



PA HIGHLANDS TRAIL NETWORK

August 2026



Attend a Trail Conference!

THE 2026 EASTERN PA GREENWAYS & TRAILS SUMMIT

The 2026 Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit is coming up!

Hosted at the historic Hotel Bethlehem, this three-day event is a fantastic opportunity to meet trail, greenway, and community leaders while attending interesting breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Attend the entire conference or pick and choose days based on your interests. You can find the [session catalogue here](#).

On Thursday, 9/17 at 2:45, AMC and trail advocate and architect Bob Thomas will be leading a session about the PA Highlands Trail. Sign up and come say hi!

September 16-18, 2026
Bethlehem, PA
[Register here!](#)

Tollgate Landing

Progress is being made on the Tollgate Landing Trail Gap!

Thanks to hardworking volunteers, 2,120 feet of brush and vegetation have been removed from the trail corridor of the 1.3-mile trail.

But wait! There's more trail to clear. [Sign up here to attend workdays at Tollgate!](#)



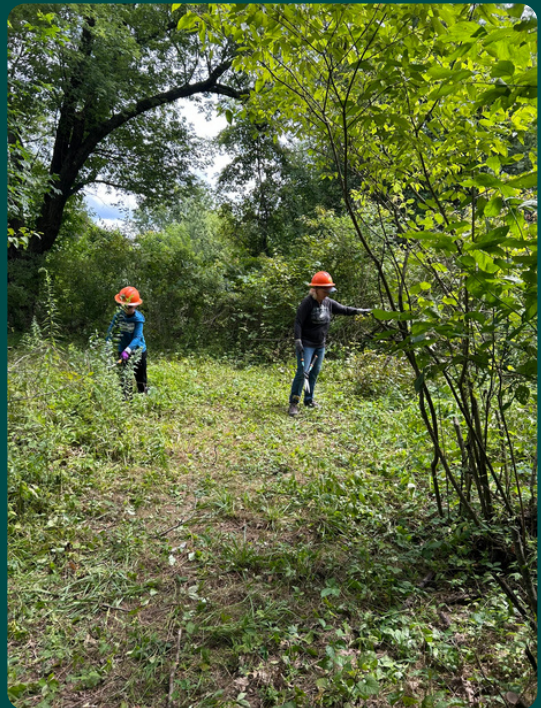
Events on the PA Highlands Trail

GET OUT WITH AMC

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

- 8/18 → [Guided Hike at Bridgeton Nature Preserve](#)
- 8/26 → [Trail Workday at Tollgate Landing](#)
- 9/1 → [Guided Hike on the Schuylkill River Trail](#)
- 9/5 → [Trail Workday at Tollgate Landing](#)
- 9/14 → [Trail Workday at Tollgate Landing](#)
- 9/15 → [Guided Hike at Nockamixon State Park](#)
- 9/30 → [Trail Workday at Tollgate Landing](#)

[Find more events here!](#)



Trail Skills Trainings

LEARN WITH AMC!

Last month, AMC staff hosted a two-day trail skills training for the Fairmount Park Conservancy (FPC) in Philadelphia. FPC staff learned how to assess and identify problems on a trail, build grade dips and drains, among other trail skills.

- Are you an organization that manages trails?
- Do you run into issues on your trail that you aren't sure how to tackle?
- Do you manage trail staff and want to improve their trail building/maintenance skills?
- Do you want to learn how to assess trails and build advanced trail features?

If yes, then think about contracting AMC for a trail skills training!

Reach out to **Mid-Atlantic Trails Program Manager Patricia McGuire** at pmcguire@outdoors.org for more information.



Trail Skills College

LEARN TRAIL WORK IN MASSACHUSETTS!

This September, the Appalachian Mountain Club will be hosting the second annual Trail Skills College out of Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell, MA. This three-day weekend will provide a robust schedule of workshops to teach you a variety of trail work skills.

The workshop agenda and registration page have now been released! [Sign up here.](#)

AMC Trail Skills College
Noble View Outdoor Center
Russell, MA
September 18-20
[Register Here!](#)

Poems for the Trail

UNNAMED BY JOHN PARSONS

this wild spot
always a woodpecker
at the bark



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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