best viewing at Lakeview Beach
McDanel's Events – Moraine Preservation Fund
 9:00 - 7:00 Gift shop open gifts, books, t shirts, cold drinks and ice cream
 11:00 Kids fishing tournament ages 5 - 9
 12:00 Kids fishing tournament ages 10 - 14
 1:00 Dissect owl pellets
 2:00 to 3:00 Butterfly Trail Interpretive walk (led by Master Gardeners)
 10:00 to 6:00 Water Taxi (Leave McDanel's on the hour and leave Lakeview for
 McDanel's on the half hour) (\$2.00 each way/person)
 Any time Make a bagel bird feeder

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

LAKEVIEW EVENTS

TIME	LOCATION	TIME	LOCATION
	Kids Craft Area		Kids Game Area (by the Beach)
10:00 to 10:30	Kids Crafts – Paper Turtles	12:00	Blindfolded Obstacle Course
10:00 – 1:00	Butler Dog Training Association Next to kids craft area	1:00	A Big Knot
	- obedience demo, kids/dogs interaction	2:00	Balloon Walk
10:30 to 11:30	Kids Crafts - Butterflies & Caterpillars	3:00	Under Water Penguin
12:00 to 6:00	Kidz'n Power Child Safety	4:00	Elbow Tag
12:00 to ?	Eat N Park's Smiley's Cookie Cruiser		
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 Stage Area

2:30 Sweaty Betty Blues Band
3:45 Jill West & Blues Attack
4:45 Presentation of Trophies for Sailboat Races
4:55 Door Prize Drawings
5:00 Rich Harper Blues Band
6:30 Thanks and goodbye!

Miscellaneous Areas

6:00 am Bass Fishing Tournament Old Marina Restaurant at Davis Hollow
sponsored by Bob Warren Boat Sales
10:00 to 4:00 Oil Pump House Display Old 422 Launch Area
(not at Lakeview Near intersection 422 & 528)
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Area Outdoor Activities and Educational Events

Jul 29	<p>Minature Golf Outing, Wed. July 29th at 6:00 PM meet at Eracers on Rt 68 / 640 Evans City Road, Butler. Mary Moser would like to invite those who attend to her house for a weiner roast following our golf outing. Any questions contact Gina Colella Hench @ 724-712-6695.</p>
Aug 1	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Campfire Cuisine 2:00 PM What better way to top off a visit to the woods than with a tasty snack prepared outside? See various methods of outdoor cooking demonstrated & pick up some tips for satisfying hunger in the outdoors. Meet the park naturalist in the courtyard beside the old mill. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Aug 1-2	<p>Moraine Regatta August 1-2 Two fun filled days of water, land, air events at Moraine State Park The Regatta at Lake Arthur is an annual 2-day event staged in the Lakeview area at Moraine State Park each August. In the words of its Mission Statement, the Regatta "...promotes Moraine State Park and Butler County as a recreational destination for both tourists and residents by being the premier eco-tourism event of the region. The Regatta at Lake Arthur features entertainment, canoe and kayak races, children's activities, classic car cruise, fishing tournament, hot air balloons, Moraine Marketplace, hiking, swimming, sailboat races, historic oil well demonstrations, fishing for kids, kids clinic and the "Whatever Floats Your Boat Race". Add in fireworks over the lake on Saturday night, and you have a weekend event that's "Naturally Fun". A number of local food vendors are always there in the mix to keep everyone fed with a variety of summertime festival fare. For more information go to http://www.moraineregatta.com</p>
Aug 5	<p>BOC monthly meeting 6:00 pm Join us at a shelter at Moraine State Park North Shore Lakeview Beach area when Tom Baumgardner will instruct us on disc golf. BOC will supply hot dogs. Bring a dish to share. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674</p>
Aug 8	<p>BOC Bicycle Ride on the Ghostown Trail Meet at Dilltown trailhead at 10:00am Take Rt 422 east to PA Route 403. The trailhead has parking, restrooms, picnic facilities, nearby trail shop and bed & breakfast, water Ride to NantyGlo and back. Bring water, trail lunch, or stop for lunch at a restaraunt in Nanty Glo. Let us know if you are coming. Dave & Jean Adams 724.453.1685</p>
Aug 8	<p>Moraine State Park Program: Kayak Nature Float 10:00 AM Experience the peace and tranquility that can be yours floating on Lake Arthur. This entry-level kayaking program is designed to meet the needs of those more interested in an easy peaceful experience and nature watching rather than a long hard paddle. Meet the park naturalist at the Old 422 launch area off of old Route 422 in Moraine State Park to learn about and experience the peace and beauty that Moraine has to offer. Participants may bring their own kayak, or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks. To reserve a kayak or register, call the park office at 724 - 368 - 8811. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18.</p>
Aug 8	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Wild Teas 2:00 PM Many wild plants have been used for teas in the past, both for medicinal purposes and pleasure. Such simple infusions of leaves have had a significant impact on our history and society. Come discover some wild plants used in the past & present, meeting in the courtyard beside the old mill. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Aug 9	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Geology & Industrial History 2:00 PM Join park staff for this relatively easy hike to the cascading waterfalls and limekiln in Hell's Hollow. Along the way, we will pass the slag piles of an iron furnace site, mine seeps, the flume from a collapsed limestone cave, and a small quarry. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, no facilities, about a 15-minute drive from the old mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Aug 9	<p>Moraine State Park Program: Magical Monarch Butterflies 1:30 PM Monarch butterflies are amazing creatures. Join the park naturalist at the McDanel's Launch Pavilion # 7 on the North Shore of Moraine</p>

	State Park to participate in a program about these beautiful insects. We will talk about the features of monarchs and their survival techniques. The program will include a short hike to explore nearby monarch butterfly habitat.
Aug 10	Armstrong Rails Trails Assoc. Hike Monday at 6 PM and short information meeting Directions to hike: Armstrong Trail/Cowanshannock Trail Junction Parking Latitude: 40 Degrees 51.053 Minutes Longitude: 79 Degrees 30.428 Minutes From US 422 East/West, PA SR 66 North/South, PA SR 28 North/South Take the Exit B Kittanning Business on the east side of the Allegheny River. Follow the exit ramp and short expressway to a stop light near the bottom of the hill. Continue straight onto South Water Street to Market Street (the Kittanning Citizen's Bridge will be to the left) Turn right onto Market Street and continue 4 blocks. Market Street crosses the Armstrong Trail at the 3rd intersection. The Armstrong County Courthouse parking lot is located just past the trail on the right. Take the first left after passing the Courthouse and travel on Oak Avenue (PA SR 1033) towards Templeton. Oak Avenue will become Johnston Avenue. Approximately 3 miles past the Courthouse SR 1033 crosses over Cowanshannock Creek and you can turn right and find parking on the left at the Sanctuary/ Picnic Area or continue a few hundred feet to the PA Fish and Boat Commission Launch parking on the right. The trail is located between the Allegheny River and SR 1033.
Aug 12-16	The 2009 Lake Erie Sojourn "I don't just paddle it, I drink it!" is scheduled for August 12-16. Kathleen Ryan returns as coordinator. The trip includes 12 meals and 4 nights of camping (2 at beautiful Beach 11 on Presque Isle State Park) and covers approximately 37 miles of open-water paddling. Need at least 30 paddlers. Limit is 50 paddlers. Cost: Full Sojourn \$260.00. Single Day with one overnight - \$75.00. Questions - Contact Kathleen Ryan at 814-833-0793 or e-mail kryan@state.pa.us
Aug 12	BOC evening paddle at Lake Arthur. Meet at McDanel's Launch 6:00pm Kayak/Canoe and explore islands and bays in western Lake Arthur. Dave & Jean Adams 724.453.1685
Aug 15	Moraine State Park Program: Guide to Geocaching & GPS 10:30 AM Geocaching is becoming more and more popular. People are beginning to discover this new and interesting pastime. Meet the park naturalist at the Pleasant Valley picnic area, on the South Shore of Moraine, to learn about and take part in some geocaching. Moraine S P has several GPS units that will be available to participants to use during the program.
Aug 15	Moraine State Park Program: Hummingbirds - The Jewels of the Air 2:00 PM Meet the park naturalist and guest speaker Harry Schmeider to view a digital photo slide show of the ruby-throated hummingbird. We will discuss the many different species of hummingbirds that fly to North America. We will cover topics concerning: courtship, nest building, eggs, incubation, brooding, and right up to fledging. Facts such as; how many feathers on the hummingbird, weight, length, lifespan, call, diet, migration, how fast and how many directions they can fly will be discussed. There will be discussion on feeders, food mixtures, cleaning, and general care of the feeder, ant solutions, predators and much more. If you have photos of hummingbirds, please bring them to share. A photo display table will be set up. Meet at pavilion #7 located at the McDanel's Launch on the North Shore of Moraine State Park.
Aug 16	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Native Plants 2:00 PM Come see the native plant garden at McConnells Mill and hear about plants native to Pennsylvania. Lawrence County Master Gardeners will talk about the benefits of gardening with native plants, some habitats in our region, and the flowers that are found in them. Next, briefly tour the new native plant garden in the mill courtyard and join a guided wildflower walk to see what is blooming. Meet the Master Gardeners at the mill courtyard rain or shine. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area and allow time to walk down to the mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 16	Moraine State Park Program: Learn to Kayak 1:00 PM Interest in Kayaking has increased 300% in recent years. In response, Moraine State Park and WPPSA, Western Pennsylvania Paddle Sport Association, is offering a "learn to kayak" class on Lake Arthur. Park staff and members of the WPPSA will be available to teach some basic kayaking skills. Participants must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must

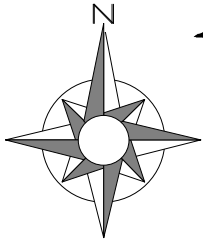
	<p>accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Meet at the McDanel's launch on the North Shore of Moraine to take part in this program. WPPSA and Moraine State park will have a number of kayaks on hand to use during the program. Registration is required. There is a fee of ten dollars per person. Participants should allow 3 hours for this program. Questions or to register, call the Moraine State Park office at 724-368-8811.</p>
Aug 21	<p>Moraine State Park Program: Star Gazing Party 7:30 PM The night sky holds many mysterious and magical sights. Join the park naturalist and members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) () for a hands-on star gazing party at the bike rental station on the North Shore of Moraine State Park. AAAP will have several telescopes to try out and will provide their expert guidance to locate many interesting sights in the night sky. We will also view a presentation of pictures from the cosmos. Come out and join in with this informative and fun program.</p>
Aug 22	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Edible Plants 2:00 PM Were you ever curious about how native people lived off the land? Many Pennsylvania plants are edible, even tasty. We will seek out & experiment with some of these as we look at examples then take a walk through the woods. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; walk down to meet park staff at the courtyard of the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Aug 22	<p>Moraine State Park Program: Bike and Learn 1:30 PM Join park staff at the bike rental station on the North Shore of Moraine State Park for a guided bike ride. We will discuss the wildlife that calls Moraine State Park its home. Participants can bring their own bicycle or contact the concessionaire at 724-368-9011 for rental information. Please dress for the weather conditions and bring water. Our bike trail is paved and has some short, rolling hills. This ride is designed for the entire family.</p>
Aug 22-23	<p>BOC Kinzua Paddle/Backpacking trip to Morrison Run Camp ground on 8/22/09. Overnight or longer stay at campsites #23 and 24 along the reservoir with additional sites 27 and 28 along the hillside. Additional sites may be needed depending on participation. Paddlers would meet at the canoe launch area at the west side of the southern end of Red Bridge on Rt. 321 at 9:00AM. There they can unload the boats and gear. Parking would be at the Longhouse Trail Head south of the bridge (parking at the canoe launch area is limited) along Rt. 321 north of Kane. Cost for sites is \$10 per night and they cannot be reserved. The paddle is 6-7 miles to Morrison. Backpackers should meet at the trail head along Rt. 59 3.9 miles east of Morrison Bridge at a time of choice. From here it is approx. 5 miles to the sites. Last information is that two tents can be at each site. Water and pit toilets are available. Packets of info will be mailed to John for distribution at the next meeting. A full list of participants is needed with phone numbers incase of bad weather. Contact Dave Myers 724-588-2767</p>
Aug 23	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Hike Along the Millstream 1:00 PM Our summer series of hikes continues with a two-mile hike over moderately rough terrain along the beautiful Slippery Rock Creek. Park at the Kildoo Picnic Area in McConnells Mill State Park, and walk the path down to the mill courtyard to meet the park naturalist. We will cross the covered bridge, travel downstream along the North Country Trail, and after crossing Eckert Bridge, come upstream on Kildoo Trail back to the gristmill. If you can convince some non-hikers to have a picnic supper waiting for you in the picnic area, all the better. Wear sturdy shoes and carry drinking water. Allow approximately 2 & 1/2 hours for this hike. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Aug 23	<p>Moraine State Park Program: Explore the Source 10:00 AM Several streams flow in to create Lake Arthur. Join the park naturalist at the upper 528-boat launch, which is located off of Route 528, for a kayaking tour to explore the largest of these streams - Muddy Creek. This tour will allow participants to see a part of the lake that is not often explored. We will use the opportunity to view the wildlife that calls this part of Lake Arthur home. This is a moderately strenuous kayaking experience. Participants may bring their own kayak, or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks. To reserve a kayak or to register, call the park office at 724-368-8811. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Bring drinking water. There are no facilities at this boat launch so participants should arrive ready to get out on the water. Bring plenty of water to drink.</p>

Aug 26	Moraine State Park Program: Work off the Day Kayak Paddle 6:00 PM Work off your day's frustrations or just come out to the park for an exercise kayak paddle. Meet the park naturalist at the Bear Run boat launch on the South Shore of Moraine State park for a fast paced, guided kayak trip. This trip is designed for those that want to get in a workout while they paddle. Participants may bring their own kayak, or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks. To reserve a kayak or to register, call the park office at 724-368-8811. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Bring drinking water.
Aug 29- 30	BOC Tour de NCTA Stage 5, will be Aug 29 and 30, 2009 in the Allegheny National Forest. Stage 5, will be Aug 29 and 30, 2009 in the Allegheny National Forest. Stage two has gotten us 12 miles south of the New York border, so we will pickup the trail where we left off doing 3 sections that wind along Route 321. The section south of Rt 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59 is 5.8 miles. The section From Rt 59 South to Route 321 (again) is 6.7 miles. The third section from 321 to 321(one more time) is 5.3 miles. We will do the middle section of 6.7 miles south of Route 59 on Saturday, camp overnight at Tracy Ridge camp ground, then hike the 1st and 3rd sections for a total of 11.1 miles on Sunday. The two days together will be 17.8 miles. Just like Stage 2, this is a strenuous hike, so you should be in decent shape and have good shoes. We will meet at the trail head at Route 59 at 11:00 on Saturday Aug 29, setup the shuttle, and be hiking by 11:30. After the hike we will drive to and camp-out at Tracy Ridge. On Sunday we will resume pickup the first of the 3 sections at Route 321 at Sugar Run to Route 59. Then in the afternoon we drive to and setup a shuttle for the 3rd section of 5.3 miles ending at the Red Bridge Recreation Area. For planning purposes, contact me if you plan to join us, or are interested in doing just the Sunday portion. John Stehle Cell 724-256-0674 Email stehles@yahoo.com.
Aug 29	Moraine State Park Program: Walk with the Mammals 1:30 PM What do you and I have in common with much of the wildlife that calls Moraine State Park its home? We are also mammals and we have a lot of things in common. Join the park naturalist at the Lakeview Beach area pavilion # 4 for a program that will discuss some of the similarities and differences among different types of mammals and how they survive in their habitat. We will also take a short hike to look for evidence of these mammals that are all around us.
Aug 29	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Art in Nature 2:00 PM Whether you like scrap booking, stamping, or wildflower collecting, join the park naturalist for a look at collecting and pressing flowers. Put those invasive species to good use and learn environmentally responsible techniques for plant collection. Meet us at Kildoo Picnic Area in McConnells Mill State Park, ready to design and create your own work. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 30	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Slippery Rock Gorge Trail Hike 1:00 PM Our most challenging guided hike of the summer. Meet park staff at Eckert Bridge parking lot (no facilities) from where we will hike the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail (Part of the North Country Trail) 6.2 miles to Hell's Hollow, where a park vehicle will shuttle you back to Eckert Bridge. Allow a minimum of 4.5 hours for the hike, and bring food & drink, as we will stop to eat along the trail. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com
Aug 30	Moraine State Park Program: Nature Watch Kayaking 10:00 AM Experience the peace and tranquility that can be yours floating on Lake Arthur. This entry-level kayaking program is designed to meet the needs of those more interested in an easy peaceful experience rather than a long hard paddle. Meet the park naturalist at the McDanel's launch area on the North Shore of Moraine to learn about and experience the peace and beauty that Moraine has to offer. Participants may bring their own kayak, or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks. To reserve a kayak or to register, call the park office at 724-368-8811. Participants that use park kayaks must be at least 12 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. Bring drinking water.
Sep 5	McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Whole Grain Goodness 2:00 PM What made a gristmill the center of a community? Why are grains so important in our diet? How are whole grains different than processed grains? Meet in the mill courtyard to participate in a corn grinding demonstration and see grains in action.

	<p>Park at Kildoo Picnic Area and allow time to walk down to the mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Sep 12	<p>McConnell's Mill State Park Program: Hell's Hollow Walk 2:00 PM Join the park naturalist for a leisurely paced walk along a lovely trail in McConnells Mill State Park. The path through Hell's Hollow, despite the name, is easy hiking, with lots to see along the 1/2-mile path. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, no facilities, at 2:00 PM and allow for a 15-minute drive if coming from the old mill. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Sep 12	<p>KTA HOSTS SUSQUEHANNA SUPER HIKE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Hikers and trail runners will have a chance to test their endurance at the 25-mile Susquehanna Super Hike to be held on Saturday, September 12 in York and Lancaster Counties. Event participants will begin at the York Hiking Club clubhouse near the Otter Creek Campground and end at the Pequea Creek Campground. The 25-mile course follows the Mason-Dixon Trail and Conestoga Trail along both sides of the Susquehanna River. Participants can register online at www.active.com or visit www.kta-hike.org for more information. Many volunteers are needed on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed for check-in and registration, for the checkpoints, for parking and traffic control, for course sweeps and to assist participants in potentially confusing or hazardous locations. Please contact Becky at ktaadmin@verizon.net or 717.238.7017 to sign-up to volunteer. Two training hikes are scheduled for later this spring. The first training hike will be held Sunday, May 17 on the Mason Dixon Trail, and the second training hike is scheduled on Sunday, June 14 on the Conestoga trail. For more information, contact Paul Shaw at pshaw@ptd.net or visit www.kta-hike.org.</p>
Sep 26-27	<p>McConnells Mill 17th Annual Heritage Festival History is in motion at the 17th Annual Heritage Festival at McConnells Mill State Park. The festival celebrates the operational time period of the historical gristmill—from 1852 to 1928, and costumed vendors will display crafts inspired by this time. Bluegrass music and free tours of the mill will be offered. A turbine has been installed in the historic gristmill to demonstrate corn grinding and the fascinating machinery that ground the grain for the community surrounding Slippery Rock Gorge. A civil war encampment brings history to life, and artisans & craftsmen will demonstrate their skills throughout the festival. The Portersville-Prospect Rotary Club, aided by several local businesses and non-profit organizations, sponsors the Festival. Admission and parking are free. For more information contact McConnells Mill State Park at 724 368-9320 or mcmill@localnet.com</p>
Oct 3	<p>BOC Oil Creek Railroad Bike & Train Ride On Saturday, October 3, plan to bring your bike and ride the train for a scenic trip through the park with your bicycle on board.. We start @ Petroleum Center, along Route 8 promptly @ 11:50 AM and end up in Oil Creek State Park in one hour. Then unload your bike for an easy ten mile ride back to Petroleum Center. I've planned the trip to coincide with Franklin's Big Apple Fest in the heart of Franklin, Route 8. Adult Fee: \$12. includes \$1 bicycle fee 12 Years and under: \$10. incl. bicycle.. Joanne Winwood 412-371-3167</p>
Oct 11	<p>The Autumn meeting of the PA State Council of the North Country Trail will be held at the Lion's Den (4 W. Main St, 16347) in Sheffield on Sunday, October 11th at 11AM. Paul Henry PA State Council Chair</p>



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