

Hiking Award Application

Award Applied For:

- Appalachian Trail State Forest Trails
Merit Western Pennsylvania
Merit II Young Hiker
Pennsylvania

Applicant:

Print Name

Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail address

Phone number

Signature of Applicant/Date

In Support of the Applicant:

Print Name

Club Affiliation

Address

City, State, Zip

Signature of Supporter or KTA Officer/Date

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:

Eligible Trails

EASTERN TRAILS

Big Pocono State Park
Black Forest
Blooming Grove
Brandywine
Conestoga
Darlington
Golden Eagle
Horse Shoe
Joseph Gmitter
Lehigh River
Loyalsock
Mason-Dixon
Mid-State
Old Loggers Path
Pinchot
Ricketts Glen State Park
Rocky Knob
Standing Stone
Susquehannock
Thunder Swamp
Tobyhanna Lake
Tuscarora
West Rim

WESTERN TRAILS

Allegheny Front
Baker
Bucktail Path
Chuck Keiper
Donut Hole
Elk
Hickory Creek
John P. Saylor
Laurel Highlands
Lost Turkey
Mid State
Mill Creek
North Country
Oil Creek State Park
Quehanna
Raccoon Loop
Rachel Carson
Rimrock-Morrison
Shenango
Susquehannock
Twin Lakes
Warrior

Trails in *italics* are at least in part State Forest Trails and are therefore eligible for use in completion of the DCNR State Forest Trails Award. A list of trails and required mileage for each are listed on the Bureau of Forestry's website:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/trailaward.aspx

Keystone Trails Association

Preserving Pennsylvania's Footpaths Since 1956



ANNUAL HIKING AWARDS

Information and Application

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Keystone Trails Association Annual Hiking Awards

In 1961, the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) instituted an annual Hiking Awards Program 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, in no small part, to preservation of trails by applying for and receiving the various KTA awards.

In 2003, three additional awards joined the traditional Appalachian Trail, Merit, Merit II and Western Pennsylvania Awards. Hikers may now apply for the Pennsylvania Award, the Young Hiker Award, and the State Forest Trails Award (co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources).

Rules for each award, eligible trails, and the application procedure are outlined in this brochure.

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.

Awards & Requirements

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 of the trails listed as eligible.

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 trails listed as eligible in addition to those used for the Merit Award.

PENNSYLVANIA AWARD: Applicant must have hiked 500 miles in Pennsylvania. Trails can be found in *Pennsylvania Hiking Trails*, KTA's hiking guide. Portions of any trail may be used.

STATE FOREST TRAILS AWARD: Applicant must have hiked all 798 miles of trails in PA's state forest system. Trails may be used to fulfill the requirements of other awards. Applicants must also complete an application on DCNR's website.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AWARD: Applicant must have hiked 200 miles or more on any of the western trails listed as eligible.

YOUNG HIKER AWARD (12 and under): Applicant must have hiked 25 miles on any trail in Pennsylvania. Applicant may receive this award on multiple occasions, but must complete the 25-mile requirement on different trails for each.

General Guidelines

Awards are presented at the **KTA Annual Fall Meeting**. Awards not claimed at the Annual Meeting will be mailed to the recipient. The following rules must be observed.

- ♦ A log showing starting and stopping points on trails and dates hiked must be included with the application.
- ♦ Except for the Appalachian Trail and State Forest Trails Awards, as specified in the award requirements, no trail may be used for more than one award.
- ♦ Except for the Pennsylvania and Young Hiker Awards, any trail used for an award must be hiked in its entirety; partially hiked trails will not be accepted.
- ♦ In support of the application, please obtain the signature of an officer of KTA or some other outdoor organization.
- ♦ 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.

Completed applications are to be mailed to:

Keystone Trails Association

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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