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9th Annual D&H Distance Run/5K

On Sunday, September 11th the D&H Rail Trail will be a hub of activity as runners line up on our Forest City Trailhead for the start of our 9th annual D&H Distance Run/5K. From a humble beginning in 2008, our event has grown to become one of the premier races in NEPA. Last year over 300 people registered to run on the historic D&H Rail Trail, including elite runners like Heidi Peoples and Kevin Borrelli, both local runners and Steamtown Marathon Champions. WBRE's Eric Deabill will be our celebrity starter and new this year Eyewitness News will sponsor a "Spirit Challenge." We are looking for groups to get out on the race course and cheer on our runners! The group with the most "spirit" will be chosen by on air celebrities and cheer on our runners! Prizes will be given!

Don't forget to buy your D&H Distance Run Raffle Tickets (insert) to win one of our valuable prizes donated by local businesses. Prizes include: Overnight stay and breakfast/golf for two at Fern Hall, overnight stay & dinner at Stone Bridge Inn and Restaurant, 3 Month Family Membership to the Carbondale YMCA ($240 value!), gift certificates for Dick's Sporting Goods, Scranton Running Company and National Running Company, Lift tickets to Elk Mountain Ski Resort and more...

You can help spread the word by sharing our event with your friends on Facebook. Runners can register at nepa-rail-trail.org, GetMeRegistered.com, and dhdistancerun.com. Take advantage of our early registration fee by registering before August 19th.

For more information or If you would like to become a sponsor: 570-679-9300, trails@nep.net or visit our website at www.nepa-rail-trails.org.

CALENDAR

AUGUST 13
Secrets of D&H Trail & Stream Walk, 10 AM, Northern D&H, Brandt

AUGUST 25
RTC Covered Dish Dinner & Meeting, 6/7 PM, Fiddle Lake Farm

SEPTEMBER 11
D&H Distance Run, 9 AM Start

SEPTEMBER 22
RTC Dinner/Meeting, 6/7 PM, RTC Office, Cables Deli

SEPTEMBER 25
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail Bike Ride

OCTOBER 27
RTC Dinner/Meeting, 6/7 PM, RTC Office, Cables Deli

NOVEMBER 17
RTC Dinner/Meeting, 6/7 PM Frank's Place, Simpson
Donors Still Needed for Starrucca Viaduct Sign

The interpretive sign for the “Bridge of Stone” is now being fabricated. It will be installed late summer in Luciana Park, Lanesboro’s Park. We hope to have an unveiling in September and a celebration of the Starrucca Viaduct. We are still accepting donations for the bluestone paver patio around and under the sign. Donations of $100, $200, $350 or $500 will have an engraved stone with the donors’ information, company logo or any appropriate saying. Please call the office for an application.

New Bike Rack & Sign on the D&H Trail

Touring the D&H Trail on two wheels just became more fun with the installation of a new bike rack at the Erie Street Trailhead, which is the ‘gateway’ to the Forest City business district. On August 6th members of the RTC and the community gathered to unveil the rack which was designed and constructed by local students. Its design captures the spirit of both the trail and the town of Forest City. This bike rack may serve as a template for future racks to be installed on Main Street. Forest City businesses are listed on the new sign at the Forest City trailhead!

The project is made possible through the hard work and creativity of students from the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (CTC) and Forest City Regional School District. Maggie Liggus and Macy Phillips, seniors at Forest City Regional High School, served as the design team. Maggie has been accepted to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and intends to study Civil Engineering. Macy has been accepted to Wilkes University and intends to study Environmental Engineering.

CTC students who manufactured the bike rack include Alex Bean and Jake Reeder, both students from Forest City Regional High School; Matt Neuwiler, a student at North Pocono High School; and Brandon Walker, a student at Valley View High School.

The RTC would like to thank the students, teachers and staff who contributed their time and skills to make the D&H Rail-Trail more enjoyable.

UGI Pipeline Work on Trail

The D&H Rail-Trail from Union Dale to Simpson has a gas pipeline that was installed around 1994-5. This year the pipeline is being upgraded and tested, resulting in some trail detours and even closures. We will announce any closures on our office voicemail. Late this summer, there will be a major closure for a few days during hydro-testing of the pipeline. UGI will have signage at all trailheads and entrances. We will also have that information on our website and through press releases. During that time the O&W Rail-Trail will remain open.

In 2017, UGI is planning the installation of another pipeline that may have the trail closed for extended periods of time. We will keep our membership and trail users informed as we get more details.
Rail-Trail Design Grant for Northern D&H

The RTC was awarded PA DCNR grant funding for the design and engineering of the northern section of D&H Rail-Trail from Stevens Point to the NY border. This 7-mile scenic section follows the Starrucca Creek, passes under the Starrucca Viaduct and then parallels the north branch of the Susquehanna River. It has an active volunteer group, “Friends of the Starrucca Creek” who have conducted numerous stream and trail cleanups. The Request for Proposals was advertised, resulting in 14 proposals! After careful reading and review, the committee chose Thomas McLane Associates working in conjunction with Colwell-Naegele Associates. Field assessment will begin early August with stakeholder and municipal meetings to be held later this summer. We are expecting ‘ready-to-bid’ construction documents for major trail improvements by this time next year. We hope to then apply for Transportation Enhancement funding.

Lanesboro Railroad Bridge Removal

In our plans to rehabilitate all our railroad bridges, we found structural problems with the railroad-owned parallel railroad bridge in Lanesboro. When we purchased the railroad right-of-way, bridges were NOT included! We had to go back and negotiate for bridges. For most river or stream crossings there are two separate bridge structures; we were able to acquire one span only for each crossing.

The Lanesboro Bridge still owned by Canadian-Pacific had a stream-damaged and undercut abutment. Our engineering consultant suggested we not deck our parallel bridge until the bridge was repaired or removed. The railroad finally decided to remove and scrap the bridge. Our engineer will reassess and hopefully we will be able to move forward with decking the remaining bridge.

Please take the D&H Rail-Trail Survey online:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/dandhrailtrailsurvey

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 $35
- Individual $20
- Senior/Student $15
- I am available for trail cleanups.
- Call me to discuss a corporate donation.
- I am interested in finding out more about the “Trail Tender” program.
- Send my newsletter electronically (instead of by mail) to:
- Send me a brochure.

NAME

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Please update your address here if necessary. Make checks payable to Rail-Trail Council of Northeast PA P.O. Box 32, Union Dale PA 18470 / Phone: 570-679-9300 / E mail: trails@nep.net

Donations

In honor of Ken & Jane Walters 50th Anniversary
Nancy Ross

In memory of Donald Motko, Jr. Nancy Ross

Gift membership for Aaron & Stacy Nivert
Steve Weisberg

Masonic Hall Association, Clifford, PA

Starrucca Historical Sign Project
Pennsylvania Bluestone Association, New Milford, PA
Susquehanna Valley Railway Historical Society, Binghamton, NY
Jane Vacaro, Waymart, PA

In honor of Bud & Ruth Frederick
Carolyn Homer
Charles & Kristine Frederick
Anne & Gary Warnott
Stanley & Sharon Hadley
The national rail-trail movement began not with a bang—but as an intriguing idea that quietly took hold. Organizations like the RTC of NEPA started to become a reality through grassroots effort and a supporter base that continued to grow and strengthen. On June 25th it was time to celebrate 25 years of trail building, friendships and memories.

The day started with “Art on the Trail,” a celebration that showcased over 25 talented local artists and craft exhibitors followed by music, food, and drink. The weather was perfect for our day long trail events, which included an historic walk of Union Dale, nature photography class and an exploration of what lives in the water close to our trail. The “Party Bike” was available all day for group rides on the trail. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their valuable time to make the event a success.

The event gave cause to look back upon our successes, but we are far more interested in looking ahead to the opportunities that await us for additional miles of trail improvements, new trail amenities and interesting programs that connect the community to the trail.

Art on the Trail Raffle Winners:

1st Handmade Quilt donated by Linda Leber: Pat Williamson, Clifford Twp.
2nd Original Painting donated by Earl Lehman: Nancy Ross, Union Dale
3rd Original Watercolor donated by Marilyn McDowall: Ali Breig, Breckenridge, CO
4th Hand sewn wool trivet donated by Rebecca Townsend: Ann Marie Noone, Union Dale
5th Handmade basket donated by Charlie & Ginny Ahearn: Karen Naughton, Simpson
6th 5X7 Print donated by June Lambertson: Vickie Brownell, Thompson
7th Handmade cutting board donated by Tom Noone: JoAnn Hall, Clifford Twp
8th Handmade basket donated by Patty O’Hara: Ruth Davis, Susquehanna
9th Basket of Dog items donated by Eva’s Play Pups: Claribel Todd, Clifford Twp
10th Quart of maple syrup donated by Burke’s Maple products: Bambi Ilku, Springville
11th Painted tile donated by Stephanie Westgate: Lynn Conrad, Clifford Twp
12th Photo Shoot donated by Sherry Sparks: Debbie Bates, Waymart