



A TRADITION FOR PA HIKERS

Since 1961, the Keystone Trails Association has offered hiking awards to recognize those hikers whose enjoyment of Pennsylvania's trails might serve as an example and inspiration to their peers. Over the years, hundreds of individuals have demonstrated their dedication to hiking and the preservation of trails by earning various KTA hiking awards. Rules for each award and the application procedure are outlined in this brochure.



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KTA provides, preserves, protects and promotes recreational hiking trails and hiking opportunities in Pennsylvania. Membership is open to anyone interested in hiking or the outdoors. For more information about KTA or to become a member, please visit www.kta-hike.org.



HIKING AWARDS



**Set a goal...
Hike the miles...
Earn your award!**

APPALACHIAN TRAIL AWARD

Applicant must have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania.

MERIT AWARD

Applicant must have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania plus 200 or more miles on any other Pennsylvania trails.

MERIT II AWARD

Applicant must have hiked all of the Appalachian Trail between the Hudson River and the Potomac River plus 200 or more miles on other Pennsylvania trails in addition to those used for the Merit Award.

PENNSYLVANIA AWARD

Applicant must have earned the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Awards plus hiked an additional 500 miles or more on any trails in Pennsylvania.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AWARD

Applicant must have hiked 200 miles or more on any Pennsylvania trails east of the Mid-State Trail, which may be counted for either the Eastern or Western Pennsylvania Award.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AWARD

Applicant must have hiked 200 miles or more on any Pennsylvania trails west of the Mid-State Trail, which may be counted for either the Eastern or Western Pennsylvania Award.

STATE FOREST TRAILS AWARD

Applicant must have hiked all 792 miles of the 18 State Forest Hiking Trails in PA's state forest system. Trails may be used to fulfill the requirements of other awards. Total miles hiked will be greater, 792 miles refers only to the portions of the listed trails that traverse state forest land:

- BAKER TRAIL
- BLACK FOREST TRAIL
- BUCKTAIL PATH
- CHUCK KEIPER TRAIL
- DONUT HOLE TRAIL
- GOLDEN EAGLE TRAIL
- JOHN P. SAYLOR TRAIL
- LOST TURKEY TRAIL
- LOYALSOCK TRAIL
- MID-STATE TRAIL
- OLD LOGGER'S PATH
- PINCHOT TRAIL
- QUEHANNA TRAIL
- ROCKY KNOB TRAIL
- SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL
- THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL
- TUSCARORA TRAIL
- WEST RIM TRAIL

YOUNG HIKER AWARD

Applicant must be 12 years old or younger and must have hiked at least 25 miles on any trails in Pennsylvania in the current award season. The applicant may receive this award on multiple occasions but must complete the 25-mile requirement on different trails each year.

Awards are presented at the annual KTA Fall Meeting in October. Awards not claimed at the annual meeting will be mailed to the recipient. You must follow the rules below.

Note: Award requirements, except for the Young Hiker award, can be met over multiple years.

- A log showing starting and stopping points on trails and dates hiked must be included with the application.
- You may not count the same miles hiked for multiple awards. The Young Hiker and State Forest Trails awards are exceptions, you may count those miles toward any other award, once.
- Portions of any trail may be used, you need not complete a trail in its entirety to count your miles hiked.
- For trails that cross state lines, only the miles hiked in Pennsylvania may be counted.
- A separate application must be submitted for each award.
- Applications must be received by the first of September of the year in which the award is to be made.

HIKING AWARD APPLICATION



Award applied for:

- APPALACHIAN TRAIL
- MERIT
- MERIT II
- YOUNG HIKER
- PENNSYLVANIA
- WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
- EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
- STATE FOREST TRAILS

Applicant:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE

SIGNATURE

If you would like to have an announcement of your award mailed to your local newspaper, please provide the name and address of the newspaper:

**Completed applications are to be mailed to:
Keystone Trails Association
46 E Main Street Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

