

KTA A.T. Section Report for October 14, 2017 Board Meeting

KTA's section of the Appalachian Trail extends for 10 miles from Lehigh Furnace Gap to Little Gap. It is located near Palmerton, PA, north of Allentown. We also maintain 6 miles of adjacent trails, the North Trail on the west side of the Lehigh River and the Winter Trail on the east side. 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 We have approximately 25 volunteers who fill various roles on our section. We'd love to have more volunteers.

In September, we had a very successful work day. 13 volunteers showed up. We refreshed blazes on the A.T., and cut brush and removed invasives on the A.T. and Winter Trail. We'll schedule additional work days as needed. PennDOT has told us they plan to install the sign at the Lehigh Gap east parking lot by the end of September. A number of old tires have been left at our parking lots. We have a plan to remove them within a few weeks. We also plan to have some gravel delivered to fill in some holes at the Lehigh Gap east parking lot.

- Jim Foster