Discover the D&H

Plans are to continue group bike rides and hikes along the newly resurfaced 10-mile section of trail. Starting in May, one Saturday morning and one weekday evening per month will be group rides or hikes with RT volunteers. Special topics will be planned as historical, ecological, bike safety and repairs, healthy lifestyles etc. The Rail-Trail and the United Way of Susquehanna County are working together to introduce residents to the pleasures of the trail. We are also planning to provide free bike rentals for one of our excursions. Watch local newspapers and check the website for the schedule. www.nepa-rail-trails.org

Trail Construction Update

While the majority of trail work is completed for the first ten miles of D&H (Forest City to Herrick), additional work will be done in the spring. Frequent heavy rainfalls have demonstrated the need for additional drainage work and trail surface repairs. We also hope to experiment with a few different trail surface materials and methods of installation, in order to decide on options for the next ten miles.

Our trail engineers are continuing to revamp the plans for the next ten miles to include a...
small trailhead in Thompson, an adjacent & parallel equine path and additional drainage work. We hope the plans will be put out to bid late this year with construction to begin early spring of 2008.

The Council will be working on a ‘Maintenance and Management Plan’ for the entire D&H Rail-Trail. Funded by PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the RTC will work with a consultant to develop the plan that will involve input by various trail user groups, local municipalities and potential ‘friends of the trail’ groups. Watch for meeting announcements.

Snowmobiling Update

After much pre-season trail improvements, the very active snowmobile group is still waiting for colder temps and that first big snowfall. Please check the NEPA Sno-Trails website for the latest news: www.nepsnotrails.org

Spring Projects—Volunteers Needed!

Two trash pickups are planned for this spring, dates to be announced, but probably late April or early May. One will take place along the trail in Forest City and one along the Susquehanna River north of Lanesboro.

Bareroot tree plantings will occur along the D&H in Forest City. With NEPA Urban & Community Forestry funds, a variety of bareroot trees have been ordered, with delivery expected mid-April. Bareroot trees are easy for volunteers to plant: training will be provided. Included in this order are memorial oak trees to be planted near the Forest City Trailhead in memory of local servicemen who have been killed in the war. Thanks to the Hubbard Bicycle Club and other RT members for donations.

If you would like to be on our volunteer contact list for any of our planned trail projects, please call the office or email at tccrail@epix.net.

Upcoming Railroad History on TV

On the History Channel:
February 4, 1 pm
“Freight Trains”

February 11, 1 pm
“Great Railroad Visionaries”

February 25, 1 pm
“When Giants Roamed: The Age of Steam”

On Local PBS WVIA:
January 28, 1 PM
“History of the Honesdale Branch of the D&H”

February 18
“Scranton: The Once and Future City”

March 11
“Railroading’s Miniature Marvels”
**Membership Renewal Form**

Please renew! The date on the mailing label on the reverse indicates when your membership expires.

- □ Lifetime/Founding $500
- □ Patron/Sponsor $250
- □ Club/Organization $100
- □ Family $25
- □ Individual $15
- □ Senior/Student $10
- □ Donation for Memorial Tree Fund.
- □ Call me to discuss a corporate donation.
- □ Our group would like a slide presentation.
- □ I am available for trail cleanups.
- □ Send me a new RTC brochure.

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- Heritage House on the Park B&B, Carbondale 282-7477
- Frank’s Place Restaurant & Bar, Simpson 282-0159
- Fern Hall Inn, Route 247, Crystal Lake, RD Carbondale 222-3676
- Crystal Lake Hotel & Restaurant, RD Carbondale 222-3181

**Forest City Area**

- Elegante Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City
- Coal Miners Inn Restaurant & Bar, Main St., Forest City 785-3623
- Whistle Stop Café, North Main Street, Forest City 785-7800
- Furdock’s Bagel Post, South Main Street, Forest City 785-7007
- Giuseppe’s Pizza, Main Street, Forest City 785-5411
- D. G. Bar & Grill, Main Street, Forest City 785-5995

**Union Dale Area**

- Cable’s Store, Union Dale, on the trail, Union Dale 679-2401
- Beacon Restaurant, Union Dale 679-2371

**Herrick Center/Elk Mountain Area**

- Stonebridge Inn & Restaurant, off Route 374, Union Dale 679-9200
- Candlelight Hotel & Restaurant, Route 374, Herrick 679-4000
- Chet’s Place, off Rte 374, Union Dale 679-2129
- Elk Mountain Ski Resort, Route 374 East, Union Dale 679-4400
- Vacation Inn Motel, Route 171, Herrick 679-2100

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**Clip & Save: Need a Place to Stay or Eat?**

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## Waymart Area
- **Gravity Inn**, Waymart 488-6918
- **Waymart Hotel**, 205 Carbondale Road, Waymart 488-6585
- **Gibney’s Restaurant**, Route 6, Waymart 488-6636
- **Valley View Campground**, Route 296, Waymart 488-2268
- **Leaping Rabbit Farm B&B**, off Route 296, Waymart 937-3389

## Ararat Area
- **Arlo’s Country Store & Lodging**, Route 171, Ararat 727-2970

## Thompson Area
- **Hobb’s County Market & Café**, Route 171, Thompson 727-2090
- **La Bella Luna B&B**, Route 171, Thompson 727-3541
- **Hadnagy’s Mountain Hideaway**, Stack Road, Thompson 727-3441
- **Jefferson Trailside Inn & Restaurant**, Route 171, Thompson 727-7277
- **The King’s Barn B&B**, Thompson 727-3070
- **Green Meadows Farm B&B**, Brown Hill Road, Thompson 727-3496

## In the O&W Trail Area
- **MJ’s Corner Café**, Belmont Corners 448-4800
- **Cribbs Country B&B**, Cribbs Road, Pleasant Mount 448-4109
- **Orson County Inn**, Orson Four Corners, Route 670, Orson 727-2097
- **The Water’s Edge Restaurant on Lake Lorain**, Route 370, Poyntelle 448-7888
- **Poyntelle Inn**, Route 370, Poyntelle 448-3090
- **Lakewood Lodge & Restaurant**, Route 370, Lakewood 798-2565
- **Villa Como Restaurant & Rooms**, Lake Como 798-2761
- **The Inn at Starlight Lake**, off Route 370, Starlight 798-2350

## Nearby
- **Lynn-Lee House B&B**, 143 Main Street, New Milford 465-3505
- **Smiley Hollow B&B**, Route 92, South Gibson 756-3549
- **Wiffy Bog B&B**, Route 106, West Clifford 222-9865

## For Other Info
- Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce 282-1690
- www.elkmtnarea.com
- www.nepsnotrails.org
- www.endlessmountains.org
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