

Tricounty Rails to Trails

Adopt-A-Trail Program Guidelines

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Trail Program is to provide volunteers to perform periodic light maintenance on the trails that are part of the TriCounty Rails to Trails system. Groups or individuals can adopt specific sections of the trails. A minimum of one mile must be adopted.

Maintenance Requirements:

- By April 15th of each year, remove any debris or deposits that may disrupt the flow of culverts and drainage ditches.
- Perform two litter and debris (fallen branches, etc.) cleanups; a spring cleanup by June 1st, and a fall cleanup by November 1st.
- Inform the Adopt-A-Trail Program coordinator or maintenance coordinator of any major maintenance problems (down trees, washouts, etc.) or trail abuse.

Rules & Regulations:

- A supervising adult must accompany all participants under 18 years of age.
- Always conduct yourself in a safe and responsible manner.
- We do not recommend bringing pets during cleanup activities.
- Only experienced adults are permitted to use power equipment such as; chain saws, mowers, and weed trimmers.
- Do not construct any structures, add signage, alter the trail, or add any unapproved items to the trail.
- Do not use any motor vehicles on the trail without the permission of the Adopt-A-Trail Program coordinator or maintenance coordinator.
- Do not open gates without the permission of the Adopt-a-Trail Program coordinator or maintenance coordinator.
- No trespassing on private property.
- All maintenance activities shall be coordinated with the Adopt-A-Trail Program coordinator or maintenance coordinator.
- The majority of the trails run through PA State Game Lands. Please read the PA Game Commission rules and regulations pertaining to hunting season dates and trail activities during hunting season. Remember to wear your orange.

Adopt-A-Trail Program Coordinator: Steve Putt, (814) 776-6285 countrysquirreloutfitters@hotmail.com

Maintenance Coordinator: Ben Zappa, (814) 776-2413 bczappa504@comcast.net

Agreement:

I/We agree to participate in the Tricounty Rails to Trails Adopt-A-Trail Program. I/We agree to follow the attached program guidelines and perform the maintenance activities within the suggested timeframes. It is understood that either party may terminate this agreement with written documentation at any time.

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TRAIL MILE(S) ADOPTED: _____ Mile Marker # _____ to Mile Marker # _____

TRAIL ADOPTED: ___ Clarion-Little Toby Trail

 ___ Five Bridges Trail

 ___ Wolf Run Trail

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

TRICOUNTY RAILS TO TRAILS SIGNATURE _____

DATE SIGNED: _____



Volunteer Waiver Form:

Name _____ Group/Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

In consideration of the opportunity to engage in volunteer work through TriCounty Rails to Trails (TCRTT) I, the undersigned, my heirs and assigns, hereby waive all claims for injuries, damages or losses to my person or property which may be caused directly or indirectly, by any act, omission or negligence arising from or related to the activities of TCRTT. I, the undersigned, understand that by participating in this volunteer activity I will be exposed to the risks of accident and injury and that I will follow all safety requirements and instructions. I hereby release and hold harmless TCRTT and their officers, agents and employees, municipalities in which the volunteer activity is conducted, Headwaters Charitable Trust, Headwaters RC&D, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission from any and all claims, including bodily injury, death or property damage which may occur due to my or my child's participation in these volunteer activities. I, the undersigned, my heirs and assigns, hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and hold harmless TCRTT their officers, board members, agents and employees, municipalities in which the volunteer activity is conducted, Headwaters Charitable Trust, Headwaters RC&D, the Pennsylvania Game Commission and all property owners from any and all costs, charges, claims, demands, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liabilities of any kind, including the expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees, for injuries to, or the death or illness of any person, or for damage to any property, arising out of or in connection with my involvement in the volunteer activities, regardless of whether such injuries, illness, death or damages are reasonable or unreasonable, or foreseeable or unforeseeable to the parties to this agreement. I, the undersigned, my heirs and assigns, hereby further covenant TCRTT their officers, agents, board and employees, municipalities in which the volunteer activity is conducted, Headwaters Charitable Trust, Headwaters RC&D, the Pennsylvania Game Commission and/or property owners for any matter which arises from the execution of the volunteer work. I agree that TCRTT may take my photograph & use my image to promote the purposes of TCRTT with no compensation due me.

Signature of volunteer Date

Parental Consent if volunteer is under the age of 18

Name of Child _____ Has my permission to participate in TriCounty Rails to Trails events. If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act in my behalf. Name _____ Phone _____

Signature of Parent Phone Date

