

## Connections

On the new section of the towpath from Lehigh Gorge State Park to downtown



Jim Thorpe (access the new part at the Nesquehoning Trestle), there's a descriptive sign describing trails established on abandoned railroad grades which concludes "Rails to trails connects communities with nature." (It

should be added trails connect past and present, history and the future.) As communities become more populous, rails-to-trails are growing more popular. The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is an example. Many of us have bicycled or hiked the 25 mile section from White Haven to Glen Onoko. To the south this trail has been extended 2.6 miles from Lehigh Gorge State Park to downtown Jim Thorpe. (Northbound eventually it will extend to Wilkes-Barre.) Southbound it continues to Weissport, Walnutport, and Slatington, and from there to Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, and Freemansburg. (Numerous "greenways" can be accessed throughout the Lehigh Valley.) At Easton hikers may continue on the towpath beside the canal and Delaware River. This portion traverses New Hope, Washington Crossing State Historic Park, Tinicum Park, Morrisville and ends at historic Bristol, the third oldest town in Pennsylvania. Much of the 165 mile D&L Trail is complete but some sections are in progress. People need access to nature and historic landmarks, people want a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities. The accessible D&L and its adjacent creeks, game lands, rivers and waterfalls, and wildlife are worth exploring. Hiking is all about connections.

**Frank Allen, President**

## 2010 Nominating Committee

As required by the POC By-Laws, President Frank Allen has appointed George Singlemann as 2010 Nominating Committee. The odd number years (2011, 2013) requires the election of Vice President and secretary for a two year term. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for these positions, please contact George Singlemann at 570-421-2968. This will take place at our fall meeting, November 21, 2010.

[www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org](http://www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org)

**Now is a great time to get it done – Renew your membership now for 2011.  
(Renewal deadline is February 2011)**

**Please use the membership application on the last page of the Newsletter.**

*Note: New members who joined in October, November or December of 2010 are considered paid for all of 2011.*

## From POC member, Don Miller:

Here are the dates for the next in the series of Precious Pieces of Paradise (PPoP) and Natural Places and Open Spaces (NP & OS) Hikes. These are all headwaters-focused hikes to further reinforce all the Open Space emphasis and PHLT effort. I've devoted over the past 12 years to identifying and helping protect critical high quality Pocono headwater habitat areas in the Paradise, Upper Brodhead, McMichael's and Pohopoco watersheds.

Join long-time local resident, naturalist, educator, open space advocate and PHLT Board Member, Don Miller for the sixth year in an on-going series of open space hikes focused on highlighting natural areas and headwater streams preserved and protected as part of the 12 year old Monroe County Open Space Program.

NP&OS Hike: **Sunday, October 24th** - Jonas Creek headwaters (PHLT's Jonas Mountain Preserve)

PPoP Hike: **Sunday, November 21st** - Cranberry Creek headwaters (Paradise Township's Nothstein Cranberry Creek Preserve)

\* All hikes are free with donations accepted to Pocono Heritage Land Trust's Preserve Protection/Management Fund

\* As these hikes are scheduled months in advance, pre-registration one week to several days in advance of each hike is suggested for all hikes as they may be subject to changes (rescheduling or cancellation) due to unforeseen circumstances.

\* Unless otherwise indicated at pre-registration, all hikes are at least 3 to 4 hours in length in a natural outdoor setting on both on and off trail easy to moderate hiking terrain. Participants should be physically fit enough to be able to be outdoors for a sustained period of activity; should wear comfortable outdoor clothing and hiking footwear; and plan to stay for the entire hike as carpooling and one way hikes are often required for these "Hiking the Headwaters" events as scheduled.

\* For PPoP Hikes pre-registration, contact Paradise Township at 595-9880 (weekdays 8:00 to 4:00).

\* All PPoP Hikes meet at 1:00 in the Paradise Township Municipal Building Parking Lot on Rt. 940 in Paradise Valley.

\* For NP&OS Hikes pre-registration, contact West End Regional Parks and Open Space Commission, Bernie Kozen, Exec.Dir. at 992-7334 (weekdays 8:00 to 4:00).

\* NP&OS Hikes meet at 1:00 in the Chestnuthill Township Municipal Building Parking Lot on Rt. 715 north of Brodheadsville.

\* For additional information about these and other Open Space Hike activities including the next series of hikes focused on Pocono Old Growth Forests, contact Don Miller by email at [wishiniwzskiin@yahoo.com](mailto:wishiniwzskiin@yahoo.com) or by phone at 570-839-9351.



# POC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For every activity, please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring a lunch or snack, and water to drink. The Meeting time for activities is **10:00 AM** unless otherwise noted in the write up for the hike.

Hiking on uneven terrain can be hard on the ankles, so be sure to wear hiking boots, which are stiffer and taller than sneakers and have better traction. Going downhill can be hard on the knees, so if yours are sensitive, invest in a walking stick or hiking poles to take the pressure off.

*Anyone interested in hiking on **Thursdays** should E-mail [catherinejol@verizon.net](mailto:catherinejol@verizon.net) for the schedule.*

## October, 2010

	Sun, Oct 3	<b>Bicycle the Lehigh Valley Gorge</b> - Meet at <b>10:00 AM</b> at Rockport. We will follow the Railroad grade to White Haven, have lunch at a White Haven Diner and then return to Rockport. Directions: Take I 80 to exit #273, south on Rte 940 (Church Rd) for about 1/2 mile to a left on Lehigh Gorge Rd. Take a left on Rockport Rd (next left after Hoffman Hollow Rd). Follow Rockport to the end and parking. <b>Contact: Bob Huebner 570-588-3201</b>
	Sat, Oct 9	<b>Trailcare at Thunder Swamp</b> - Completion of the Big Bear Swamp Opening. Crews will be working between 9 am - 1 pm. <b>Contact: John Motz at 570-236-1462</b>
	Sat, Oct 16	<b>Saturday, October 16 – Bushkill Road to Rt. 402</b> – An 8 mile hike on part of the Thunder Swamp trail system from the parking lot on Bushkill Road to the main parking lot on Rt. 402. This is a moderate paced hike without any major climbs but sections are rocky. Bring snacks, water and wear hiking boots. Meet at <b>9 AM</b> in the main parking lot on Rt. 402 about 10 miles north of Marshalls Creek. We will car pool up to the Bushkill Road lot. <b>Contact Roy Kleinle at (570) 421-8982.</b>
	Sun, Oct 17	<b>Tobyhanna State Park</b> - Meet at <b>12:00 noon</b> in Parking area #1, near the boat launch of Tobyhanna Lake. Easy 5 mile hike around the lake. Bring water and snack. Dir: Rte 80 to Rte 380 N. Exit #48. Go 2.5 miles N on Rte 423 to State Park entrance. <b>Contact: Kate Andrew at 570-236-6831</b>
	Sat, Oct 23	<b>Trailcare at Big Pocono SP</b> -Crews will be working between <b>9 am -1 pm</b> . Meet at Riday's Gate on Railroad Ave- Work will be on North Trail Lower Loop. <b>Contact: John Motz at 570-236-1462</b>
	Sat, Oct 23	<b>Wildcreek, Beltzville</b> - 5 miles on Christina & Cove Ridge trails. Meet at <b>10:00 AM</b> on Rte 534 & corner of Rte 209 in Kresgeville. <b>Contact: Bob Wacker at 570-629-5293</b>
	Sun, Oct 24	<b>Tumbling Waters, PEEC, DWGNRA</b> - A moderate 3.5 mile hike to 2 impressive waterfalls, overlooks of the Delaware River, hemlock grove, and a cascading streambed. There will be a 350 ft climb up from the waterfall. Turn near the 8 mile marker on Rte 209 on to Brisco Mountain Rd to the PEEC parking lot. Meet at 10 AM. <b>Contact: Rosemary Huebner at 570-588-3201</b>
	Sat, Oct 30	<b>Ridge Line Trail, PEEC, DWGNRA</b> - 5 miles. Moderate hike, with a rope ladder. Directions, take Rte 209 north of Bushkill to 12 mile marker. Turn at the sign for the environmental center. Follow Brisco Mountain Road, bearing right at stop sign to PEEC parking lot. Meet at 10 AM <b>Contact: Bob Wacker 570-629-5293</b>

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## November, 2010

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Sat,  
Nov 6

**Trailcare at Big Pocono SP** - Crews will be working between **9 am-1 pm**. Meet at Riday's Gate on Railroad Ave- Work will be on North Trail Lower Loop.  
**Contact: John Motz 570-236-1462**

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Sun,  
Nov 7

**Fourth Run Trail, Hickory Run S. P.**- Meet at 10:00 AM at the parking lot just west of the Park Office. We will shuttle up to the Boulder Field parking lot to hike back on the Stone and 4th Run Trails. About 6 miles, mostly downhill, but hope for low water, otherwise there will be wet feet. Be sure to call ahead:  
**Contact: John Whipple at 570-350-2977 or Fran Whipple at 570-350-2967.**

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Sun,  
Nov 14

**Dingmans Falls, DWGNRA** - Meet at **12:00 noon** at the Dingmans Falls Visitor Center. Moderate 5 mile hike from Dingmans Falls to Factory Falls. Wear sturdy boots, bring water and snack. Directions: Rte 209 in DWGNRA . Near mile marker 13, Just south of Dingmans light, Rte 437.  
**Contact: Kate Andrew 570-236-6831**

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Sat,  
Nov 20

**Rt. 402 to Snow Hill Road** – A 7 mile hike from Rt. 402 at Ludleyville to the Snow Hill Road parking lot on part of the Thunder Swamp trail system. This is a moderate paced hike with many rocky sections. Wear hiking boots and bring snacks and water. Meet at the Snow Hill parking lot at 9:30 AM. We will car pool to Ludleyville.  
**Contact Roy Kleinle at (570) 421-8982.**

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Sun,  
Nov 21

**POC Quarterly Meeting, 2:00 PM at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center on Running Valley Road**  
**Call Kate Andrew at 570-236-1462 to RSVP and plan your food contribution.**

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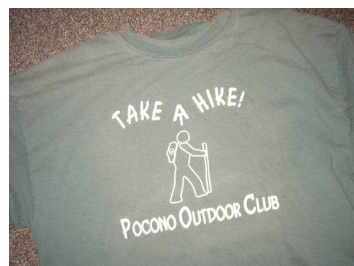
Sun,  
Nov 28

**McDade Trail- DWGNRA** - An easy 6 mile hike along the scenic Delaware River to Turn Farm and back. Meet at 10 AM. Follow River Road past Shawnee Playhouse to Smithfield Beach on the right. **Contact Rosemary Huebner - 570-588-3201**

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## T-SHIRTS & PATCHES Make Excellent Gifts For Everyone

The Club's first edition T-shirts are now available in Navy Blue (M and L sizes only). The Navy Blue Tee's are 50/50-poly/cotton blend and look sharp with white graphics. The original All Cotton Green Tee's are still available in all sizes- Adult S/M/L/XL. All Tee's sport the original POC Tagline-"Take A Hike!" Requests for children's sizes should be submitted- if we get enough we will order some. Specify size and color when ordering. Tee's are \$12 for non-members/\$10 for members. Patches are still \$3.00 each.



**REMEMBER... THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS SOME HUNTING SEASON, DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR BLAZE ORANGE!**

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## December, 2010

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Sun,  
Dec 5

**Slateford Farm** – A 4+ mile hike on various trails of the Slateford Farm beginning at the Arrow Island parking lot on Rt. 611, up to the farm and around the farm, then back down to Rt. 611. Meet at **9:30 AM** in the Arrow Island parking lot on 611 south of the Water Gap.

**Contact Roy Kleinle at (570) 421-8982.**

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Sun,  
Dec  
12

**Lehigh Gorge State Park** - Meet at **12:00 noon** at the Glen Onoko Parking area in Jim Thorpe. Easy 8 mile hike to Butcher Hollow and back. Wear sturdy boots, bring water and snack. Directions: Rt. 209 south to Jim Thorpe. Go through town, and past the train station. At first traffic light after train station, turn right onto Rt. 903 North (across bridge). At stop sign, go straight to Coalport Rd. Turn left to Glen Onoko and travel about 1.5 miles ...over wooden bridge (Lehigh River) and park in area on right.

**Contact: Kate Andrew at 570-236 -6831**

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Sun,  
Dec  
18

**Dixon R Miller Recreation Area (Formerly Pohopoco), Delaware State Forest** - Meet at 10 AM at the trailhead off Route 115 – 1 mile south of the Pocono Raceway – turn into the entrance road (west side of route 115) – the trailhead is soon on the left. We will visit the fire tower and hike various trails in the area to a small boulder field and the Trilithon – about 6 miles.

**Contact: John & Fran Whipple at 570-350-2977 or 570-350-2967.**

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Dec 25/26

**Christmas Weekend – Enjoy the Holidays!**

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Sat,  
Jan 1

**New Year's Day Hike to Mt. Minsi on the AT** - An annual POC tradition. Meet at 1 PM at the Lake Lenape parking lot up from the Deer Head Inn for this annual hangover recovery hike. Strenuous hike on rocky steep terrain (1200 feet in 3 miles).

**Contact: John Motz 570-236-1462.**

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### POCONO OUTDOOR CLUB INFO

[www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org](http://www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org)

This Newsletter publishes quarterly. It is received by Club members, other trail clubs, friends, and agency partners.

*New Members are encouraged to participate and volunteer for Club events.*

#### To contact POC Committees:

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#### Club Officers

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## 2011 POCONO OUTDOOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Send check, made payable to "Pocono Outdoor Club" to **POC Memberships at 47 Stones Throw, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**. Memberships are per calendar year. Applicants must be at least 18 yrs old.

Name(s)

- \$10 Basic Membership
- \$15 Family Membership

Address:

**Higher Levels of Trail Support:**

Phone:

- \$18 Contributing Member
- \$25 Trail Maintainer
- \$50 Trail Builder
- \$150 Life Member

Email:

*Additional Contributions are welcome and benefit local trails.* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to lead an outing.      \_\_\_ I would be interested in doing volunteer trail care.

**New Member**

**Renewal**

**Please, send me email updates/newsletter**

\_\_\_ this is a Gift Membership from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, my signature verifies I am 18 yrs of age and agree to the Rules of the Pocono Outdoor Club. I understand that I am responsible for me and my minors.



Pocono Outdoor Club

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