



PA HIGHLANDS TRAIL NETWORK

April 2026



What's Going On?

BRICKYARD POND REVAMP

The Brickyard Pond Trailhead in Quakertown, PA is looking great! We've only hosted one cleanup day and have already removed a dozen bags of trash and invasive vegetation.

Today, April 15th, a cement pad was installed at the edge of the trailhead parking lot, and soon a picnic table and bike racks will be put in! A huge thanks to Richland Township for handling the installation.

But wait! There's more trash cleanup and vegetation removal to be done. Sign up using the links below:

Saturday, May 30th

9:30-12:30pm

Saturday, June 20th

9:30-12:30pm



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Events on the PA Highlands Trail

GET OUT WITH AMC

Check out more activities coming up on the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail:

- 5/1 → [Trail Workday at Nockamixon State Park](#)
- 5/5 → [Beginner Hiking Series: Ringing Rocks County Park](#)
- 5/19 → [Beginner Hiking Series: The D&L Trail](#)
- 5/29 → [Trail Workday at Nockamixon State Park](#)
- 5/30 → [Trail Workday at Brickyard Pond](#)
- 5/31 → [Guided Hike at French Creek State Park](#)
- 6/2 → [Beginner Hiking Series: Bridgeton Nature Preserve](#)
- 6/6 → [Trail Workday at Tollgate Landing in Quakertown](#)
- 6/16 → [Beginner Hiking Series: Upper Bucks Rail Trail](#)

[Find more events here!](#)

Contact Me!

This newsletter is put together by Madison DeGerolamo, the Mid-Atlantic Trails Coordinator at AMC.

Have a question or concern, or want to add something to the next newsletter? Reach out to...

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Trail Gap Updates

TOLLGATE LANDING TRAIL GAP

Tollgate Landing is a gap between two existing trails, the Barrel Run Trail and the Brayton Garden Trail. Tollgate is currently listed as a Priority Trail Gap for the state of Pennsylvania, and this past summer, an easement was signed to allow for a trail to be built.

As we look into funding opportunities for a paved trail, AMC has decided to develop a temporary, natural surface trail for a mile long section of the gap for the community to enjoy in the meantime. We'll be building this trail through a series of volunteer days, which means anybody is welcome to join in!

The first volunteer workday will be on Saturday, June 6th, from 9:30am to 1:30pm, which is also National Trails Day.

[Sign up here!](#)

Beginner Hiking Series

Are you...

- **New to hiking?**
- **Wanting to hike at a relaxed pace?**
- **Trying to get more comfortable being outdoors?**
- **Looking for a group of people to hike with?**
- **Eager to get outside after your 9-5?**

Then sign up for our beginner-friendly, relaxed pace hikes in the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network! All are welcome to join these hikes, which will take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at different locations.

[See the lineup of hikes here!](#)

AMC Trail Skills College

LEARN TRAIL SKILLS!

Registration is open for AMC's annual Trail Skills College at the Camp Dodge Trails Center in New Hampshire!

This event is for the entire trails community - volunteer and professional trail stewards with all levels of experience. Whether you are just starting out and looking for ways to get involved, or a professional looking to further your skills and build your network, this event offers opportunities for everyone, and all are welcome!

[Register here!](#)



TROUT LILY AT RINGING
ROCKS COUNTY PARK

Poems for the Trail

“BEFORE A DEPARTURE IN SPRING” BY W.S. MERWIN

Once more it is April with the first
light sifting
through the young leaves heavy
with dew making the colors
remember who they are the new
pink of the cinnamon tree
the gilded lichens of the bamboo
the shadowed bronze
of the kamani and the blue day
opening
as the sunlight descends through it
all like the return
of a spirit touching without touch
and unable
to believe it is here and here again
and awake
reaching out in silence into the
cool breath
of the garden just risen from
darkness and days of rain
it is only a moment the birds fly
through it calling
to each other and are gone with
their few notes and the flash
of their flight that had vanished
before we ever knew it
we watch without touching any of
it and we
can tell ourselves only that this is
April this is the morning
this never happened before and
we both remember it