

Montgomery Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Montgomery 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 Montgomery. 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	311,552
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	129,872
% of County within the PA Highlands	42%

Douglass Township		9,797 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	101	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	37	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,914	20%
Total		2,052	21%
Lands Protected Since 2012		84	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

East Greenville Borough		340 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			
NGO/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		6	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Franconia Township		8,839 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	286	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	729	8%
Total		1,015	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		180	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	2.1
Total	2.1

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

Green Lane Borough		217 GIS Acres
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres
Federal	Fee	0
State	Fee	0
County	Fee	24
Municipality	Fee	34
Non-Public Landowner		
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	3
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0
Total		61
Lands Protected Since 2012		0
Trails		GIS Miles
Local Land Trails		0.3
Regional Land Trails		0.1
Water Trails		0.3
Total		0.7

Regional hiking and water trails within Green Lane Borough includes the Perkiomen Trail and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Limerick Township		14,510 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	463	3%
County	Fee	46	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	363	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	13	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	42	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	458	3%
Total		1,385	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		54	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		2.2	
Total		2.8	

Regional water trail within Limerick Township includes the Schuylkill River Water Trail.

Lower Frederick Township		5,187 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	154	3%
Municipality	Fee	123	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	140	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	137	3%
Total		558	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		3	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0
Regional Land Trails	0.3
Water Trails	2.5
Total	2.8

Regional hiking and water trails within Lower Frederick Township includes the Perkiomen Trail and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Lower Pottsgrove Township		5,132 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1	< 1%
County	Fee	20	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	241	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		262	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		1.3	
Total		1.3	

Regional water trail within Lower Pottsgrove Township includes the Schuylkill River Water Trail.

Lower Salford Township		9,272 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	31	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	846	9%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	30	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	137	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	256	3%
Total		1,300	14%

Lands Protected Since 2012		69	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		4.1	
Total		4.1	

Regional water trail within Lower Salford Township includes the East Branch Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Marlborough Township		7,921 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	231	3%
Municipality	Fee	280	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	90	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1,414	18%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	67	1%
Total		2,082	26%
Lands Protected Since 2012		8	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		2.7	
Regional Land Trails		0.9	
Water Trails		1.8	
Total		5.4	

Regional hiking and water trails within Marlborough Township include the Perkiomen Trail and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

New Hanover Township		13,876 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	4	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	309	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	150	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,037	7%
Total		1,500	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		7	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Pennsburg Borough		512 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	21	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		21	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Perkiomen Township		3,125 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	2	< 1%
County	Fee	305	10%
Municipality	Fee	155	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		462	15%
Lands Protected Since 2012		38	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		3.4	
Water Trails		4.1	
Total		7.5	

Regional hiking and water trails within Perkiomen Township include the Perkiomen Trail and the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trails.

Pottstown Borough		3,184 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	3	< 1%
County	Fee	1	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	147	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		151	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		2	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.6	
Water Trails		1.1	
Total		2.7	

Regional hiking and water trails within Pottstown Borough include the Schuylkill River Trail – Thun Trail and the Schuylkill River Water Trail.

Red Hill Borough		433 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	6	1%
Municipality	Fee	8	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		14	3%
Lands Protected since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Royersford Borough		517 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	8	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		8	2%

Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0.5	
Total		0.5	

Regional water trail within Royersford Borough includes the Schuylkill River Water Trail.

Salford Township		6,295 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	4	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	183	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	210	3%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	161	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	534	8%
Total		1,091	17%
Lands Protected Since 2012		2	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		3.4	
Total		3.4	

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

Schwenksville Borough		260 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	7	3%
Municipality	Fee	5	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		12	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		1	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.7	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.7	

Regional hiking trail within Schwenksville Borough includes the Perkiomen Trail.

Skeppack Township		8,925 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1,812	20%
County	Fee	148	2%
Municipality	Fee	215	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	40	< 1%
Total		2,215	25%
Lands Protected since 2012		35	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	21.2
Regional Land Trails	1.3
Water Trails	1.8
Total	24.3

Regional hiking and water trails within Skippack Township include the Perkiomen Trail and the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trails.

Souderton Borough		717 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	29	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	4%
Lands Protected since 2012			
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Telford Borough		312 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	9	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		9	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Upper Frederick Township		6,439 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	828	13%
Municipality	Fee	112	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	67	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	628	10%
Total		1,635	25%
Lands Protected Since 2012		80	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	3.6
Regional Land Trails	2.4
Water Trails	2.5
Total	8.5

Regional hiking and water trails within Upper Frederick Township include the Perkiomen Trail and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Upper Hanover Township		13,516 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	< 1%
County	Fee	1,411	10%
Municipality	Fee	482	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	748	6%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,248	9%
Total		3,889	29%
Lands Protected since 2012		115	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		13.2	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		12.0	
Total		25.2	

Regional water trail within Upper Hanover Township includes the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail.

Upper Pottsgrove Township		3,230 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	300	9%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	19	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		319	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		95	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Upper Salford Township		5,824 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	119	2%
Municipality	Fee	335	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	19	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	61	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	71	1%
Total		605	10%
Lands Protected Since 2012		83	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0
Regional Land Trails	4.3
Water Trails	4.6
Total	8.9

Regional hiking and water trails within Upper Salford Township include the Perkiomen Trail and the East Branch Perkiomen Creek and the Perkiomen Creek Water Trails.

West Pottsgrove Township		1,493 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	42	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		42	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		5	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.9	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.9	

Regional hiking and water trails within West Pottsgrove Township include the Schuylkill River Trail – Thun Trail and the Schuylkill River Water Trail.