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KTA Trail Work Week May 28 –June 2

The Keystone Trails Association is sponsoring a work week in the Moraine and McConnell's Mill State Parks this year, from Tuesday May 28 to Sunday June 2, 2013. The work will be along a loop section of the North Country Trail, in McConnell's Mill State Park. This is a continuation of work week last year, where around 40 rock steps were put in. This section of trail winds among the large boulders along the deep Slippery Rock Creek gorge. This is one of the most popular trails in the state because of its proximity to the grist mill and covered bridge. Trail workers can stay at Davis Hollow Cabin, either on bunk beds, or in your tent on the tent pad. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. Davis Hollow Cabin is in Moraine State Park, adjacent to the Davis Hollow Marina. To sign up, contact John Stehle at stehles@gmail.com or 724-256-0674. (One or more days...or for all 5)



BOC June 5 Meeting

Please join us at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. at 6:30 pm, 7:30pm announcements, program to follow: Our featured speaker, Kyle Veloski will present a slideshow from his trip to Costa Rica over spring break.



Jennifer Davis talk

Hear a hiker and trail runner discuss her adventures on some of the world's most famous footpaths.

Wednesday Jun 12, 2013 from 07:00 pm to 08:00 pm at the Rose Barn on Pearce Mills Rd just past the Boathouse in North Park.

Jennifer Pharr Davis, author, Appalachian Trail record holder, and National Geographic Adventurer of the year will be speaking about her trail experiences and the lessons and inspiration she derived from them.



Join Us for the 2013 NCTA Annual Conference! Registration is now Online!

Dear Butler Outdoor Club

In just over 2 months our Pennsylvania NCTA Chapters will be hosting the annual North Country Trail Association Membership Conference in Slippery Rock, PA. This year's conference will be a couple days longer than usual, to accommodate an outstanding variety of hikes, activities and excursions celebrating the unique natural beauty and cultural and historic landscapes of the Butler County area. We hope your summer plans include joining us. Come for the week, or just a day or two... but do come!

Because of the variety of activities offered and the pages required, conference registration information WILL NOT be printed in the upcoming issue of North Star. Please go to the [website Conference page](#) to print off the [registration form](#) and [schedule of events](#).

The good thing is you don't need to wait--you can register today! Which in itself is a good thing because in addition to sponsoring our NCTA conference August 12-17, Butler, PA is hosting the International Pyrotechnics Guild annual convention. Fireworks will be plentiful although hotel rooms likely will not be (though there's plenty of room at our dormitory.) Hope to see you at the Rock!

For the Trail,

Bruce E. Matthews
Executive Director
North Country Trail Association

Greeters needed for the North Country Trail Conference on August 12th - 17th in Slippery Rock, Pa. If you are interested in helping out and having the chance to meet NCT members from other states, we need greeters and people to help watch the silent auction table. Notify Kay Thompson at bluebellskyscucba@yahoo.com or call 814-456-8178.

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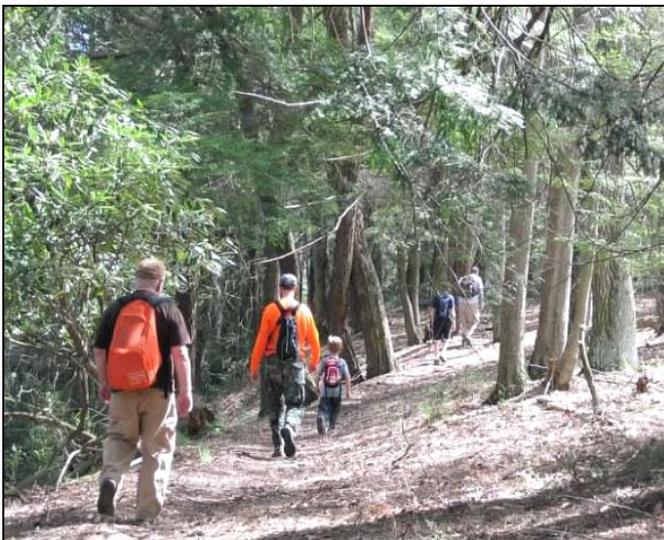
Tour de Kennerdale

Sunday, April 21: Kennerdell Hike #1 of 6

It was beautiful day, the weather was just about perfect. Hiked down to the iron furnace and had lunch at the scenic overlook. At the overlook there are Indian petroglyphs on display. Unfortunately, the original petroglyphs have been vandalized to being non-recognizable. Hiked thru a deer exclusion area (where deer are excluded) and we were able to see the impact deer have on a forest. Hiked down to the River and followed Dennison Run returning to the trailhead.

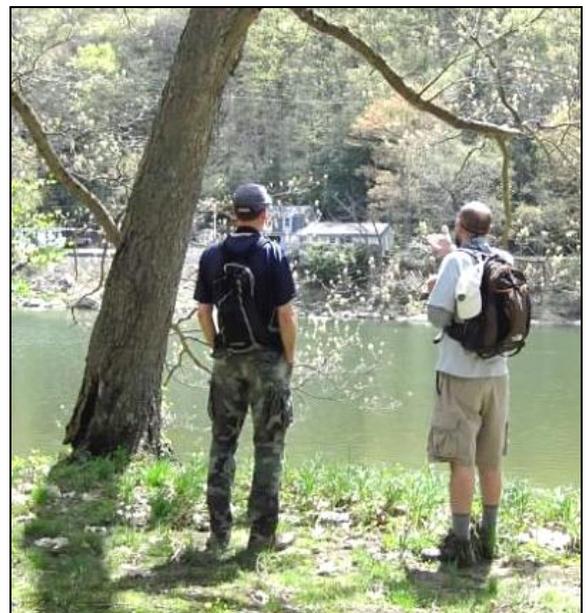
Sunday, April 28: Kennerdell Hike #2 of 6

It was a bit wet but not uncomfortable. Most cabins were still winter shuttered so it was quiet except for the state police cruisers posted at 1 mile intervals along Dennison Run Road and the state police helicopter hovering overhead. (5) Juveniles had escaped from the local Vision Quest facility and there was an ongoing man hunt. It did make the hike a bit more exciting. We bush wacked a bit to get to Window Trail to view the escarpment and then got back on Pipeline Trail. The trees were not in bud so we had some very nice long distance vistas. Along the River Trail, we found the location of an old homestead (just the stairs remained)



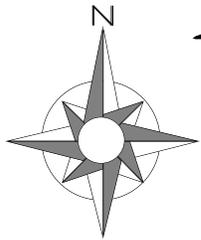
Sunday, May 5: Hike 3 of 6

This hike did not include the state police or any Vision Quest escapees so the adrenalin level was down a notch from the last hike. Temperatures were cool (to start) and the sky cloudless. The cabins were still mostly unoccupied and the trees had just started to bud. Saw a mature bald eagle soaring above the Allegheny River and the intact carcass of a blue heron (it appeared to have died where we found it). We hiked along the escarpment (one of my favorite spots at Kennerdell) and had lunch at the campground along the Allegheny River. After the hike, we stopped in Harrisville for some handmade ice cream.



BOC Sponsored Events	
Jun 8	BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Saturday, June 8 (Hike 4 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 4 will be 6.4 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will hike Pipeline and Fisherman's Cove trail to the Allegheny River (w/oil industry remains) and return by Ho-Ya-Neh Trail. Some trails are steep (25+% slope), rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
Jun 22	BOC Kennerdale intermediate level hike Saturday, June 22 (Hike 5 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 5 will be 7.2 miles long and is not recommended for beginner hikers. We will hike the River trail along the Allegheny River from Fisherman's Cove to the Campground and back. This trail parallels the river but is rocky, rutted, wet and difficult to navigate in places. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
Jun 30	BOC Kennerdale hike Sunday, June 30 (Hike 6 of 6) The 3,200+ acre Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest has 27 miles of trails along the Allegheny River near Kennerdell, PA. The tract extends from the Allegheny River to a plateau rising 500 to 600 feet above the river and offers solitude and vistas. We'll explore the tract in 6 hikes. Hike 6 will be 5.1 miles long. We will hike the River trail along the Allegheny River from the Kennerdell Bridge trail head to the campground and back. This drivable trail parallels the river and is fairly flat. Meet at 9:15AM at the Jennings Environmental Education Center on SR 528 (just south of Slippery Rock, PA) and we will depart for Kennerdell at 9:30AM. Steve Smith
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.	
Jun 1	Rally on the River 2013 • Upper Shenango River Water Trail Lower Reach (8 miles, Class One) Riverside Park/Greenville to Shenango Valley RV Park/Transfer, PA Time: First Shuttle departs RV Park at 8:15 a.m. last run, 9:30 a.m. Shuttle-Lunch-live music Fun Bird Watching While Afloat • contest. T-Shirt for winners! \$25 Gasoline debit card for paddler driving farthest. Fee: \$10 contribution for river maintenance. No preregistration required. For more info, call Hugh Clark 724 927 9483 or email at greengrass@windstream.net Face Book Shenango River Watchers •
Jun 2	BARTRAMIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY PICNIC Both club members and the general public are welcome to attend their annual picnic at McKeever Environmental Learning Center in Sandy Lake. There will be a nature hike of the beautiful grounds at 3:00 pm followed by the picnic at 5:30 pm. Hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided;

	<p>please bring a dish to share and your own drink, place setting, and folding chair. For more info, contact Gene Wilhelm at genewilhelm@aol.com or phone 724-794-2434.</p>
Jun 7	<p>Allegheny 100 challenge. Saturday, June 7th - June 9th Allegheny 100 Challenge The Challenge is hiking a 100 miles in 2 days, actually 50 hours. If the hiker cannot commit to the 100-mile challenge, then they can still participate in a 25-mile or 50-mile or 75-mile, offered that weekend along the same trail. The Allegheny 100 Challenge is the ultimate hiking challenge. This is a decisive endurance challenge, thru hiking not biking. Set at an individual pace, not a race with others but test of one's stamina, determination and resilience. Remembering this is an unsupported hike, no first aid stations and no watering stations. Registration opening February 1st. Donation \$40 Registration on-line @ www.northcountrytrail.org Congressman "GT" Thompson will speak at the event and will release the hikers @6pm</p>
Jun 8	<p>National Get Outdoors Day Saturday, June 8 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Lakeview Beach-North Shore Moraine State Park is proud to again participate in this year's National Get Outdoors Day. The mission of Get Outdoors Day is to provide opportunities for children and their families to enjoy the healthy, active outdoors. Activities offered include kayaking, biking, Family Fishing, children's activities, disc golf, orienteering, youth archery, climbing wall, paddleboarding and more! Come to Lakeview Beach on the North Shore, to meet Smokey Bear and learn about fire safety or how to choose a new kayak. Make plans to spend the day at the park. Free admission.</p>
Jun 12	<p>Just in time to inspire hikers for the Challenge and the Summer, season the Conservancy welcomes Jennifer Pharr Davis, author and Appalachian Trail record holder, to the Rose Barn in North Park on Wednesday evening June 12, 2013 at 7 pm. Jennifer has hiked over 12,000 miles on long distance trails. She has trekked on 6 continents and currently holds endurance records on three separate trails. In 2011, Jennifer became the first female to claim the overall record on the Appalachian Trail by finishing the 2,181-mile journey in 46 days, 11 hours, and 20 minutes – an astounding average of 46.9 miles per day. BUT the message she will share with us is not about records or numbers, instead it is a message that the trail is there for everyone at every phase of life and that the value of the wilderness is not found in how fast you go or how far you travel, but rather what you take from the experience. In 2008, Jennifer was named Blue Ridge Outdoors Person of the Year. In 2011, Jennifer appeared in the Sunday edition of the New York Times; and on national television and radio shows such as CNN Headline News, the CBS Early Show, and NPR's Talk of the Nation. She was also named a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year and voted Ultrarunning Magazine's top female performance of 2011.</p>
Jul 19 21	<p>10th Annual Prowl the Sproul Camping and Hiking Weekend: Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association, Renovo, Clinton County, PA. Registration starts May 1, 2013.</p>
Aug 12 17	<p>Register online at http://www.northcountrytrail.org for the North Country Trailfest at Slippery Rock, Pa - Hikes, Tours, Workshops, Water Trips, Bike Rides, and Fun Activities</p>
Sep7	<p>5th Annual Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run: Lancaster/York Counties</p>



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