

## **North Country Trail Association update April 2018**

### **2017 Trail Progress Report**

Available online at <https://northcountrytrail.org/our-work/trail-progress-report/>. Pennsylvania Chapters contributed over 10,000 volunteer hours in 2017, a private sector value of over \$250,000

### **Hike 100/50 + PA Hike 50**

The popular Hike 100 Challenge is continuing this year. In 2018, the North Country National Scenic Trail is also celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act with a Hike 50 Challenge. In the Hike 100/50, participants commit to hiking 50 or 100 miles of the NCT and can earn a patch and are entered into other drawings. PA also added a PA Specific Challenge this year for participants to complete 50 *unique* miles of NCT in PA (12.5 miles/Chapter)

### **A-100**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual A-100 Challenge will be held June 8-10, 2018. The A-100 is an endurance challenge met through unsupported hiking of the 100 mile stretch of the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Allegheny National Forest. The A-100 registrations were filled in under 2 hours this year and the registration price was increased to \$65, including a NCTA membership.

### **Closing the Gaps/Easements**

Representatives from the Clarion, Butler and Wampum Chapters are meeting bi-monthly to address Easements and trail protection in PA. This group is developing strategies to address the around 50 miles of trail on road and around 30 miles of trail with handshake agreements.

### **Chainsaw Training**

Chainsaw Training will be offered May 4-6, 2018 at Moraine State Park. Registration is limited. More dates may be added in the fall if there is demand. Inquire with local Chapters for more information.

### **Celebration 2020**

Clarion Chapter is scheduled to host the 2020 North Country Trail Celebration. Details will follow in the coming months.

### **Technical Series Maps**

Over the coming months, the NCTA will be releasing a series of freely downloadable digital PDF maps. The ANF maps are now available online and the remainder of the PA maps are scheduled to be released in July 2018.