



HIKE IN GROUPS



BEARS LIKE TO HAVE OPTIONS

JOIN US SUNDAY JUNE 13

Join us for the next quarterly hike and meeting. All are invited; you do not have to be a member! Bring a lunch to enjoy at the new pavilion there. The meeting starts at 1pm at the pavilion

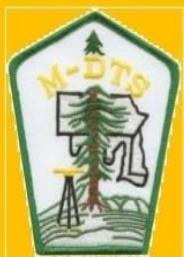
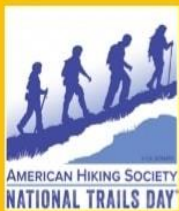
The next hike and meeting of the Mason-Dixon Trail System (M-DTS) will be on Sunday, June 13 at Riverfront Park, Wrightsville, PA. Parking for both events will be at the parking lot for the Maple Street Boat Launch, Wrightsville, PA. Please bring a face mask for when we're gathered together. Once the hike starts we should be able to maintain social distancing and dispense with the masks. The hike to Highpoint Scenic Vista will start from the parking lot at 9 am with both short (2.5 mi) and medium (5 mi) options. The quarterly board meeting will follow at 1 pm at the new pavilion at the south end of the park near Lemon Street. There will be adequate space for social distancing at the meeting. Everyone is welcome to both events. (Contact president@mason-dixontrail.org beforehand if you need detailed directions to the parking lot.

2021 NATIONAL

TRAIL DAY

Saturday, June 5th

9AM – 12PM



**Come Learn about local
trails and participate in
trail cleanup.**

**Meet at the Conowingo
Visitor Center to start.**

**Be sure to wear appropriate
attire for outdoors cleanup
and hiking.**



Exelon Generation.

Questions: 410-457-2427

2021 National Trails Day (Conowingo)

Date: June 5, 2021

Time: 0900-1200 hrs

Location: Conowingo Visitors Center, 4948 Conowingo Rd, Conowingo, MD

Agenda

Prior to 0900 hrs: Continental breakfast and sign-in

0900-1200 hrs: Perform tasks A & B (depending on turnout other tasks may be accomplished)

1200 hrs: Lunch, prepacked items such as subs or Chick fil-A with chips, soda and water

1200 hrs: Raffle items such as t-shirts, water bottles and koozies

Facebook event page: [2021 National Trail Day, Facebook event page](#)

Question: 410-457-2427

Note: Please RSVP so we know how much lunch to order. Everyone is welcome. We will follow all CDC and local guidelines for COVID and social distancing. Everyone must have a mask readily available.

Tasks-A, M-DT from Fisherman's Park to Hopkins Cove

- Fix tire steps, the bottom tire is loose and we need another step below it
- Bench-cut the switchback at Fisherman's Park as annual maintenance
- Bench-cut the trail between Policeman's Cove and large red sign (~1/4 mile long)
- Re-blaze trail between Fisherman's Park and Rt-1. Current blazing is the wrong color
- String trim the trail
- Pick up trash
- Fred will have grass cut near red sign and Shuresville Rd

Tasks-B, Wildflower Trail South

- Plant wildflowers
- Pick up trash
- Prune trail where needed

Tasks-C, M-DT from Hopkins Cove to Broad Creek Marina

- Bench-cut trail near Bald Hill (~1/2 mile long)
- Install post at Glen Cove Marina near bridge
- String trim the trail
- Pick up trash

Tasks-D, M-DT from Broad Creek Marina to Holtwood Rd

- Install Post at lot near Lock-15
- Fix stream crossing at Atom RD (Peach Bottom)
- Fix stream crossing south of Atom Rd (Peach Bottom)
- String Trim trail (Peach Bottom > Robinson Run Rd)
- String Trim trail (Boy Scout Area)

Tasks-E, M-DT from Joe K. Trail to Quarry Rd

- Install rebar hand grabs at rock climb near Quarry Rd
- Fix loose step and possible install hand bar on steps near Quarry Rd
- String trim the trail
- Pick up

President's Message

New memberships and map sales are continuing at more than twice the pre-COVID rate. Mason-Dixon Trail use seems to have increased at that rate or even more since the beginning of the pandemic. A lot of these new members have also volunteered to maintain the trail. This continuing flow of new maintainers is necessary for the survival of the Mason-Dixon Trail. However, new members and new maintainers are not enough. New officers are just as critical, if not more so.

Most of the current officers/board members didn't just show up at a quarterly meeting and volunteer to be on the board. Instead, they decided to hang around after a hike and attended a quarterly meeting. After a few meetings, as their understanding of and appreciation for the behind the scenes work that sustains the Mason-Dixon Trail increased, they volunteered to help with one of the many tasks that usually arise during a meeting. After working on a few tasks, they may have gained enough commitment (and courage) to fill a vacant position. Please consider taking the first step by attending the Sunday, June 13 board meeting

The current open board positions are Treasurer and Vice President

More information is available on the M-DTS website at

<https://masondixontrail.wixsite.com/mdts/open-positions>

In the future, this webpage will be used to announce unfilled jobs or tasks that arise during a board meeting.

New Newsletter Format

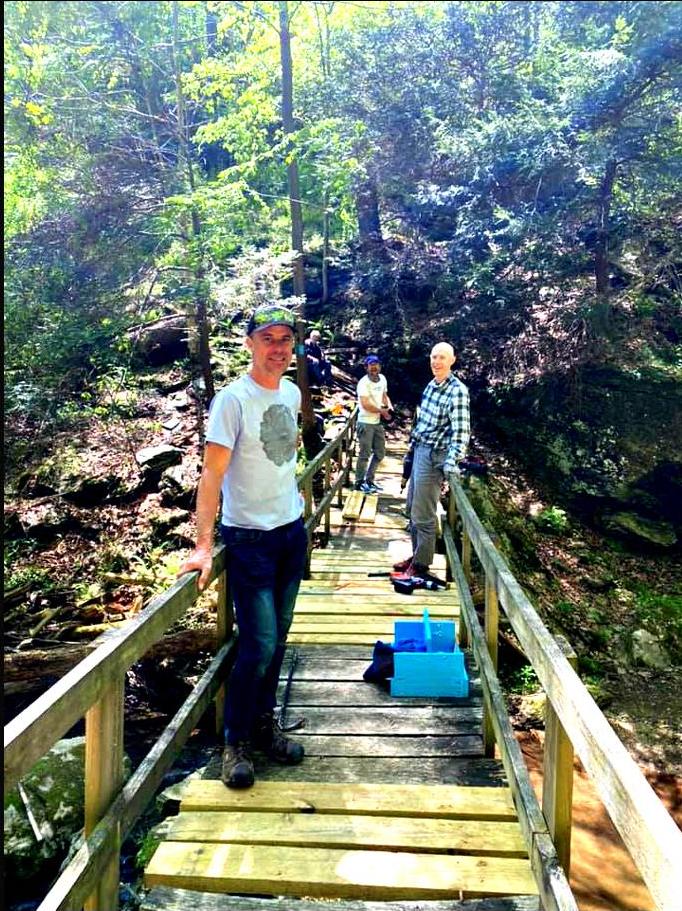
First, we'd like to recognize all the work that Tony Nardi has put in over many years to publish a very professional newsletter and thank him for all his hard work. However, we have struggled with content for the 6-page newsletter over the past couple of years. Sometimes we didn't have enough content and other times we had too much and had to stretch it into two newsletters, 3 months apart. This quarter, we're trying a new, more flexible format which will probably evolve over the next few issues. Sometimes there won't be a feature article. Sometimes there might be two. Stay Tuned!

Building Bridges

In most organizations, the phrase "building bridges" is used figuratively, in the Mason-Dixon Trail System it's literal. Without the help of the York Road Runners, we couldn't have repaired the Sawmill Run Bridge just south of Otter Creek Campground, Airville, PA. They are not only providing the materials but most of the labor. The first of several 8' sections of rotting decking was replaced with rough-sawn, pressure treated lumber on Saturday, May1. Many thanks to everyone who attended.



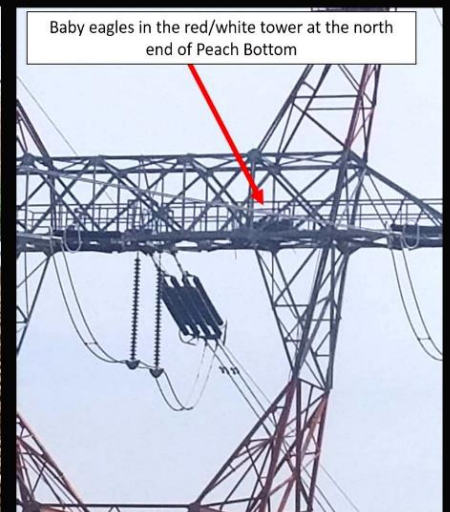
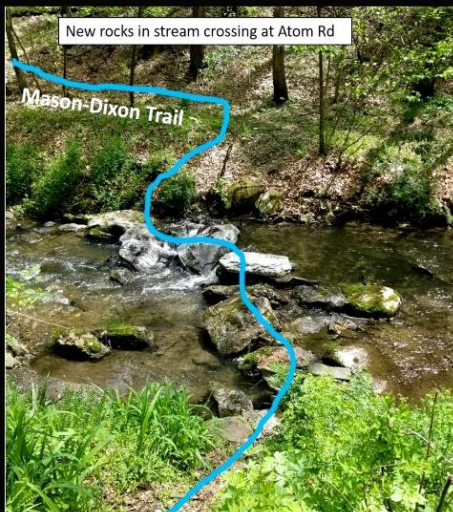
York Road Runners
Hard at work!
Sawmill Run bridge.



An amazing job
well done by
Eric Ferree
Andy Anderson
Jeff Kearns
Shawn Eakins

All costs were covered
by the York Road Runners
as well!

In addition, Kevin Bristol, who works at the Peach Bottom plant, made a couple of welcome improvements in that stretch of trail. Kevin placed rocks as a stream crossing. Also, he inserted a walkway in the guardrail on Atom Road. (see pics) Be sure to enjoy this updated section, and don't forget to look up in the tower at the north end of Peach Bottom. Baby eaglets!



On April 17th ten volunteers participated in an M-DT trail maintenance event at the Broad Creek section of the trail. Volunteers worked on bench cutting the trail, widening footpaths, clearing growth and invasive plants, over all improving the natural surface of the trail.



It certainly has been a very productive weekend for the trail!
Rob Bartholomew led a team of seventeen volunteers (mostly trail runners) in weed-whacking, tree-cutting, and bench-cutting as needed in the western section.





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