



Pennsylvania Volunteer News **November 2018**



"Nature's beauty is a gift that cultivates appreciation and gratitude."

- Louie Schwartzberg

The Nature Conservancy would like to thank our wonderful volunteers, interns, and partners for all their help in October!

We accomplished so much last month including attending committee meetings, database updates, grassland restoration, making thank you calls, trail clearing, online research and so much more!

And as always, many thanks to all the members of our Committees: Friends of the State-Line Serpentine Barrens, Woodbourne Stewardship Committee, Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve Committee and the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve Committee (some of them listed above); for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing planning and outreach efforts.

Workday Schedule

We are developing our list of winter and early spring workdays over the next month while folks have the chance to enjoy the holiday and hunting seasons.

Thank you for those who assisted us with our land management and habitat restoration activities this year and we look forward to you joining us out on our lands in the New Year!

Hunting in Pennsylvania

Hunting in Pennsylvania is upon us. Archery season for various large game began this month and the two-week rifle season is coming up - opening November 26th and ending December 8th, with extended seasons in certain areas. For a complete list of hunting seasons and bag limits for the 2018-2019 year as well as a map of the wildlife management units, please contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission at (717) 787-4250 or visit their website at the following link:

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/SeasonsandBagLimits.aspx>



On behalf of all of us at The Nature Conservancy, we wish you and yours all the best this Thanksgiving Holiday.

We are so thankful to have such wonderful and dedicated volunteers helping us achieve our mission across Pennsylvania and around the world!

MANY THANKS TO YOU!

OktoberForest

OktoberForest Activities in Philadelphia - Volunteers Needed

This **Saturday, November 17th**, The Nature Conservancy in Pennsylvania is teaming up with Tröegs Independent Brewery once again but this time along with Friends of Wissahickon (FOW), Hidden City Philadelphia and Young Friends of the Preservation Alliance (YFPA) to celebrate healthy forests, clean water, and great beer in the Wissahickon. As you may have already read in the last volunteer newsletter, [OktoberForest](#) is a campaign to raise awareness about how healthy forests lead to clean water, beer's main ingredient. What better place to celebrate than the 1800-acre Wissahickon Valley Park? The dense forests within the park protect one of the city's most vital resources, the Wissahickon Creek, which provides drinking water for up to 350,000 Philadelphians.

There will be three activities taking place throughout the day:

- **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** FOW will be working on trail restoration, improving drainage, and stabilizing tread in the Andorra Meadow. Please join us for this activity if you want to help make this amazing section of the park cleaner, more sustainable, and even more beautiful. Please register at the bottom of the page [here](#).
- **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Hidden City and YFPA will lead a history-filled tour of Chestnut Hill College and the upper portion of the Wissahickon led by Brad Maule. Attendees will tour the incredible architecture of Chestnut Hill College and the uppermost portion of Wissahickon Valley Park, including the nearly-200-year-old Bells Mill Road bridge and the reigning Pennsylvania Trail of the Year, Forbidden Drive. The walking tour will last two hours and end at the Wissahickon Environmental Center. **There is a \$15 fee for YFPA, PAGP or Hidden City Members and \$20 fee for non-members.** [Registration link for the tour is HERE.](#)
- Both events will conclude at a beer tasting event from **1-3 pm** with the Nature Conservancy and Tröegs. **The beer tasting is only open to attendees of the hike or work day who are 21+. Space is limited and registration is required, so sign up quickly.**

Please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org also if you sign up for either the Tour or the Trail Restoration as we'd like to team up our volunteers with the TNC staff participating in each activity.

Nature Walks & Other Activities

Stay Tuned ...

In the coming year, we are developing training opportunities for our volunteers interested in assisting with our outreach activities to more effectively engage various communities across Pennsylvania beginning with our preserves and projects in the Harrisburg, Pocono Mountains and Philadelphia areas.

These trainings will be scheduled for the early spring season.

If this sounds interesting to you and/or you have some thoughts and ideas you would like to share, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org.

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- Share this link with family and friends: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0242652>

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Protecting Pennsylvania

TNC Studies Mussel Habitat on the Allegheny River

Scientists studied the Allegheny River to determine whether restoring the historic river flows might benefit wildlife habitat downstream.

To read the full story in this week's **Times Observer** article, please click [here](#).

Wish List

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

Wood chipper
(In good, working condition)

Pickup Truck
(In good, working condition)

If you have these or other items you would like to donate, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Nature Trivia

The first to respond with the correct answer to this month's trivia question will win a prize. Please contact Molly Anderson with your answer at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

November 2018 Question:

Which state in the United States raises the most turkeys annually?

Answer for October Trivia: It takes **approximately 40 average sized apples** to make one gallon of apple cider. Congratulations to volunteer, Cathy Folio, for being the first to answer correctly.

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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 Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 before the 1st of the month.