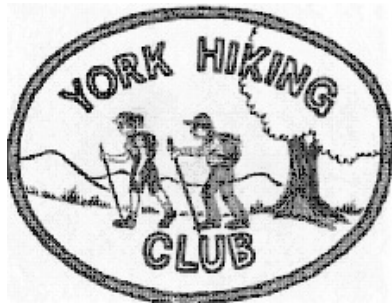


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Inclement Weather: Please contact the hike leader or check our web page for cancellation information.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, MEDIUM HIKE (8 MILES): Moderately strenuous loop hike on Cove Mountain with great views of the Susquehanna River from Hawk Rock overlook and mountain ridge. Bring hiking boots, lunch & water.

Carpool Option: Meet at 7:50 AM to leave promptly at 8:00 AM from Emigsville Park & Ride. Fee: \$5.00

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at 8:50 AM, 24 Watershed Dr, Duncannon at the Trail Head to Start the Hike at 9:15 AM.

Hike Leader: Kim Herbst, (717) 887-4462 or kberly124@Comcast.net. Please notify hike leader if you're planning to meet at the trail head.

SUNDAY APRIL 5 – HAPPY EASTER NO HIKE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, LONG HIKE (9.5 MILES): MASON-DIXON TRAIL: This hike is the 7th in a series that will have us complete the entire Mason-Dixon Trail. This segment starts at Kline Run Park and ends at Apollo Park (Boyd Road). The trail passes through Native Land Park (including Dritt Family Cemetery and the Susquehanna Indian Settlement Site). The last 7 miles is a very strenuous and challenging section with rock scrambles and steep terrain. There are beautiful views of the Susquehanna River and Cuffs Run. This hike is a shuttle hike. We will park at Boyd Road parking area and drive to Kline Run Park. Bring hiking poles, sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch.

Carpool Option: Meet at York Vo-tech at 7:00 AM.

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at Apollo Park (Boyd Road) at 7:30 AM. Hike to Start at 8:00 AM from Kline Run Park (Please let us know where you are meeting us so we can get an accurate count for the shuttle drivers. We will need multiple drivers.

Hike Leaders: Scott Vandenhengel 717-649-0881 Leo Hebert 443-462-7918

SUNDAY, APRIL 19- FLOWER HIKE AND CHILI DINNER (SHORT HIKE); Each spring we hike by the Susquehanna River and count the multitude of beautiful blue bells and trout lilies, etc. on the riverbank. Quite a display awaits our eyes as usual. There will be a short hike starting at 10:30 AM counting and naming how many flowers we can find. Anyone wanting to go on a longer hike at 10:30 is welcome to do so. Our mid-winter chili hike meal had to be canceled due to the weather. So now we will have our Flower-Chili Hike dinner prepared by Chef Bernie Frick! Please call Bernie Frick for dinner reservations by Thursday, April 16, 9:00 PM. Chili will have beef or turkey.

Meeting Location: JPJ Cabin, 1145 Furnace Road, Airville Rd.

Hike Time: 10:30 AM

Meal Time: 1:30 PM Chili fee \$6.00.

Coordinator: Bernie Frick, 717-843-6675

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, SHORT HIKE (5 MILES) Robert A. Kinsley Nature Preserve: Join us for a walk through the pretty nature preserve maintained by the Lancaster Conservancy in York County. The path starts off relatively flat and declines through the woods along a stream to River Drive where you are rewarded with a waterfront view of the Susquehanna River. There is about a 500 ft elevation gain along River Drive as we return to the starting point of the hike. Wear good shoes and pack some refreshments. Some may want to use hiking poles for the decline through the woods.

Carpool Options: Text hike leader prior to Sunday to meet at Woodberry Rd at 8:30 AM.

Meeting Time and Location: 8:20 AM to leave promptly at 8:30 AM. The hike will start promptly at 9:00 AM on River Drive near the intersection of River Dr. and Furnace Rd. As you're coming down Tower Rd, just as you cross Furnace Rd, you can park on the right-hand shoulder of River Dr.

Hike Leader: Warren Becker 708-475-7376

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, LONG HIKE (11.3 MILES): MASON-DIXON TRAIL: This hike is the 8th in series along the Mason-Dixon Trail. This segment starts at Boyd Road and ends at SGL 181. This is a hard hike with significant elevation changes. The area is quite beautiful and I expect the rhododendrons will be in bloom at this time. Urey Overlook is a spectacular stop along the way.

We will not have to deal with a trail re-route this time of year. Bring hiking poles, sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch.

Carpool Option: Meet at York Vo-tech at 7:00 AM.

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at State Game Land 181 (Off Blain Road) at 7:30 AM. Hike to start at Apollo Park (Boyd Road) at 8:00 AM. Please let us know where you are meeting so we can get an accurate count for the shuttle drivers. We will need multiple drivers.

Hike Leaders: Scott Vandenhengel 717-649-0881 Leo Hebert 443-462-7918

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: SHORT HIKE (3-4 MILES) Richard Nixon County Park: Spring has sprung, the grass has riz and the birds can finally fend for themselves. As I've done in the past this will be a hike at a blistering pace. I will try to make this interesting, no neighborhoods. So come out for the usual adventure. Hopefully the office will be open so we can see what our tax money paid for.

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at the lower parking lot at 1:30 PM.

Hike Leaders: Allen and Lore Britton , 717-825-5552, or lorahiker@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New members: The club welcomes the following new members - Matthew and Beth Mowrey, Christine and Alex Daoularis

Hike Leaders Wanted: We would love to add some new members to our list of hike leaders for 2026. Please contact Allen Brittan at activities.yhc@gmail.com, if you would like to start leading hikes for the club. Training will be provided.

Thursday Weekly Trail Maintenance: We also need volunteers to work on our section of the Appalachian Trail. Contact David Strine, riverdawgmd@yahoo.com, 717-858-2089 or Matt Wilson 717-439-4366 sunwatt.wilson@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to be on the house committee – please email Sarah Tateosian, sateo@comcast.net.

Card Committee: Linda Bean serves as the "card committee." If you know of someone with a serious illness, having surgery, etc., please notify Linda at walktodq@gmail.com or 717-881-6651 and she will send them a card from the club.

New Email Address: Please contact Barbara Culton at baculton@gmail.com. This information is held by the club only. It will be used to send club information and for inclusion in our yearly logbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

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