

York Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

York 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 York. 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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York County

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Total GIS Acreage | 583,704 |
| GIS Acres within the PA Highlands | 158,143 |
| % of County within the PA Highlands | 27% |

| Carroll Township | | 9,607 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 8 | < 1% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 58 | 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 178 | 2% |
| Total | | 244 | 3% |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 152 | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 1.1 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0.2 | |
| Water Trails | | 1.8 | |
| Total | | 3.2 | |

Regional hiking and water trails within Carroll Township include the Mason-Dixon Trail and the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

| Conewago Township | | 15,775 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 38 | < 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 86 | 1% |
| Total | | 124 | 1% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 86 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.4 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 8.2 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 8.6 | |

Regional hiking trail within Conewago Township includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Dillsburg Borough | | 521 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 | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Total | | 11 | 2% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 11 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.2 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0.2 | |

| Dover Borough | | 338 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 20 | 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 | | 20 | 6% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 13 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.5 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0.5 | |

| Dover Township | | 26,840 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 1 | < 1% |
| County | Fee | 2 | < 1% |
| Municipality | Fee | 135 | 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 116 | < 1% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 2,268 | 8% |
| Total | | 2,522 | 9% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 573 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.5 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 1.1 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 1.6 | |

Regional hiking trail within Dover Township includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Fairview Township | | 22,841 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 180 | 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 114 | < 1% |
| Total | | 294 | 1% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 16 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.8 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 14.4 | |
| Total | | 15.2 | |

Regional water trail within Fairview Township includes the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

| Franklin Township | | 12,333 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 947 | 8% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 58 | < 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 30 | < 1% |
| Total | | 1,035 | 8% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 19 | |
| | | | |

| Trails | GIS Miles |
|----------------------|------------|
| Local Land Trails | 0 |
| Regional Land Trails | 6.5 |
| Water Trails | 0 |
| Total | 6.5 |

Regional hiking trail within Franklin Township includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Franklintown Borough | | 170 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 14 | 8% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 12 | 7% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Total | | 26 | 15% |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 0 | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0.5 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0.5 | |

Regional hiking trail within Franklintown Borough includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Goldsboro Borough | | 304 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 | | 0 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0 | |

| Lewisberry Borough | | 89 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 | |
| Total | | 0 | |

| Monaghan Township | | 8,320 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 82 | 1% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 98 | 1% |
| Total | | 180 | 2% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected since 2012 | | 82 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 6.0 | |
| Total | | 6.0 | |

Regional water trail within Monaghan Township includes the Yellow Breeches Creek Water Trail.

| Newberry Township | | 19,799 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 20 | < 1% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 68 | < 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 181 | 1% |
| Total | | 269 | 1% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 181 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 0.7 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0.1 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0.8 | |

Regional hiking trail within Newberry Township includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Warrington Township | | 23,025 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 3,664 | 16% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 21 | < 1% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 245 | 1% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 1,154 | 5% |
| Total | | 5,084 | 22% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 482 | |
| | | | |
| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
| Local Land Trails | | 14.8 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 17.5 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 32.3 | |

Regional hiking trail within Warrington Township includes the Mason-Dixon Trail.

| Washington Township | | 17,853 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 187 | 1% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Municipality | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Non-Public Landowner | | | |
| NGO/Non-Profit Organization | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| Private Landowner | Conservation Easement | 0 | 0% |
| Private Farm Owner | Agricultural Easement | 1,978 | 11% |
| Total | | 2,165 | 12% |
| | | | |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 0 | |
| | | | |

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

| Wellsville Borough | | 86 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 | |
| Total | | 0 | |

| York Haven Borough | | 241 GIS Acres | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Public Landowner | Type | GIS Acres | % of Municipality |
| Federal | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| State | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| County | Fee | 0 | 0% |
| 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 | | 5 | 2% |
| Lands Protected Since 2012 | | 0 | |

| Trails | | GIS Miles | |
|----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Local Land Trails | | 0.1 | |
| Regional Land Trails | | 0 | |
| Water Trails | | 0 | |
| Total | | 0.1 | |