

Pennsylvania Volunteer News

September 2019

Explore Get outside and experience the waters, trails and landscapes that make nature's playground. *Volunteer* Lend your hands at events around the country or in your backyard. *Give* Give back to nature—on your own or through your workplace.



"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."

- Jim Bishop

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

We accomplished so much last month including installing fencing, trail maintenance, database updates, leading nature-themed hikes & other outreach activities, attending committee meetings, habitat restoration, trash clean-up, recording observations on iNaturalist 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 for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing planning and outreach efforts.

Photo Credits: Anne, Shirley and Alisha at Mural Fest ©Molly T. Anderson/TNC; Josephine, Rodney and Rose install a split-rail fence at the Hauser Nature Center ©Jenny Case/TNC; Monarch chrysalis at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve © Dr. Jerry Skinner.

Fall Workday Schedule

- **Friday, September 27th @ the New Texas Barrens 9am-2pm**
Join the Friends of the State-line Serpentine Barrens for a grassland restoration workday at the New Texas Barrens (near Peach Bottom, PA in Lancaster County).
- **Saturday, September 28th @ the Bristol Marsh Preserve 10am-12pm**
Volunteers are needed to assist the Heritage Conservancy with their fall trash clean-up at the Bristol Marsh Preserve (Bristol, PA in Bucks County). Register [here](#).
- **Wednesday, October 2nd @ the Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve beginning at 10:30 am**
Volunteers are needed to assist with trail clearing and other preserve maintenance tasks (in Thompson, PA Susquehanna County). Register [here](#).
- **Saturday, October 5th @ the Long Pond Preserve 9am-12pm**
Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning up trash along Long Pond Road (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County). Register [here](#).
- **Wednesday, October 9th @ the Woodbourne Preserve beginning at 10:45 am**
Volunteers are needed to assist with boardwalk construction and installation (in Dimock, PA Susquehanna County). Register [here](#).
- **Saturday, October 19th @ the Long Pond Preserve/Hauser Nature Center 9am-2pm**
Volunteers are needed to assist with clearing Cathy's Trail (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County). Register [here](#).
- **Saturday, October 19th @ the New Texas Barrens 9am-2pm**
Join the Friends of the State-line Serpentine Barrens for a grassland restoration workday at the New Texas Barrens (near Peach Bottom, PA in Lancaster County).
- **Saturday, October 26th Make-A-Difference Day at the Growing Together Garden 10am-12pm**
Join us for Make-A-Difference Day and assist with cleaning up trash and garden maintenance activities at the Growing Together Garden (Point Breeze neighborhood in South Philly). Register [here](#).

Please register online and/or for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518.

Troegs & TNC's Mural



Created by artist Emily Ding and sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and Tröegs Brewery, a new mural was unveiled this past weekend during Harrisburg's Mural Fest Block Party event. The beautiful image stands two-stories high and 80-feet wide depicting bird species found along the Kittatinny Ridge. You will find the mural on the side of a deli, located at 512 N. 3rd Street in downtown Harrisburg. It is estimated to be there for next 30 years. This was one of 10 murals commissioned in the city for 2019.

Outreach Opportunities

View & Brews (A.K.A. Birds & Beer)

Saturday, September 21st 12-5pm
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
1700 Hawk Mountain Rd, Kempton, PA 19529
1st Shift 11:30am-2:30pm
2nd Shift 2:30pm-5:30pm
1-2 volunteers needed per shift

Bloktoberfest

Saturday, September 28th 12-5pm
Washington Ave from Broad to 17th, Philadelphia, PA 19147
1st shift 12pm-2:30pm
2nd shift 2:30pm-5pm
1 volunteer needed per shift

OktoberForest Event

Sacred Vice Brewing Company
Saturday, October 26th, 1pm-6pm
3233 Amber St, Philadelphia, PA 19134
1st shift 1pm-3pm
2nd shift 3pm-6pm
1 volunteer needed per shift

To sign up and/or for more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518.

Field Trips, Nature Walks & Activities

- Saturday, September 21st Banding Fall Migrants at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, September 21st Views and Brews at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 22nd Fall Wildflower Hike at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 22nd Bog Walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 25th Bog Walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 22nd Wilderness Survival & Edible Plants program at the Hauser Nature Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 13th Fall Colors & Leaf Walk at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 23rd Saw Whet Owl Banding at the Hauser Nature Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

More information and registration instructions can be viewed online [here](#) or email Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Special Thanks

We wish to extend a many thanks to volunteer Jason Peters for the beautiful bird wing display he designed and constructed as an addition to the educational information provided at the Hauser Nature Center (Jason also built a bee box for outside the center too!).

Take a moment to check out the really great time-lapse video of Jason in action [here](#).

THANK YOU, JASON!!



More News

Welcome

We wish to extend a very warm welcome and many thanks to our new volunteers registered to join the volunteer ranks.

Please join me in welcoming Siga Wu, Jennie Poole, Marcos Rios, Antonia Karasavas, Matthew Mendel, Shamir Wylie, Eli Bracken and Emma Korein.

We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

2019 Photo Contest

We all see nature through a different lens. That's why our annual photo contest is so inspiring — it showcases the diversity of our natural world and all its wonders. Talented photographers from around the world submitted more than 100,000 images that captured the beauty, the complexity, and the raw power of nature.

We hope you find the winning photos as moving as we do. They're all a stunning reminder of why it's so important to keep up our work together to save the lands and waters on which all life depends.

You can view the full gallery of winners [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

Trail Day is Now Available

Last week, Tröegs Brewery, located in Hershey, PA just launched their new beer, *Trail Day*, in support of our land protection efforts along the Kittatinny Ridge. Proceeds from this new dry-hopped pale ale will go toward the Tröegs Trail Day Fund to help protect 15,000 acres of the most critical, connected lands on and next to the ridge.

To learn more, visit Tröegs website [here](#).

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.

September 2019 Question:

How many *natural* lakes (over 20 acres wide in size) are found in Pennsylvania?

Answer for August Trivia: The **Johnstown Flood** is ranked as one of the top 3 worst natural disasters in U.S. history. The South Fork Dam was located just fourteen miles upstream from Johnstown and it created the Lake Conemaugh reservoir. After a few days of the heavy rainfall in May of 1889, the dam gave out, suddenly releasing all 20 million tons of the lake's water upon the town. 2,209 people perished, including over 900 families and over 300 children. Congratulations to **Marie Forney** for being 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.