



DELAWARE VALLEY
APPALACHIAN MTN CLUB

Trail Work Opportunities



As they walk along a beautiful, well kept trail, many people don't stop to think how the trail got to this condition. It is done by trail volunteers from AMC-DV as well as other hiking organizations. If it weren't for their efforts, the trails we love to hike might become filled with trash, overgrown, eroded, impassable, or might not even exist in the first place! Think of that the next time you hike on a trail, give our trail workers a deserved "thank you," and consider becoming a trail work volunteer yourself.

It really pays to give back to the trails we love to hike. It feels good to know that you've done something that makes peoples' outdoor experiences enjoyable, that you've supported your local community, and that you've helped conservation efforts,—not to mention it just feels good to put in a hard days work, exercising your muscles!

AMC-Delaware Valley offers numerous opportunities to get involved, and we are always looking for new volunteers. Crews are run on a generally open basis, meaning you do not have to commit to attending each work session. You may join in as you are able. Other options involve a specific commitment, but only at limited, specific times. The current options (south to north) are:

- The Valley Forge Crew does regular monthly maintenance on the Mt. Misery, Mt. Joy, and Valley Creek trails at Valley Forge National Historic Park in King of Prussia, PA. Other trails may be added in the future.
- The Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Stewards have been working on building new trails for the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network (PHTN) as well as maintaining them once they are built. This work has been done in Bucks County.



- The New Jersey Highlands Trail Crew does regular maintenance on trails in Jenny Jump State Forest in Warren County, NJ as well as occasional maintenance on The Highlands Trail in western New Jersey (Hunterdon and Warren Counties)
- The Appalachian Trail Shelter Watchers are individual/couple volunteers who sign up for a specific time period to inspect and maintain the Leroy Smith Shelter, privy, and campsite just off the Appalachian Trail near Katellan in Northampton County. There are available assignments throughout the year (every week during season, every other week in off season)

- The Appalachian Trail Corridor Monitors are individual/couple volunteers who work in one of 7 small teams to do work maintaining the Appalachian Trail boundary corridor along our 15 mile section. It is generally done only one or two days per year. This is challenging, off trail work for the more adventurous.
- The Appalachian Trail Crew does regular maintenance during the spring of AMC-DV's adopted 15 mile section of the famed hiking trail from Wind Gap south to Little Gap on the Northampton/Monroe county line.



For more information on any of these opportunities contact the AMC-DV Trails Chair, Greg Bernet, at trails@amcdv.org



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