

Lancaster Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Lancaster 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 Lancaster. 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	628,490
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	309,527
% of County within the PA Highlands	49%

Adamstown Borough		910 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	62	7%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	20	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2	< 1%
Total		84	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		20	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Bart Township		10,497 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	100	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	941	9%
Total		1,041	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Brecknock Township		15,828 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	908	6%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	103	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	46	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	874	6%
Total		1,931	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		15	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Caernarvon Township		14,674 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	221	2%
County	Fee	20	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	27	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	764	5%
Total		1,032	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		2.1	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		7.9	
Total		10.0	

Regional water trail within Caernarvon Township includes the Conestoga River Water Trail.

Christiana Borough		333 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	5	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	9	3%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		14	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

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

Clay Township		14,563 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	3,724	26%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	30	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	44	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,874	13%
Total		5,674	39%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.3	
Regional Land Trails		4.8	
Water Trails		0	
Total		6.1	

Regional hiking trails within Clay Township include the Conestoga Trail and the Horse-Shoe Trail.

Conoy Township		11,622 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	65	1%
County	Fee	20	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	188	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	100	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,567	13%
Total		1,940	17%
Lands Protected Since 2012		46	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		6.0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		6.7	
Total		12.7	

Regional water trail within Conoy Township includes the Lower Susquehanna River Water Trail.

Denver Borough		839 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	41	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1	< 1%
Total		42	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Earl Township		14,085 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	3	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,341	10%
Total		1,344	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		121	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		4.8	
Total		4.8	

Regional water trail within Earl Township includes the Conestoga River Water Trail.

East Cocalico Township		13,163 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	58	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	147	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	25	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	56	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	663	5%
Total		949	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		6.0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		6.0	

Regional hiking trail within East Cocalico Township includes the Horse-Shoe Trail.

East Earl Township		15,793 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	282	2%
Municipality	Fee	1	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	516	3%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,051	7%
Total		1,851	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		345	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.8	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		6.0	
Total		10.8	

Regional water trail within East Earl Township includes the Conestoga River Water Trail.

Eden Township		7,993 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	132	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	400	5%
Total		532	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Elizabeth Township		11,324 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1,724	15%
County	Fee	339	3%
Municipality	Fee	22	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	99	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	70	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,340	12%
Total		3,594	32%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		3.1	
Regional Land Trails		13.8	
Water Trails		0	
Total		16.9	

Regional hiking trails within Elizabeth Township include the Conestoga Trail and the Horse-Shoe Trail.

Elizabethtown Borough		1,715 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	56	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		56	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Ephrata Borough		2,273 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	259	11%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1	< 1%
Total		260	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.6	

Ephrata Township		10,405 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	127	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,263	12%
Total		1,390	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.5	
Regional Land Trails		0.9	
Water Trails		0.3	
Total		1.7	

Regional hiking and water trails within Ephrata Township include the Conestoga Trail and the Conestoga River Water Trail.

Manheim Borough		890 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	112	13%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		112	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

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

Mount Joy Township		17,909 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	1%
County	Fee	53	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	88	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	161	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	3,031	17%
Total		3,333	19%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		6.3	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		6.3	

New Holland Borough		1,276 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	22	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		22	2%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

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

Paradise Township		11,917 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	161	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	39	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	923	8%
Total		1,123	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.7	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.7	

Penn Township		18,923 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	2,438	13%
County	Fee	75	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	53	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	3	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	217	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,490	13%
Total		5,276	28%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	1.8
Regional Land Trails	3.0
Water Trails	0
Total	4.8

Regional hiking trail within Penn Township includes the Horse-Shoe Trail.

Quarryville Borough		832 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	3	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	50	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	16	2%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		69	8%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.1	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.1	

Rapho Township		30,748 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	39	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	44	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	5,649	18%
Total		5,732	19%
Lands Protected since 2012			
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.5	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.5	

Regional hiking trail within Rapho Township includes the Horse-Shoe Trail.

Sadsbury Township		12,707 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	121	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,001	8%
Total		1,122	9%
Lands Protected since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Salisbury Township		26,835 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	89	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	52	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	390	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,472	5%
Total		2,003	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		247	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.2	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.2	

Strasburg Borough		610 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	20	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	11	2%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2	< 1%
Total		33	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012			
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Strasburg Township		12,861 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	134	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,751	21%
Total		2,885	22%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Terre Hill Borough		292 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	10	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		10	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

West Cocalico Township		17,601 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	339	2%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	38	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	236	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	38	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,909	11%
Total		2,560	15%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		5.8	
Water Trails		0	
Total		5.8	

Regional hiking trail within West Cocalico Township includes the Horse-Shoe Trail.

West Donegal Township		10,110 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	8	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,525	25%
Total		2,533	25%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

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