

Lehigh Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Lehigh 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 Lehigh. 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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Lehigh County

Total GIS Acreage	222,711
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	79,894
% of County within the PA Highlands	36%

Alburtis Borough		447 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	73	16%
Municipality	Fee	24	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	14	3%
Total		111	25%
Lands Protected Since 2012		15	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Allentown City		11,525 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	20	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	1,337	12%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	15	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		1,373	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		17.5	
Regional Land Trails		1.9	
Water Trails		10.7	
Total		30.1	

Regional hiking and water trails within Allentown City include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River, Jordan Creek, and Little Lehigh Creek Water Trails.

Bethlehem City		2,825 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	7	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	123	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		130	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	1.1
Regional Land Trails	2.3
Water Trails	1.7
Total	5.1

Regional hiking and water trails within Bethlehem City include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Coopersburg Borough		600 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	11	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	16	3%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		27	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Emmaus Borough		1,851 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	37	2%
Municipality	Fee	118	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	12	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		167	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.8	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0.1	
Total		0.9	

Regional water trail within Emmaus Borough includes the Little Lehigh Creek Water Trail.

Fountain Hill Borough		486 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	10	2%
Municipality	Fee	19	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		29	6%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0.2
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	0.1
Total	0.3

Regional water trail within Fountain Hill Borough include the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Lower Macungie Township		14,574 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	50	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	1,118	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	98	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	117	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	445	3%
Total		1,828	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		165	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		7.0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		13.1	
Total		20.1	

Regional water trail within Lower Macungie Township include the Little Lehigh Creek Water Trail.

Lower Milford Township		12,611 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	15	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	43	< 1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	10	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,921	23%
Total		2,989	24%

Lands Protected Since 2012		69	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.9	
Total		1.9	

Regional water trail within Lower Milford Township include the Saucon Creek Water Trail.

Macungie Borough		633 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	6	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	53	8%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		59	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		4.6	

Salisbury Township		7,219 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	581	8%
Municipality	Fee	357	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	306	4%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	59	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		1,303	18%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		16.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.7	
Total		18.3	

Regional water trails within Salisbury Township include the Lehigh River and the Little Lehigh Creek Water Trail.

Upper Milford Township		11,322 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	436	4%
Municipality	Fee	92	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	26	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	56	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	446	4%
Total		1,056	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		90	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.9	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.9	
Total		3.8	

Regional water trail within Upper Milford Township include the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Upper Saucon Township		15,801 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	72	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	314	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	109	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	22	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	347	2%
Total		864	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		39	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		2.2	
Regional Land Trails		4.1	
Water Trails		7.9	
Total		14.2	

Regional hiking and water trails within Upper Saucon Township include the Saucon Rail-Trail and the Saucon Creek Water Trail.