

Tentative 2023 Trail Care Schedule

by Jenn Ulmer

Although winter has been relatively tame so far, we are really looking forward to getting back to working on PA hiking trails with the KTA Trail Care (TC) Program. I apologize for the slim details on some events below. Ed Lawrence, after 12 years with a steady hand on the wheel, has handed the helm to me. I have been participating in TC Events since 2010, and have led 13 Events, including 4 last year. But I could only guess as to the wealth of work (emails and phone calls) involved in coordinating a full year's TC Events. Therefore, some details are not confirmed and this schedule may be subject to change. Stay tuned. And copious thanks to Ed for years of service to the TC Program!

Thank you to those hearty volunteers who have stepped up to lead an event. Your superb leadership is exemplary. KTA will be working hard in the coming weeks and months to recruit new volunteers and publicize how fun and rewarding these events are. We have developed some ideas to augment the safety of our volunteers, and improve communication and organization. We are also conjuring a possible new format for a couple of the events with some recreation or skills workshops mixed in with the trail work aspect, and are always on the lookout for ways to provide volunteer incentives (read: food). With the anticipated addition of more staffing at KTA headquarters, look for a new interface coming soon for TC Event registration. I hope to see many of you awesome returning volunteers around the campfire and lots of newcomers giving Trail Care a shot in 2023.

May 4-7: Trail Care

MID STATE TRAIL - STATE COLLEGE REGION
Bald Eagle State Forest
Leaders: Kevin Busko / Jason Davis
Camp: R.B. Winter State Park

June 8-11: Trail Care

MID STATE TRAIL - TIOGA REGION
Tioga State Forest
Leader: Pete Fleszar
Camp: Hills Creek State Park
Organized Group Tenting Area

August 24-27: Trail Care

THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL SYSTEM
Delaware State Forest
Leader: Shira Blady & Brian MacNamara
Camp: Resica Falls BSA Camp

May 11-14: Trail Care

WEST RIM TRAIL
Tioga State Forest
Leader: Wanda Shirk
Camp: Twin Streams Campground, Morris

June 22-25: Trail Care

BLACK FOREST TRAIL
Tiadaghton State Forest
Leader: Jenn Ulmer
Camp: Pump Station Fire Tower

September 14-17 / 21-24?:

Trail Care
GOLDEN EAGLE TRAIL
Tiadaghton State Forest
Leader: Jenn Ulmer
Camp: TBA

May 18-21: Trail Care

MID STATE TRAIL - EVERETT REGION
Buchanan State Forest
Leader: Chad North
Camp: Tenley Park, Everett

July 6-9 / 20-23?: Trail Care

CHUCK KEIPER TRAIL
Sproul State Forest
Leaders: Ted Ligenza / Jenn Ulmer
Camp: TBA

October 7: Code Orange 1-day

GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK
W/ Friends of Pinchot S.P.
Leader: Steve Stroman
Camp: TBA

June 1-4: Trail Care

ELK TRAIL
Elk State Forest
Leader: Joanne Heimer et al
Camp: Hicks Run Campground

August 10-13: Trail Care

TRACY RIDGE TRAIL SYSTEM
Allegheny National Forest
Leader: Joe Hardisky
Camp: Tracy Ridge Campground

October 26-29: Trail Care

PINCHOT TRAIL SYSTEM
Pinchot State Forest
Leader: Jeff Mitchell
Camp: Manny Gordon Picnic Area sites