

# **Northampton Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands**

Northampton 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 Northampton. 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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## Northampton County

Total GIS Acreage	241,302
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	67,222
% of County within the PA Highlands	28%

Bethlehem City		9,613 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	14	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	367	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	5	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		386	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		5	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.7	
Regional Land Trails		1.7	
Water Trails		3.0	
Total		9.5	

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

Bethlehem Township		9,330 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	19	< 1%
County	Fee	103	1%
Municipality	Fee	295	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	16	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	46	< 1%
Total		479	5%
Lands Protected since 2012		13	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.9	
Regional Land Trails		3.7	
Water Trails		2.8	
Total		11.4	

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

Easton City		3,092 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	23	1%
County	Fee	1	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	464	15%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	2	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		492	16%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	3.2
Regional Land Trails	5.0
Water Trails	8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.8</b>

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

Forks Township		7,873 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	3	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	272	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	196	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>471</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Lands Protected Since 2012</b>		<b>16</b>	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		10.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		3.0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>13.5</b>	

Regional water trail within Forks Township includes the Delaware River Water Trail.

Freemansburg Borough		475 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	31	7%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		33	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.6	
Water Trails		1.2	
Total		2.8	

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

Glendon Borough		396 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
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		1	< 1%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	

Hellertown Borough		846 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			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Lands Protected Since 2012</b>		<b>0</b>	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.4	
Water Trails		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.4</b>	

Regional hiking trail within Hellertown Borough includes the Saucon Rail Trail.



Lower Saucon Township		15,672 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	29	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	1,214	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	6	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	519	3%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	72	< 1%
Total		1,840	12%
Lands Protected Since 2012		270	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.5	
Water Trails		3.9	
Total		5.4	

Regional hiking and water trails within Lower Saucon Township include the Saucon Rail Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Palmer Township		6,712 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	538	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	9	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		547	8%
Lands Protected Since 2012		17	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		5.9	
Regional Land Trails		1.8	
Water Trails		0.5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>8.2</b>	

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

Tatamy Borough		362 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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Lands Protected Since 2012</b>		<b>4</b>	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.9	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.9</b>	

West Easton Borough		212 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	17	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		17	8%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.1	
Water Trails		0.9	
Total		1.0	

Regional hiking and water trails within West Easton Borough include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Williams Township		11,897 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	128	1%
County	Fee	27	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	169	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	803	7%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	629	5%
Total		1,758	15%
Lands Protected Since 2012		6	

Trails	GIS Miles
Local Land Trails	4.2
Regional Land Trails	6.6
Water Trails	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4</b>

Regional hiking and water trails within Williams Township include the D & L Trail, the Lehigh River Water Trail and the Delaware River Water Trail.

Wilson Borough		741 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	47	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Lands Protected Since 2012</b>		<b>0</b>	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.4	
Regional Land Trails		0.2	
Water Trails		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.6</b>	

Regional hiking trail within Wilson Borough includes the D & L Trail.