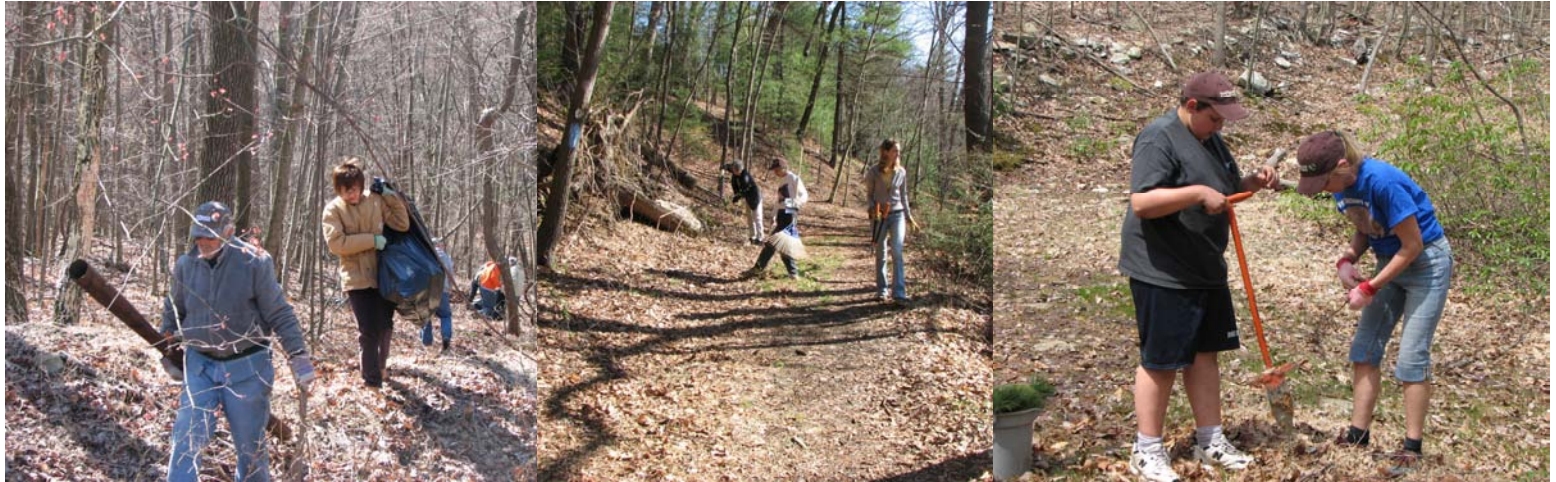


Pennsylvania Volunteer News

May 2009



"How cunningly nature hides every wrinkle of her inconceivable antiquity under roses and violets and morning dew!"

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS FOR ALL THEIR HELP IN APRIL!

Work accomplished included cleaning up trash; planting trees and grasses; clearing trails; outreach at the Hyner View Trail Challenge, Highmark's Earth Day Event and the Philadelphia Zoo's Party for the Planet; online research; bog turtle research ...

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Many thanks,

Molly T. Anderson

STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS

Saturday, May 16th - 9:00 AM: Habitat Restoration at the State-Line Serpentine Barrens Sites

Please join Mike Bertram to assist with restoration of the grasslands at the New Texas site (Lancaster County). To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Mike at the2nomads@verizon.net.

Thursday, May 28th - 9:00 AM: Habitat Restoration at the State-Line Serpentine Barrens Sites

Please join Mike Bertram to assist with restoration of the grasslands at the Goat Hill Barrens site (Chester County). To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Mike at the2nomads@verizon.net.

Friday, June 5th - 9:00 AM: Habitat Restoration at the Chrome Barrens Preserve

Please join us at the Chrome Barrens Preserve (Chester County) to assist with grassland restoration efforts and other preserve maintenance duties. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Thursday, June 18th - 9:00 AM: Posting Boundary at the Dick & Nancy Eales Preserve @ Moosic Mountain

Please join us at the Dick & Nancy Eales Preserve @ Moosic Mountain (Lackawanna County) to assist with posting the new boundary with signs. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Friday, June 19th - 9:00 AM: Preserve Maintenance and Restoration at the Westfall Ridge Prairie Preserve

Please join us at the Westfall Ridge Prairie Preserve (Juniata County) to assist with posting the boundary with new signs and restoring the open grasslands. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Wednesday, June 24th - 9:00 AM: Invasive Removal at the Forest Pools Preserve @ Kings Gap

Please join us at the Forest Pools Preserve @ Kings Gap (Cumberland County) to assist with removing garlic mustard and other invasive plants. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Friday, June 26th - 9:00 AM: Invasive Removal on Butternut Island

Please join us on Butternut Island (Sullivan County in New York, 2 miles north of the hamlet of Callicoon) to assist with cutting Japanese knotweed. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Tuesday, June 30th - 9:00 AM: Invasive Removal at the Chrome Barrens Preserve

Please join us at the Chrome Barrens Preserve (Chester County) to assist with removing invasive plants. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Tuesday, July 14th - 9:00 AM: Posting Boundary at the Tom Darling Preserve @ Two-Mile Run

Please join us at the Tom Darling Preserve (Monroe County) to assist with posting the boundary with new signs. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Monday, July 20th - 9:00 AM: Invasive Removal in Cherry Valley

Please join us in Cherry Valley (Monroe County) to assist with removing Japanese knotweed. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Friday, July 31st - 9:00 AM: Invasive Removal at the Goat Hill Barrens Preserve

Please join us at the Goat Hill Barrens Preserve (Chester County) to assist with removing invasive plants. To volunteer for this workday and for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in participating in any or all of these projects or more and/or would like more information, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 232-6001, extension 117.

INDEPENDENT PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Trailer Removal Expertise:** We are also looking for someone with experience dealing with trailer removal at one of our sites near Long Pond in Monroe County. If you have any ideas, past experience or know someone who would like to help with this type of project, we are in need of your assistance and would appreciate your insight.
- **Volunteer General Contractor:** We are seeking a volunteer "General Contractor" who has knowledge and experience with permitting, building codes, etc. to assist with our efforts to build a facility from an existing building to house our stewardship equipment, office, and training center in Monroe County.
- **Volunteer Mechanic:** We are seeking a volunteer in Monroe County who has some mechanical skills/experience to help with equipment maintenance and repair.
- **Volunteer Electrician:** We are seeking a volunteer with electrical experience to assist with updating our stewardship garage in Long Pond (Monroe County).

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: *Spread the word about TNC!*

- **3rd Annual Great River Adventure:** Volunteers are needed to man TNC's display during the Island Hopper portion of the Great River Adventure along the Susquehanna River from 9:00 - 2:00 on Saturday, June 27th.

OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES: *Volunteers needed in the Conshohocken and Harrisburg Offices!*

- **Administrative support:** Help is needed at the Conshohocken Office with projects that include filing, mailings, organizing, copying, online research, etc.
- **Volunteer Receptionist:** Help is needed at the Harrisburg Office to answer phones and greet guests as well as help with other administrative projects.

EVENTS: *Get outdoors and enjoy Mother Nature!*

- **Breeding Birds Walk on Saturday, May 23rd:** Please join Evan Mann on a walk along the Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve (Susquehanna County) to learn about the breeding bird species found there. For more information, call (570) 756-3052 or (570) 756-3362.
- **Wildflower Walk on Sunday, June 7th:** Please join Frank Roia on a walk along the Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve (Susquehanna County) to learn about the wildflower species found there. For more information, call (570) 756-3052 or (570) 756-3362.
- **3rd Annual Great River Adventure on Saturday, June 27th:** The Susquehanna River Trail Association invites all paddlers to join them this year for the ever-popular "Island Hopper" trip, a leisurely trip from Fort Hunter to City Island featuring four new island stops with hands-on (or in) activities. Or for those that want to exercise their paddling might, join in the Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg Community Race. For more information, call (717) 948-6780.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please keep the afternoon/evening of Friday, July 10th free so you can join staff, other volunteers and their families at the TNC Family Picnic on Shade Mountain (Beaver Springs, PA) in Snyder County.

For more information about these trips and more, please visit our Upcoming Events webpage at <http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/pennsylvania/events/>.

MORE NEWS

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thanks goes out to our Earth Day '09 Pennsylvania Hike Series volunteers: Bernard Brown, Carol Caplinger, Lauri Danko, Gerry & Len Janus, Jim Moore, Ruth Rode and Shirely Stark.

Thank you for celebrating Mother Nature and sharing your passion for Pennsylvania's natural heritage with others.

And a special thanks, too, to our GIS & Stewardship Interns, Jenny Asper, Karen Trebitz and Erika Szonntag, for all their help this past semester. Good Luck to you in your future endeavors! We'll miss you!

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

With its clownish pink lips and black pompadour, the whimsical looking Yunnan golden monkey seems born of a child's imagination. But the monkey is facing perils that are all too real. Leading the way in conservation efforts to save the Yunnan golden monkey is Conservancy biologist Long Yongcheng — who is tracking the elusive creatures and piecing together clues about how to save them.

To learn about Long's work and the "15 Monkeys That Changed Everything," please click the link below:

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/asiapacific/china/features/goldenmonkey.html?src=news>

PRESERVING PENNSYLVANIA

In a conservation deal that's good for both people and nature, The Nature Conservancy has helped conserve nearly 10,000 acres of forest in Elk County.

In what will be one of Pennsylvania's largest private land conservation deals, the Conservancy has acquired an option to protect 9,650 acres of the Elk Timberlands with a permanent working forest easement. This form of conservation easement prevents development while allowing for sustainable timber harvests. The Conservancy has one year in which to raise the approximately \$5 million necessary to complete the purchase.

To learn more about this exciting project, please click the link below:

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/pennsylvania/news/news3075.html>

WISH LIST

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

Wood chipper
(In good, working condition)

Walkie-talkies
(In good, working condition)

Pickup Truck
(In good, working condition)

If you have other items you would like to donate, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 232-6001, extension 117 or molly_anderson@tnc.org

PENNSYLVANIA TRIVIA

The first to respond with the correct answer to this month's trivia question will win a prize. Please email your answer to molly_anderson@tnc.org.

May 2009 Question:

How many acres of "commercial" forest are found in Pennsylvania?

April's Pennsylvania Trivia question must have stumped everyone as no one answered that the first baseball stadium was built in Pittsburgh in 1909.

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If you have any questions, comments or would like to include an update or announcement in next month's edition, please contact

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