

KTA A.T. Section Report for April 8, 2017 Board Meeting

Here is a summary of what we did in 2016:

- We organized volunteers to cover our section, plus side trails and the corridor. In all, we have 31 volunteers with specific responsibilities, plus 9 others who have agreed to help on work days, etc. For the initial annual reporting period ended Sept. 30, 2016, 28 volunteers reported a total of 554 hours worked.
- Our management team consists of: Jim Foster, section manager; Dennis Hurley, eastern subsection coordinator; Ed Ritter, western subsection coordinator; Charlie Ogle, parking lot & kiosk coordinator; Kathy Corpora, boundary coordinator.
- Our activities are coordinated through KTA's Meetup site and a KTA Lehigh Gap Section group on Facebook. We've established a dedicated email address for our A.T. section, ktalehighgapat@gmail.com
- The Philadelphia Trail Club has given us all of the tools they used to maintain their former section.
- The Lehigh Gap Nature Center has given us the use of a building to store our tools.
- We've installed new signs at Lehigh Furnace Gap, Little Gap and the Lehigh Gap eastern parking lot; brochure boxes at the Lehigh Gap eastern parking lot and Little Gap, and updated the information in the sign kiosks.
- We had gravel installed at the Lehigh Gap eastern parking lot.
- We had a workday on Nov. 19. About 12 people turned out. We installed new lexan on the east parking lot, repainted numerous blazes and signs around the Lehigh Gap area, cleared brush & removed graffiti.
- We've been working with DCNR and PennDOT to make improvements at the entrance to the Lehigh Gap eastern parking lot and install a sign.

During 2017, we plan to continue to improve the east parking lot. In addition to the work of our individual section and boundary maintainers, we will have group workdays as needed.

Request: We would like to have a page on the KTA website dedicated to the KTA A.T. section. I will be happy to curate the page. All I will need is access to the appropriate part of the website.

- Jim Foster