



2023 Keystone Trails Association Trail Care Schedule



Keystone Trails Association (KTA) launched its Trail Care program in 1984. This year, KTA will sponsor its 39th annual Trail Care season, dedicated to improving Pennsylvania's hiking trails. Pennsylvania has thousands of miles of hiking trails, many of which do not have a maintaining club or adequate volunteers. Helping to build and maintain these trails depends upon the commitment of volunteers from the hiking community. It's up to us to keep our hiking trails in good condition. Join with KTA in giving some time back to Pennsylvania's trails!

Volunteering to maintain Pennsylvania's extensive system of hiking trails can be the most important and rewarding way for individuals to connect with one of KTA's core missions. Each year, on designated weekends between April and November, dedicated Trail Care volunteers gather, armed with blaze paint, limb loppers, pulaskis and brush cutters, they clear and upgrade hiking trail corridors and treadways. The trail care program is for all ages and abilities, with no prior experience or special skills necessary. If you can handle a pair of loppers or wield a paintbrush, then your volunteer efforts will be much appreciated by everyone in the hiking community. Camping sites for Trail Care Weekends will be available on Thursday evenings for participants who want to roll-in and get set up. Two full days of trail work on Friday and Saturday are followed by evenings of campfire sociability and possibly dinner out at a local restaurant (Dutch treat)

Thanks to past efforts of the KTA Summer Trail Crew and Trail Care weekend volunteers, Pennsylvania's hiking community can justly be proud of the hiking experiences available on our state's extensive system of footpaths.

We invite you to join in on this important and ongoing project. You'll meet volunteers from many places, sharing time and camaraderie with them. You'll learn to appreciate Pennsylvania's hiking trails in a new way. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you contributed to this project. Invest your time in the future of Pennsylvania hiking trails, become a KTA Trail Care volunteer.

For more information and to sign up: <https://www.kta-hike.org/trail-care-program.html> -or-
Contact Jenn Ulmer, KTA Manager of Trail Maintenance and Training: ulmer@kta-hike.org / 570-854-8316

#1 - May 4-7: *Hybrid*Trail Care (work Fri/Sat, hike Sun)

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

#2 - May 11-14: Trail Care

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

#3 - May 18-21: Trail Care

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

#4 - June 1-4: *Hybrid* Trail Care (work Fri/Sat, hike Sun)

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

#5 - 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

#6 - June 22-25: Trail Care

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

#7 - July 6-9: Trail Care

CHUCK KEIPER TRAIL
Sproul State Forest
Leaders: Ted Ligenza / Jenn Ulmer
Camp: Hyner Run State Park

#8 - August 10-13: Trail Care

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

#9 - August 24-27: Trail Care

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

#10 - September 21-24: Trail Care

GOLDEN EAGLE TRAIL
Tiadaghton State Forest
Leader: Jenn Ulmer
Camp: Little Pine State Park

#11 - Sept. 27-Oct. 1: *Hybrid* TC (work Thurs/Fri, hike Sat)

OIL CREEK STATE PARK
Leader: Jenn Ulmer
Camp: Wildcat Hollow Group Tenting

#12 - October 7: Code Orange 1-day

GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK
W/ Friends of Pinchot S.P.
Leader: Steve Stroman
Camp: GPSP Group Tenting Area

#13 - October 12-15: Trail Care

HICKORY RUN STATE PARK
Leader: Jenn Ulmer
Camp: Hickory Run SP

#14 - October 26-29: Trail Care

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