

North Country Trail Association update

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2016 was an exciting year at NCTA. Check out the attached Trail Progress Reports from across the trail and specific to PA. Here are a few more items of note as we get into 2017.

1. The Allegheny National Forest is working with NCTA Staff and the National Park Service to respond to the Forest Service requesting assistance on 5 issues in the Tracy Ridge proposal. Those issues are signage, monitoring, enforcement and thresholds of unacceptable use, trial period time, and physical barriers. With all the comments that the Forest Service must review, the presentation to the Forest Supervisor, Sherry Tune, has been delayed.
2. The Allegheny 100 (A-100) will be held on June 9-11. Registration sold out on the first day this year. The A-100 is an endurance challenge met through unsupported hiking of the 100 mile stretch of the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Allegheny National Forest.
3. All four NCTA Chapters in PA have started a Meet up Group to promote hikes and work events for all chapters. They have gained almost 200 members since January.
<https://www.meetup.com/North-Country-Trail-Hikers-of-PA/>
4. Hike 100 2017 is underway with 1,400 people signed up. This year we are challenging people to also get involved. <https://northcountrytrail.org/get-involved/special-events/hike-100-challenge/>
5. The NCT PA Council is meeting on the 15th in Knox. Among other topics, we'll be discussing priority setting across the state.