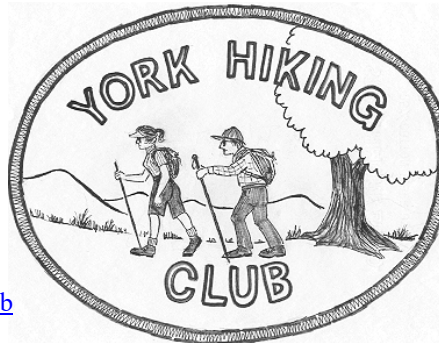


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Inclement Weather: Please contact the hike leader or check our web page for cancellation information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, LONG HIKE AT GIFFORD PINCHOT STATE PARK (9 MILES): This hike follows the lakeside trail through Gifford Pinchot State Park. Trail conditions can be muddy depending on recent weather or icy in sections if the weather is below freezing. There may be at least one water crossing. Recommend hiking boots or trail shoes, hiking poles, lunch, snacks, and water. Dress for the weather. Please contact the hike leader if you are planning to meet at the Conewago Day Use Area instead of the Emigsville Park and Ride.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: 9:00 AM Emigsville Park and Ride. HIKE FEE: .50. Hike starts at 9:30 AM at the Conewago Day Use Area.

HIKE LEADER: Alan Noble, amnoble38@gmail.com, 717-758-8470.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8: CHILI HIKE/SHORT HIKE (APPROX 6 MILES) Kim Herbst will lead a hike starting from JPJ leaving promptly at 10:00 AM on the well-maintained trails returning in time for a chili dinner at 1:30 p.m. Call Bernie Frick at (717) 843-6675, or email BernardFrick@alum.lehigh.edu by 9:00 PM, Thursday, February 5 to make meal reservations, which once made must be paid. Meal cost \$5.00 plus \$1 cabin use fee for members and \$2.00 for non-members.

EVENT LOCATION: JPJ Cabin, 1145 Furnace Road, Airville, PA

HIKE DEPARTURE: Promptly at 10:00 AM Meal Served: 1:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13: COVERED DISH DINNER AND PROGRAM. Roxanne Strine (aka Idiot Runner), a 70-year-old York native, will present a slide show and share stories of her 2025 epic thru-hike on the Appalachian Trail. Please join us to hear about her awesome adventure.

Meeting location: the York Township Park Building at 25 Oak Street, Directions as follows: From I-83 exit 16, take Queen St (PA-74) south for about 1 mile. At Campbell Music, turn left onto Oak St. Drive about a tenth of a mile and stop at the stop sign; do not turn right. Drive straight ahead past the township building to the mall building in the middle of the field.

TIME: Friday, February 13, 6:30 PM to 9PM.

Program will start at about 7:10, if you prefer to skip the meal. Bring a dish to share if you want to participate in the meal. Please bring your own plates, flatware, cups, etc.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, SHORT HIKE / PUB TOUR (5.0 MILE SHUTTLE HIKE): Come join us for an easy hike on the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail and enjoy the scenery along the lower banks of the Susquehanna River. We will hike through a section of the historic town of Marietta with stops at Shanks Tavern, McCleary's Pub and River Trail Brewery with an option to have lunch at one of the pubs. We will end at Furnace Road Trail Access with an opportunity to visit the Musselman-Vesta Iron Furnace Center. Bring water, snack and wear comfortable shoes.

TWO DIFFERENT MEET TIMES AND LOCATIONS

- **1ST MEET LOCATION AND TIME:** Wrightsville exit at the park-n-ride by Dollar General to leave promptly at 9:00 AM
- **2nd MEET LOCATION AND TIME:** Riverfront Park River Access and Trailhead located 551 Vinegar Ferry Road, Marietta 17547. Meet at 9:20 AM. We will shuttle the drivers to drop off their cars at Furnace Road Trail Access.

HIKE LEADER: Kim Herbst 717-887-4462, kberly124@comcast.net

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, LONG HIKE (11.0 MILES): MASON-DIXON TRAIL

This hike is the third hike in a series on the Mason-Dixon Trail. The first 2.5 miles of this trail is in Gifford Pinchot State Park. The remainder of this trail is on country roads. We will drop cars off at Wendy's in Strinestown (I will get permission to park at Wendy's but just enough cars to shuttle) and start the hike at the Conewago Day Use Area within Gifford Pinchot State Park. This is a point-to-point hike. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Wear orange so cars can see you. Please contact one of us if you are going and let us know whether you are meeting at Wendy's or at the trailhead, so we know how many cars we need for the shuttle. We may need multiple drivers.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Wendy's in Strinestown At 8:30. Hike to Start At 9:00 AM at Conewago Day Use Area.

CARPOOL OPTION: Please contact me if you would like to carpool from Emigsville park and ride. Scott 717-649-0881

HIKE LEADERS: Scott Vandenhengel, 717-649-0881, vandenhengelscott@gmail.com
Leo Hebert, 443-462-7918, heyroot@yahoo.com

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, MEDIUM HIKE—Approximately 6 miles of hiking loops in Mount Holly Marsh Preserve. If we have snow, this is a beautiful preserve with evergreen forests and wide hiking paths. Portions are along Mountain Stream. We'll tackle all or only a portion of the climb to the top of the ridge then enjoy the great rock work of SATC to return to our cars. Good boots, water, and lunch. Poles will help with several very small stream crossings.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Woodberry Rd at 8:30 AM.

HIKE LEADER: Gwen Loose 717-891-9967, TEXT PREFERRED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, LONG HIKE (11.0 MILES): MASON-DIXON TRAIL

This hike is the fourth hike in a series that will have us ultimately complete the entire Mason-Dixon Trail. This hike is a road walk on a mix of asphalt and gravel. We will drop cars off at Codorus Furnace/Susquehanna Riverlands State Park. The hike will begin at Wendy's in Strinestown. I would recommend parking at Codorus Furnace and not parking at Wendy's (I will get permission for just a few cars). Please contact one of us if you are going, so we can figure out how many cars/drivers we will need. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Wear orange so cars can see you.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Codorus Furnace Parking Area (On Furnace Road) at 8:30 AM. Hike Starts At 9:00 AM.

HIKE LEADERS: Scott Vandenhengel, 717-649-0881, vandenhengelscott@gmail.com
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New members - The club welcomes these new folks to the club:

- Steven Baublitz
- Carol Kraft
- James Kraft
- Kristine Long
- Gayle Swain
- Nancy Williams Smith

Annual Club Membership is Due. The amount is \$15 payable to the York Hiking club. Dues may be sent to the attention of Barbara Culton, 4230 Druck Valley Rd, York, PA 17406.

Hike Leaders Wanted: We would love to add some new members to our list of hike leaders for 2026. Please contact Leigh Ann Giniewski 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.

Newsletter Paper Subscriptions: Send all newsletter requests (six months, nonrenewable) with a check for \$5.00 made payable to: York Hiking club and send to Linda Bean,” 1846 Marigold Road, York, PA 17408-1551 Telephone: (717) 881-6651

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