

Pennsylvania Volunteer News **July 2019**



"Summertime is always the best of what might be."

- Charles Bowden

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

We accomplished so much last month including trail clearing, online trainings, data entry, online research, trash clean-up, organizing events, attending committee meetings, construction projects, garden maintenance, preserve monitoring 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.

Photo Credits: Aaron & Shafi clear away invasive plants along the Wissahickon ©Gates Rhodes; Kent and David finish clearing brush along the Chrome Trail ©Molly T. Anderson/TNC; Trail crew at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve ©Molly T. Anderson/TNC.

Summer-Fall Workday Schedule

- **Tuesday, July 30th & Wednesday, July 31st @ the Long Pond Preserve**
Volunteers are needed to assist with Grassland Area Restoration at the Long Pond Preserve (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County). Work will be labor intensive and include hauling brush. Rain dates set for Tuesday, August 6 & Wednesday, August 7th.
- **Saturday, August 3rd @ Cathy's Trail/Hauser Nature Center**
Volunteers are needed to assist with clearing brush along meadow loop section of Cathy's Trail at the Long Pond Preserve/Hauser Nature Center (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County).
- **Saturday, August 17th @ the Tom Darling Preserve**
Volunteers are needed to assist with clearing brush and other vegetation encroaching on the trail at the Tom Darling Preserve (near Blakeslee, PA in Monroe County).
- **Saturday, September 14th @ the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve**
Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning up trash along Cherry Lane & Bog Roads as well as some trail monitoring/maintenance at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve (near Tannersville, PA in Monroe County).
- **Saturday, September 28th @ the Bristol Marsh Preserve**
Volunteers are needed to assist the Heritage Conservancy with their fall trash clean-up at the Bristol Marsh Preserve (Bristol, PA in Bucks County).
- **Saturday, October 5th @ the Long Pond Preserve**
Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning up trash along Long Pond Road (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County).
- **Saturday, October 26th @ the Eales Preserve @ Moosic Mountain**
Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning up trash along Route 247 at the Eales Preserve (near Jessup, PA in Lackawanna County).

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

Trail Day Beer coming soon!

The final recipe of **Trail Day**, the beer Troegs has created to benefit The Nature Conservancy's work on the Kittatinny Ridge, is currently being sold at the Troegs Brewery right now as "Scratch #380" and is available on tap and in a small run of cans for this scratch series. The beer will soon be available for sale at bars and beer distributors in Pennsylvania and Ohio, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington D.C. and possibly Virginia, beginning on **September 9**. It will be a limited release beer that will be available in the fall and will be created each year.

If you see the beer available, please make a point to tell the store or bar that you are excited to see that they are selling the beer and thank them for helping protect the Kittatinny Ridge. Bars and stores give customer feedback to Troegs and it helps them gauge interest in the product.

Paddle to Picnic Event

Join The Nature Conservancy and our partners at Tröegs Independent Brewing for a morning of paddling on the mighty Susquehanna River.

Saturday, August 3, 2019
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 pm

Susquehanna Outfitters
333 South Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA 17043

We'll meet at Susquehanna Outfitters just outside of Harrisburg in Wormleysburg to begin exploring the mid-reaches of our state's grandest river, followed by lunch to hear about how TNC is protecting vital waterways in Pennsylvania.

Registration is \$85/per person or \$45/per person if providing your own kayak. The cost includes the post-paddle lunch.

Please RSVP by July 26 to Betsey Cichoracki (610-834-1323, x115). Plan to be on the water for three hours. Sun protection and water shoes are highly recommended.

Field Trips & Nature Walks

- Monday, July 15th - Thursday July 18th *Nature Classes* at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve for ages 7-13; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day.
- Wednesday, July 17th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday July 21st *Human & Natural Influences Hike* at the Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 24th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 24th *Turtle Power* at the Hauser Nature Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31st *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 7th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 11th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 14th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 21st *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 21st *Wildflower and Butterflies* at the Hauser Nature Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 28th *Bog Walk* at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve beginning at 10:00 a.m.

More information and registration instructions can be viewed online [here](#).

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Welcome

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

Please join me in welcoming Josh Bowman, Peter Halada, Bernadette Kegelman, Bonnie McMahon, Heather Sheldon, Mark Vizer and Natalie Wasilchak.

We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

Removing Barriers to River Health

While many large dams in North America deliver invaluable services – like critical water supplies, clean hydroelectric power, reduced flooded risks and recreational opportunities – many more no longer serve their intended purpose and create serious safety and environmental concerns.

A conservation movement began 20 years ago with the Edwards Dam on the Kennebec River in August, Maine and now two decades of learning help guide us through the removal of more obsolete dams in the future to restore healthy rivers.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

The Delaware: The River That Made Philadelphia

Over the next year, *Philadelphia Inquirer* journalists will be exploring the Delaware River and the watershed that feeds it from many angles – water quality, environmental challenges, climate change, recreation, history, and how it all converges to define our region and inform life here.

To read the first feature of this story & learn more about the Delaware River, please click [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.

July 2019 Question:

In what year was the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) founded?

Answer for June Trivia: First widely introduced on series-production automobiles in the U.S. market for the 1975 model year to comply with tightening EPA regulations on auto exhaust, **catalytic converters** are small chambers in which a chemical reaction is produced that converts toxic combustion by-products to less-toxic substances. Congratulations to Nathan Hartshorne 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.