

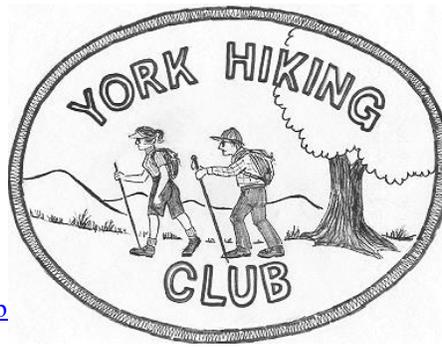
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MARCH 2026

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, MEDIUM HIKE (5 MILES) Boyd Big Tree Preserve Conservation Area: This is a loop hike following the Janie Trail loop via the Pond Loop trail. The trail has some steep climbs, is well-marked, and has wide trails. Recommend hiking poles, hiking boots or trail shoes, lunch, snacks, and water. Dress for the weather conditions.

Meeting Time and Locations: Meet at 10 AM at Emigsville Park and Ride off I-83 at exit 24. Please contact the hike leader if you plan to meet at Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area.

Carpool Fee: \$1, if carpooling

Hike Leader: Alan Noble, amnoble38@gmail.com, 717-758-8470

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, LONG HIKE (10 MILES): Heritage Rail Trail from Glen Rock to New Freedom. Let's welcome spring in style with a relaxed fun hike. This hike is on a packed gravel path, showcasing historic railroad charm. In the wooded area around Railroad Station multiple metal sculptures can be admired. The distance from Glen Rock to the train station at New Freedom is 5 miles. After a break at the train station, we will return on the same path to Glen Rock. Although it is 10 miles altogether, it is an easy 10 miles without inclines or other challenges. Wear good shoes, pack some refreshments, no hiking poles required.

Meeting Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. at Glen Rock, 32 Main Street, Glen Rock, PA 17327 (public parking lot next to the Glen Rock Library). If planning to carpool, please contact the hike leader. Meet up time will be 9 AM for carpooling from the York School of Technology.

HIKE LEADER: Regina Haritos 717-332-2221 (cellphone)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS MARCH 8

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, SHORT HIKE (3 MILES) Wizard Ranch. Join us as we walk through this pretty nature preserve maintained by the Lancaster Conservancy in York County. There is some elevation on our 3-mile hike through the hills along the Susquehanna Riverlands. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. A link to more information about Wizard Ranch is at: <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/preserves/wizard-ranch>. Call ahead if inclement weather.

Meeting Time and Location: Meet at 10 AM at Wizard Ranch Parking Lot. If you're traveling East on 462, take a left onto Accomac Road and follow as it snakes through to the entrance for Wizard Ranch. If you're traveling West on 462, take a right onto Accomac Road instead. Coordinates: 40.038396, -76.572436.

Hike Leaders: Kim Pavlick & Raf Ruiz 717-650-0253

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 COVERED DISH DINNER AND PROGRAM: Presentation by Allen Britton on hiking the Appalachian Trail. Join us on March 13 at York Township to hear about the adventures. 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, March 13, 6:30 to 9PM. Program will start about 7:10, if you prefer to skip the meal. Bring a dish to share, plates, bowls, flatware, cups, etc.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - MEDIUM HIKE (6 MILES), Codorus State Park: This is a medium hike at the Campground Loop and Mary Ann Furnace trail. There are some slight inclines on the trail. Wear sturdy Hiking boots. Poles are optional. Half of the trail is on asphalt. We will traverse the whole Campground loop including the trip down to the campground boat ramp. Bring a snack and we will be stopping midway for a scenic stop along the trail.

Meeting Time and Location: 8 AM at the Campground Park Office parking lot. **Directions from York and the vicinity.** Go West on Rt 216 until you see the signs for the park entrance. Alert! don't turn at the sign for the Campground entrance. Continue West until

you see a White Sign for Dubbs Church on the left. Make a left at the sign. Continuing following the road around to the right. The campground entrance will be on the right in about a half mile. It will take you to the Campground Parking lot. **If you're Coming from East of Hanover.** Access Rt 94 South. Travel to Grandview rd. Make a left. Travel past Black Rock rd. until you get to the light at 216. Make a right. Travel until you see the white Sign on the right. Make a right and follow it to the campground entrance.
Hike Leader: Andrew Bankowski, acguy4u2day@gmail.com, (410) 493-3150.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, LONG HIKE (11.3 MILES): MASON-DIXON TRAIL - This hike is the fifth hike on the Mason-Dixon Trail. This is a moderately challenging hike that takes us through Susquehanna Riverlands State Park (The trail was re-routed in 2025), Robert A. Kinsley Nature Preserve, and finishes up at the Wizard Ranch Nature Preserve. Wizard Ranch is not part of the trail, but the parking area works out well for our needs. This is a beautiful hike with no less than five overlooks of the Susquehanna River.

This is a point-to-point hike. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and hiking poles.

Carpool Option: There is no carpool option but please let me know if you are parking at the trail head (Codorus Furnace, 4045 Furnace Road, Mount Wolf) or Wizard Ranch so that we can get an accurate count for the shuttle drivers)

Meeting Time and Location: Wizard Ranch Parking Area (Off Accomac Road) AT 8:30

Hike Starts: 9:00AM at Codorus Furnace.

Hike Leaders: Scott Vandenhengel - 717-649-0881

Leo Hebert - 443-462-7918

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Help maintain and prepare the York Hiking Club's section of the Appalachian Trail for the 2026 season. Sign-up on the Appalachian Trail Conservancy volunteering opportunities web page at [ATC Volunteer Opportunities](#). To find the event, filter meeting location for Pennsylvania.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, LONG HIKE (10 Miles) - Mason-Dixon Trail: This hike is the sixth in a series on the Mason-Dixon Trail. This is a moderately challenging hike that takes us along the Susquehanna River, up to Highpoint Scenic Vista, and finishes at Kline Run Park. This is a mix of road and trail walking. There is a tunnel with a stream that runs under a road. You may get your boots wet, depending on the water level. There are some historic sites along the way, and the beautiful Susquehanna River will be in view most of the way. Bring water, snacks, and lunch.

Carpool Option: There is no carpool option but please let me know if you are parking at the trail head (Wizard Ranch Parking Area) or Kline Run Park so that we can get an accurate count for the shuttle drivers.

Meeting Time and Location: Kline Run Park at 8:30AM.

Hike Starts: Wizard Ranch at 9:00AM

Hike Leaders: Scott Vandenhengel - 717-649-0881

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- Curtis & Judy Bleacher
- Carol Cramer
- Karen LaFountain

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, rivedawgmd@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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