

Cumberland Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Cumberland 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 Cumberland. 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	352,481
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	168,173
% of County within the PA Highlands	48%

Cooke Township		12,715 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	11,779	93%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	0	0%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		11,779	93%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		21.6	
Regional Land Trails		7.3	
Water Trails		0	
Total		28.9	

Regional hiking trail within Cooke Township includes the Appalachian Trail.

Dickinson Township		29,459 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	96	< 1%
State	Fee	8,049	27%
County	Fee	242	1%
Municipality	Fee	67	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	68	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	42	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,301	8%
Total		10,865	37%
Lands Protected Since 2012		203	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		19.9	
Regional Land Trails		5.4	
Water Trails		6.2	
Total		31.5	

Regional hiking and water trails within Dickinson Township include the Appalachian Trail and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Lower Allen Township		6,535 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	69	1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	181	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1	< 1%
Total		251	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	8.3
Total	8.3

Regional water trail within Lower Allen Township includes the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Monroe Township		16,829 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	1,056	6%
State	Fee	41	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	61	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,947	12%
Total		3,105	18%
Lands Protected Since 2012		31	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.5	
Regional Land Trails		4.1	
Water Trails		7.7	
Total		13.3	

Regional hiking and water trails within Monroe Township include the Appalachian Trail and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Mount Holly Springs Borough		929 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	93	10%
Municipality	Fee	1	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		94	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.5	

Penn Township		18,987 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	2,023	11%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	8	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	11	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	3,361	18%
Total		5,403	28%
Lands Protected Since 2012		242	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0.5
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	5.9
Total	6.4

Regional water trail within Penn Township includes the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Shippensburg Borough		851 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	105	12%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	1	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		106	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.2	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.2	

Regional hiking trail within Shippensburg Borough includes the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail.

Shippensburg Township		1,500 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	52	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	6	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	112	7%
Total		170	11%

Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.0	

Regional hiking trail within Shippensburg Townships includes the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail.

South Middleton Township		31,438 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	1,310	4%
State	Fee	1,225	4%
County	Fee	573	2%
Municipality	Fee	335	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,581	5%
Total		5,024	16%
Lands Protected Since 2012		203	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		11.1	
Regional Land Trails		12.1	
Water Trails		6.8	
Total		30.0	

Regional hiking and water trails within South Middleton Township include the Appalachian Trail, the Mason-Dixon Trail, and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

South Newton Township		7,306 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	1	< 1%
State	Fee	1,615	22%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	0	0%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	169	2%
Total		1,785	24%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.0	
Water Trails		3.6	
Total		4.6	

Regional hiking and water trails within South Newton Township includes the Appalachian Trail and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Southampton Township		33,156 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	170	1%
State	Fee	12,191	37%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	81	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,341	7%
Total		14,785	46%
Lands Protected Since 2012		139	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	7.4
Regional Land Trails	10.7
Water Trails	4.5
Total	22.6

Regional hiking and water trails within Southampton Township include the Appalachian Trail, the Cumberland Valley Rail-Trail, and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

Upper Allen Township		8,468 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	32	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	178	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	267	3%
Total		477	6%
Lands Protected Since 2012		54	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		5.1	
Total		5.1	

Regional water trail within Upper Allen Township includes the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.