

Trail News

NCTA Trailfest 2013

The NCTA Trailfest 2013 will be held August 12-17, at Slippery Rock University.

Hikes, Tours, Workshops, Water Trips, Bike Rides, and other Fun Activities. Volunteers are needed to help at registration, lead hikes, outings, etc. Contact Joyce Appel to volunteer 724.5265407.



Butler Freeport Community Trail

Buffalo township supervisors approved a contractor for I-beams for a bridge that will help complete the Butler-Freeport Trail this summer.

On Wednesday evening, supervisors awarded between \$7,000 and \$8,000 to Holbein Inc. of Buffalo Township for I-beams to build a bridge over Coal Run in Butler.

That bridge will complete the 21-mile trail, from Freeport to Father Marinaro Park in Butler.

Supervisors Chairman John Haven said that officials hope to finish the last mile to Butler, including the bridge, this summer.

The township has received state grants, including two related state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grants totaling about \$180,000, some of which will be used to complete the bridge.

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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."

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BOC sponsored events	
Feb 2	BOC annual Groundhog Day Potluck Picnic - meet at noon at the Jennings ELC Prairie Loop Shelter - Bring a hot food dish or drink to share - no electric available - 1pm Hike, or xc-ski or snow shoe on nearby trails - rentals available from Jennings if 3+ inches snow.
Feb 6	Our monthly meetings are 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm announcements and 7:30 program on the first Wed. of each month usually at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. Please join us Feb 6 when Tammy Veloski will present a slideshow from her trip to Yosemite, Lassen Volcanic and Crater Lake National Parks.
Feb 10	Easy Sunday afternoon 4 mile hike on the Butler Freeport Trail. Meet at the Sarver trailhead at noon. Hike/xc-ski or snowshoe dep. on conditions. Email davenjean@zoominternet.net or call 724.452.1685.
Feb 10	5 to 7 mile hike at the Kennerdell Tract of the Clear Creek State Forest near Kennerdell, PA. Meet at 9:45 AM at the Jennings EEC on SR528 (meet at the parking lot east of SR528 nearer the education center). Depart at 10:00AM.
Feb 17	Tracks Hike - Explore the Winter Woods. What animals are out and about in this blustery season? We will be identifying them by the tracks and signs they leave behind. This hike is snow on the ground dependent. About 3 miles. Meet at 10 am at the gate to Davis Hollow Marina. Contact Dorothy 724-923-3241 or at dotweisberg@zoominternet.net
Apr 20-7	Attention Backpackers! We are considering hiking the AT in the Grayson Highlands area near Mt Rodgers, VA April 20-27 Contact Carol Bickel by email at cbickel@zoominternet.com or phone 724 679-0501 to sign up, or ask with questions.
Other Area Outdoor Activities and Events	
These events are listed for public information and are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Butler Outdoor Club. We assume no liability for anything that happens if you participate in these activities.	
Feb 03	Join us on our annual 5-6 mile hike from the Harmony Trail to the Rachel Carson Trail from 10am to 2pm. We'll meet at the Beaver Shelter on Babcock Blvd. in North Park and carpool to the start at the Harmony trailhead on Rt. 910. Moderate difficulty. Hot tea, cocoa, and treats afterwards. FREE and open to everyone (no need to sign up)! More details: http://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/Members/sgmentzer/wo2013
Feb 14	Butler Chapter NCTA monthly meeting - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Trustees Room Butler YMCA
Feb 16	Clarion Chapter NCTA Hike - at 10:00 AM Route: Highland Drive to Gravel Lick Road Meeting Place: Gas station at intersection of Routes 66 & 36 in Leeper, PA at 10:00 AM Register with Devin Callihan at (814) 319-5058 or cla@northcountrytrail.org.
Feb 23	Cherry Pie Hike! The Butler Chapter of the North Country Trail, along with Aaron Cowan and the History Department of Slippery Rock University and North Country Brewery, will be hosting the annual Cherry Pie Hike on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Old Stone House. The Old Stone House, an 1822 wayside inn, is at the intersection of Route 8 and Route 173. It is also at the intersection of Route 8 and Route 528. (oldstonehousepa.org) There will be three sessions, starting at 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00. Cherry Pie and coffee will be served, compliments of the North Country Brewing Co (www.northcountrybrewing.com). Prior to the talk, Dr. Cowan and his assistants from

	<p>Slippery Rock University will explain the old inn and its contents. The Cherry Pie Hike speaker will be local historian and author Brady Crytzer, whose most recent book "Guyasuta and the Fall of Indian America" chronicles the life of Guyasuta, the Seneca Indian who served as a scout for George Washington on his journey through western Pennsylvania in 1753 and later played a significant role in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War. Books by Mr. Crytzer will also be available for purchase. After each talk, there will be an opportunity to take a hike (a short hike or a long hike) along the North Country Trail, which in this area is approximately the old Venango Trail which George Washington and Christopher Gist would have travelled in 1753. After the talk at the Old Stone House, hikers will first drive their cars over to the Jennings Center across Route 8 on Route 528 and meet their hike leader. The long hikers will meet at the at the parking lot on the prairie (right / north) side to begin a 2 hour hike along the North Country Trail. Those on the short hike will meet at Education Center parking lot (left/south side of Rt 528) for a hike lead by a ranger from the Jennings Environmental Education Center. After the hike, many people like to head up to the North Country Brewing Co. at 141 S. Main Street, Slippery Rock PA for some food and drink. Mention that you are coming from the Cherry Pie Hike so you can be seated closer to your fellow hikers. Please contact John Stehle via email (stehles@gmail.com) or phone (724-256-0674) to reserve a spot at the Old Stone House. Please indicate which program (9, 11, or 1) you would like to attend.</p>
<p>Mar 1 4</p>	<p>Allegheny State Park - March 1- 4 (3 nights, 3 days) (Snow accumulates and stays on the Summit sometimes until the end of March) \$70 - Per person for singles in "Singles Cabin". \$180 - Per couple for couples in "Couples Cabin" (Have your own bedroom) *If a family wants a cabin, call or email me asap. I will put you all together, if a whole cabin is available. Don't wait!!! If whole cabins are gone and I have only spaces left in various cabins, then you are out of luck. Allegheny State Park is near Salamanca, NY. Cabins are on the Summit and trails all go out from the Cabin Area. (No trail pass needed.) This is a snow belt and snow continues to stay and lay in that area to the end of March in a normal winter, even when there is no snow down in the valley below. Cabins have 2 bedrooms and one large sitting area room with table, stove, oven, refrigerator, cabinets. No running water. Water, bathrooms and showers are very close to all the cabins, within short walking distance. Cabins are rented for Friday, Sat. and Sun. nights so we don't have to hassle with packing up out of the cabins Sunday morning. This allows you to do what you want and pack up any time Sunday to head home. And if you wish, stay over Sunday night to pack up out of the cabin by 11AM Monday morning. (If you choose to ski longer, you can.) We have Warming Hut rented for Sat. evening "pot luck dinner" and socializing. And don't forget about our "Cardboard Sled Contest." You can be a participant or cheerleader. Make a cardboard sled and enter various races on the sled hill Saturday before the potluck dinner. Prizes for winners, originality, best painted sled, best decorated sled, most durable...who knows what Joyce Appel will come up with for categories. It is fun and hilarious. Join us! Call joyce for current availability. Note: Motel lodging is available nearby in Bradford, Pa. Joyce Appel or joyceappel@windstream.net 724-526-5407</p>
<p>Apr 13</p>	<p>2013 Glacier Ridge Trail Ultramarathons and Trail Race - 50 miles; 50k; 30k trail runs on the trails at Moraine State Park and Jennings ELC. Proceeds benefit projects in our parks through Moraine Preservation Fund and 3MJC.</p>

Butler Outdoor Club Membership Form

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Date

Mail to: [Butler Outdoor Club, PO Box 321 Harrisville, PA. 16038](#)

Renewals are due **March 1** each year. **PLEASE PRINT**

Annual dues are **\$20 family, \$15 individual** plus \$10 for news letter via US mail if desired. (circle applicable)
Make checks payable to [Butler Outdoor Club](#)

Send my newsletter via US mail (for an additional \$10) ___ or via e mail ___ and trip updates via email _ Y or N

Name	Age	Sex	Relationship	Phone (H)	Phone (W)	Cell Phone

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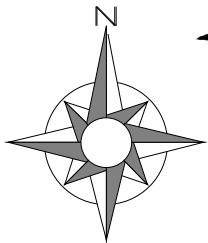
Address: Street or P.O. Box	City	State	Zip+4

Name of person to notify in case of emergency	Relationship	Phone Number

I would like to participate in these activities													I would like to help in these areas:														
Backpack	Road Bike	Trail Bike	Canoe	Kayak	Sail	Car aCamp	Cave	Bird Watch	Nature Even	Cross Country S	Snowshoe	Orienteer	Trailwork	Ice Skating	Down Hill Sk	Membership	Newsletter	Picnics	Monthly Progr	Lead Outings	Other	Fund Raising	Special Even	Annual Dinne	Setup Before	Meetings	

<p>Please read the following assumption of risk and liability waver very carefully.</p> <p>IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to join the Butler Outdoor Club and participate in its activities, I, _____, for myself, my personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin hereby acknowledge, agree, and represent that I fully understand that most BOC activities, including but not limited to, white water, rock fall, avalanches, crevasses, exposure to severe weather, crowning, equipment failure, and the misuse of equipment by myself and others, could result in my suffering serious bodily injury and/or death and I HEREBY I. RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. Butler Outdoor Club, its instructors and or participants in any teaching activities, and/or of the individual officers or members of BOC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "releases" from all liability to me. my personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claims or demands therefore on account of injury to my person or property or resulting in my death whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while participating in any activities conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members. 2. AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE. AND HOLD HARMLESS the releases and each of them from any loss. liability, damage, or cost they may</p>	<p>By signing this application you are agreeing to all provisions, implied or otherwise, of the waiver.</p> <p>incur due to my participating in any way in any activities conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise. 3. ASSUME FULL RES'ONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODIHY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence or releases or otherwise while participating in any way in any activity conducted by BOC and/or any of its individual members. I further expressly agree that the foregoing release. waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and if any portion thereof is invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall. not withstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.</p> <p>I HERBY WARRANT THAT I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARY SIGNED THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FORGOING AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ / / Signature(s) (Assumption of risk must be signed) Date</p>
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Apr 26 28	Explore the Poconos with KTA! From April 26th to April 28th, 2013, Keystone Trails Association (KTA) members, members of KTA's trail maintaining clubs, and hikers from across Pennsylvania and surrounding states will be able to enjoy hiking, activities, meals, meetings, and camaraderie at our annual Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend. Base camp will be at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingman's Ferry, Pike County, PA. In addition to challenging, longer hikes, short, easy and kid-friendly options will also be offered each day. Goto http://www.kta-hike.org for more information.
Jun 7	Allegheny 100 challenge. Congressman "GT" Thompson will speak at the event and will release the hikers @6pm
Jul 19 21	10th Annual Prowl the Sproul Camping and Hiking Weekend: July 19-21, 2013, Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association, Renovo, Clinton County, PA. Registration starts May 1, 2013.
Aug 12 17	North Country Trailfest 2013 at Slippery Rock, Pa - Hikes, Tours, Workshops, Water Trips, Bike Rides, and Fun Activities
Sep 7	5th Annual Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run: September 7, 2013, Lancaster/York Counties, PA. Registration starts February 1, 2013.



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