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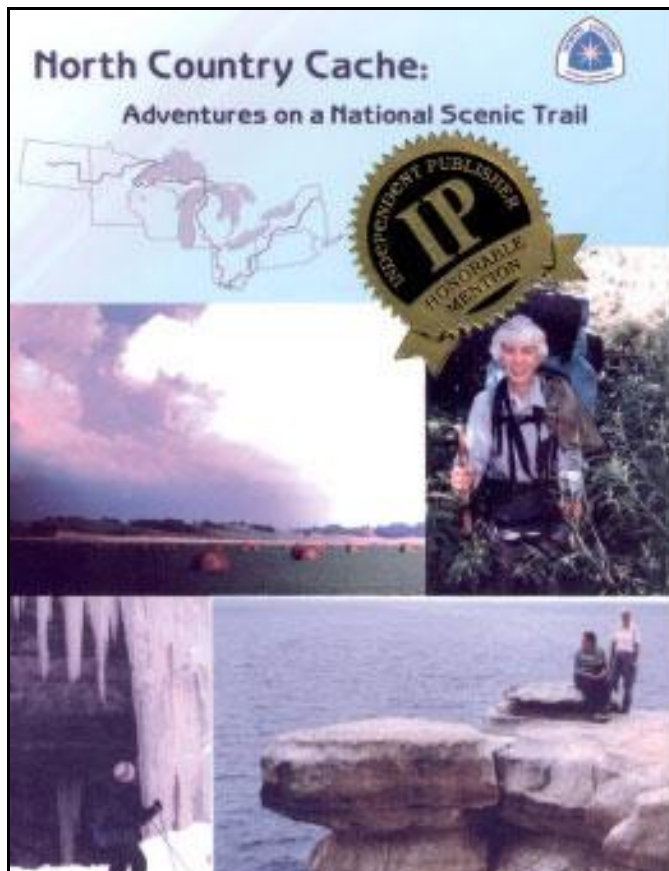
September 2013

BOC Annual Dinner Nov 9

The dinner planning committee is hard at work organizing our 2013 annual dinner. It will be held again at the East Butler Firemans Hall.

We will have a silent auction, a Chinese auction and a 50-50 raffle. Our menu is Roast beef and ham; red potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, and spicy coleslaw with dessert.

The program is on hiking the North Country Trail by Joan Young, author and the first woman to hike the entire trail from North Dakota to New York. Adults \$15 - Children 12 and under \$7.



BOC September 4 Meeting

Join us 6:00 pm for our picnic meeting Sept 4 at Moraine State Park Lakeview Shelter No. 5. The club will provide roasted corn and hot dogs. Bring a side dish or drink to share.

The meeting will feature a program by Natalie Simon. We all love our PA State Parks, and your support helps preserve them. Resource Managers are currently battling many issues that are affecting our wild spaces. The lakes around which so many of our recreational areas are built are facing natural aging and invasive pests that can harm the lake environment, boating, and fishing.

Also, our state tree, the eastern hemlock, is threatened by a deadly pest, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Learn more about these current conservation issues and how your help is needed.

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BOC Sponsored Events

Aug 23	BOC Full Moon Paddle - Friday August 23, 2013. 7:00 pm Meet at McDaniel's launch North Shore Moraine State Park Experience the magic of kayaking at night with a almost full moon. Come enjoy a beautiful sunset and moonrise with the Butler Outdoor Club Bring your kayak and a flashlight and we will paddle off into the night. Contact Dorothy at dotweisberg@zoominternet . for additional information.
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Sep 14 15	BOC Minister Creek weekend backpack and day hike. Hike and backpack in Sat. optional overnight backpack or camp; hike back out Sat. Steve Smith - Steve Bickel leaders.
Oct 12 13	BOC combination hike of North Country Trail and visit sites in Ohio. Visit Hocking Hills and hike the NCT through the gorge. Visit indian mounds at the Hopewell Culture National Park in Chillicothe, OH. Hike the NCT/Buckeye trail to Serpent Mound to see an amazing ancient effigy mound in the shape of a snake. Stay overnight at a motel in Chillicothe, OH. Details to follow (subject to change). Contact John Stehle at stehles@gmail.com if interested.
Nov 9	BOC annual dinner at the East Butler Firemans Hall - Save the date - dinner - Silent Auction; Program on hiking the North Country Trail by Joan Young, author and the first woman to hike the entire trail from North Dakota to New York. Adults \$15 - Childred 12 and under \$7.

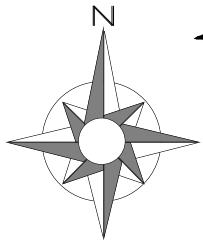
Other Area Outdoor Activities and Events

	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.
Aug 21	Moraine State Park Program: Full Moon Paddle 7:30pm. For additional paddle dates, and for more information on the above programs, visit www.visitPAParks.com . Participants may bring their own kayak (lifejacket required), or borrow one of Moraine's kayaks and equipment free of charge. Please register using our Event Calendar at visitpaparks.com or by calling the park at 724-368-8811. Please specify if you are bringing your own kayak. Participants must be at least 9 years of age. An adult must accompany those participants that are under the age of 18. DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST, PARTICIPATION IN PARK KAYAK PROGRAMS IS LIMITED TO 2 PROGRAMS PER SEASON. More paddles will be added soon. Keep an eye on the Event Calendar.
Aug 24	McConnells Mill State Park Program: Native Plants for your Garden Saturday, August 24 2:00-3:30 p.m. Kildoo Picnic Area Penn State Master Gardeners from Lawrence County will showcase the native plant garden in the courtyard by the historic gristmill. They will talk about the benefits of gardening with native plants, some habitats in our local area, and answer your gardening questions. Then, join in a guided walk to see wildflowers blooming. Meet the master gardeners beside the mill at 2:00 pm. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area, and allow time to walk down to the mill. Accessible parking is available at the gristmill.
Aug	Moraine State Park Program: August 24 9:00 a.m. Learn to Paddle For additional paddle dates, and for

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Aug 30	Moraine State Park Program: Stargazing Party Friday, August 30 8:00 p.m. North Shore Bike Rental The night sky holds many mysterious and magical sights. Join the park naturalist and members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) (http://www.3ap.org/) and the Kiski Astronomers Group 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 its 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. Bring a blanket, chairs, bug protection and snacks and plan for a great night at Moraine.
Sep 7	5th Annual Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run: September 7, 2013, Lancaster/York Counties, PA. Registration starts February 1, 2013.
Sep 28 29	21st Annual McConnells Mill Heritage Festival Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. History is in motion at the 21st 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. The historic gristmill houses 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.
Sep 14	Float the Upper Shenango River Water Trail from Pymatuning State Park (Jamestown, PA) to Greenville's Riverside Park. Approximately 8.5 miles of Class One water. Shuttle provided from Riverside Park to put-in at Pymatuning State Park dam. (First drop boats at Pymatuning Park, and then drive to Riverside Park for shuttle back to your boat) Enjoy our now famous Odd-ubon Bird I.D. game - all participants get an event pin. Winners, a tee shirt! Taste our free lunch of Livingston's hot dogs - yum! Listen to live music at the event pavilion in Riverside Park. \$10 donation requested, per boat. Shuttle runs from 8:00 a.m. till 9:30 a.m. Launch when you're ready. For more details, call Hugh Clark at 724 927 9483 or his cell, 724 854 1040. Email: greengrass@windstream.net . Sponsored by Shenango River Watchers, Shenango Conservancy, Lions Clubs of Jamestown and Greenville.
Oct 11 13	KTA Fall Meeting & Hiking Weekend: October 11-13, 2013, Doubling Gap Center, Newville, Cumberland County, PA. Registration opens August 1.



2013 Trailfest Hells Hollow Hike



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