

Bucks Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Bucks County protected lands include public and non-public fee and easement lands within the Pennsylvania Highlands. Trails include local and regional hiking trails and water trails.

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Introduction

The Appalachian Mountain Club has compiled the protected lands, public and non-public fee and easement lands, as well as local and regional hiking trails and water trails that are within the Pennsylvania Highlands within the county of Bucks. Regional hiking and water trails are within a minimum of three municipalities. Local hiking trails are within one or two municipalities. Hiking trails include both on and off road trails.

This compilation is meant to be a resource for those living and working in the Pennsylvania Highlands. However, because protection of lands and trail development are constantly evolving, please understand that the information in this guide will also change. While we will do our best to keep the information current, please make sure to check other sources and the internet for the most current information.

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Total GIS Acreage	397,603
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	170,200
% of County within the PA Highlands	43%

Bedminster Township		20,091 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1,444	7%
County	Fee	19	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	62	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	191	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	789	4%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	3,364	17%
Total		5,869	29%
Lands Protected Since 2012		366	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		17.4	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		10.5	
Total		27.9	

Regional water trails within Bedminster Township include the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and the Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Bridgeton Township		4,364 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	168	4%
County	Fee	268	6%
Municipality	Fee	21	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	225	5%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	10	< 1%
Total		692	16%
Lands Protected Since 2012		86	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.1	
Regional Land Trails		3.9	
Water Trails		3.9	
Total		7.9	

Regional hiking and water trails within Bridgeton Township include the Delaware Canal Towpath and the Delaware River Water Trail.

Durham Township		5,990 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	32	1%
County	Fee	70	1%
Municipality	Fee	33	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	82	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	538	9%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,153	19%
Total		1,908	32%
Lands Protected since 2012		545	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		2.4	
Water Trails		1.8	
Total		4.2	

Regional hiking and water trails within Durham Township include the Delaware Canal Towpath and the Delaware River Water Trail.

East Rockhill Township		8,381 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	582	7%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	414	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	394	5%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	115	1%
Total		1,505	18%
Lands Protected Since 2012		108	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		6.1	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		5.2	
Total		11.3	

Regional water trails within East Rockhill Township include the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Haycock Township		13,337 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	4,533	34%
County	Fee	549	4%
Municipality	Fee	12	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	29	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	447	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	495	4%
Total		6,065	45%
Lands Protected Since 2012		199	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		19.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		4.1	
Total		23.6	

Regional water trail within Haycock Township includes the Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Milford Township		17,879 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	870	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	91	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	468	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	469	3%
Total		1,898	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		223	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	4.7
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	0
Total	4.7

Nockamixon Township		14,300 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1,697	12%
County	Fee	312	2%
Municipality	Fee	193	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	60	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1,241	9%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	552	4%
Total		4,055	28%
Lands Protected Since 2012		422	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		9.9	
Regional Land Trails		1.5	
Water Trails		1.2	
Total		12.6	

Regional hiking and water trails within Nockamixon Township include the Delaware Canal Towpath and the Delaware River and Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Perkasie Borough		1,639 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	159	10%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	36	2%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		195	12%

Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		3.7	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.3	
Total		5.0	

Regional water trail within Perkasio Borough includes the East Branch Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Plumstead Township		17,456 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	54	< 1%
County	Fee	94	1%
Municipality	Fee	708	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	153	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1,483	8%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,661	10%
Total		4,153	24%
Lands Protected Since 2012		580	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		2.5	
Regional Land Trails		1.5	
Water Trails		2.3	
Total		6.3	

Regional hiking and water trails within Plumstead Township include the Delaware Canal Towpath and the Delaware River and Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Quakertown Borough		1,301 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	86	7%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	9	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	24	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		119	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.6	

Richland Township		13,275 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	115	1%
County	Fee	16	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	602	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	507	4%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	434	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	135	1%
Total		1,809	14%
Lands Protected since 2012		86	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		5.7	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		5.9	
Total		11.6	

Regional water trail within Richland Township includes Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Richlandtown Borough		165 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	5	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		5	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		2	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Riegelsville Borough		696 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	16	2%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	25	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1	< 1%
Total		42	6%

Lands Protected Since 2012		1	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.6	
Water Trails		1.4	
Total		3.0	

Regional hiking and water trails within Riegelsville Borough include the Delaware Canal Towpath, D&L Trail, and the Delaware River Water Trail.

Sellersville Borough		746 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	90	12%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	32	4%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		122	16%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.0	
Total		2.5	

Regional water trail within Sellersville Borough includes the East Branch Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Springfield Township		19,587 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	166	1%
Municipality	Fee	56	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	62	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	2,028	10%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,896	10%
Total		4,208	21%
Lands Protected Since 2012		921	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		2.2	
Total		2.2	

Regional water trail within Springfield Township includes the Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Telford Borough		342 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	13	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	22	6%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		35	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		7	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Tinicum Township		19,835 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	842	4%
County	Fee	1,039	5%
Municipality	Fee	21	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	4,380	22%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	346	2%
Total		6,628	33%
Lands Protected Since 2012		370	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.8	
Regional Land Trails		9.2	
Water Trails		12.4	
Total		23.4	

Regional hiking and water trails within Tinicum Township include the Delaware Canal Towpath and the Delaware River and Tohickon Creek Water Trail.

Trumbauersville Borough		285 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	16	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	1	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		17	6%

Lands Protected Since 2012		1	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.1	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.1	

West Rockhill Township		10,530 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	403	4%
County	Fee	1	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	291	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	63	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	639	6%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	175	2%
Total		1,572	15%
Lands Protected Since 2012		200	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		3.0	
Total		3.6	

Regional water trail within West Rockhill Township includes the East Branch Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.