

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 3 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	311,559
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	129,941
% of County within the PA Highlands	42%

Douglass Township		9,811 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	110	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	59	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	2,126	22%
Total		2,295	23%
Lands Protected Since 2012		10	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.5	

East Greenville Borough		336 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	11	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		11	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		6	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Franconia Township		8,849 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	6	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	426	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	60	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	995	11%
Total		1,487	17%
Lands Protected Since 2012		260	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		9.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		9.5	

Green Lane Borough		217 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	24	11%
Municipality	Fee	34	16%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	3	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		61	28%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.4	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.4	

Regional hiking trail within Green Lane Borough includes the Perkiomen Trail.

Limerick Township		14,520 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	42	< 1%
State	Fee	462	3%
County	Fee	46	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	421	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	13	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	42	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	560	4%
Total		1,586	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		139	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		5.7	
Total		9.6	

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

Lower Frederick Township		5,174 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	154	3%
Municipality	Fee	124	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	27	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	159	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	146	3%
Total		610	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		3	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.4	
Regional Land Trails		0.4	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.7	

Regional hiking trail within Lower Frederick Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

Lower Pottsgrove Township		5,102 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1	< 1%
County	Fee	34	1%
Municipality	Fee	329	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		364	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.7	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		3.9	
Total		4.6	

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

Lower Salford Township		9,260 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	33	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	855	9%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	30	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	171	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	330	4%
Total		1,419	15%
Lands Protected Since 2012		79	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		15.2	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		15.2	

Marlborough Township		8,108 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	231	3%
Municipality	Fee	399	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	98	1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	1,448	18%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	67	1%
Total		2,243	28%
Lands Protected Since 2012		1	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		2.2	
Regional Land Trails		1.8	
Water Trails		0	
Total		4.0	

Regional hiking trail within Marlborough Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

New Hanover Township		13,894 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	4	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	339	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	150	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,324	10%
Total		1,817	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		210	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	0.8
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	0
Total	0.8

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	22	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		22	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Perkiomen Township		3,167 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	4	< 1%
County	Fee	311	10%
Municipality	Fee	157	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	96	3%
Total		568	18%
Lands Protected Since 2012		131	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		3.4	
Water Trails		0	
Total		3.4	

Regional hiking within Perkiomen Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

Pottstown Borough		3,184 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	145	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		145	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.8	
Regional Land Trails		1.6	
Water Trails		2.9	
Total		5.3	

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	13	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		13	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0.7	
Total		0.7	

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

Salford Township		6,113 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	4	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	188	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	202	3%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	148	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	651	11%
Total		1,193	20%
Lands Protected Since 2012		66	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.6	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.6	

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	2	1%
Total		14	5%
Lands Protected Since 2012		2	
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.

Skippack Township		8,918 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	1,813	20%
County	Fee	239	3%
Municipality	Fee	275	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	40	< 1%
Total		2,367	27%
Lands Protected since 2012		35	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		24.3	
Regional Land Trails		1.3	
Water Trails		0	
Total		25.5	

Regional hiking trail within Skippack Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

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		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.8	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.8	

Telford Borough		313 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		6,452 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	832	13%
Municipality	Fee	111	2%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	67	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	721	11%
Total		1,731	27%
Lands Protected Since 2012		158	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		6.9	
Regional Land Trails		2.4	
Water Trails		0	
Total		9.3	

Regional hiking trail within Upper Frederick Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

Upper Hanover Township		13,526 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	1,411	10%
Municipality	Fee	671	5%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	748	6%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	1,871	14%
Total		4,701	35%
Lands Protected since 2012		381	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		15.2	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		15.2	

Upper Pottsgrove Township		3,239 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	331	10%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	19	1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		350	11%
Lands Protected Since 2012		94	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	4.4
Regional Land Trails	0
Water Trails	0
Total	4.4

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	452	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	19	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	132	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	82	1%
Total		804	14%
Lands Protected Since 2012		83	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		3.4	
Regional Land Trails		4.2	
Water Trails		0	
Total		7.6	

Regional hiking trail within Upper Salford Township includes the Perkiomen Trail.

West Pottsgrove Township		1,495 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	44	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		44	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		5	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.9	
Water Trails		1.4	
Total		2.4	

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