



Become a Trail Ambassador!



The Trail Ambassador program was established in an effort to provide information and assistance to other trail users. If you are over the age of 18, regularly frequent the trail and wish to volunteer 8 hours or more a month from April through October, you may be eligible to become a Schuylkill River Trail Ambassador. All Ambassadors receive training and are issued red identifying shirts (see photo above) and a backpack with maps and first aid supplies.



To learn more about our Trail Ambassador Program visit us online at www.schuylkillriver.org/volunteer.aspx for an application, or call the Schuylkill River Heritage Area offices at 484-945-0200

About the Schuylkill River Heritage Area

The Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area uses conservation, education, recreation, historic and cultural preservation, and tourism as tools for community revitalization and economic development. The boundaries of the Heritage Area cover the Schuylkill River watershed in Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. This region was designated by Congress as a National Heritage Area in 2000 in recognition of the role its people, places, and events played in the American, Industrial, and Environmental Revolutions.

Working with partners to build and promote the Schuylkill River Trail is the signature project of the Heritage Area, which is managed by the Schuylkill River Greenway Association. When complete, the trail will total about 130 miles. Today, more than 60 trail miles have been constructed, 28 of which are operated and maintained by the Heritage Area.

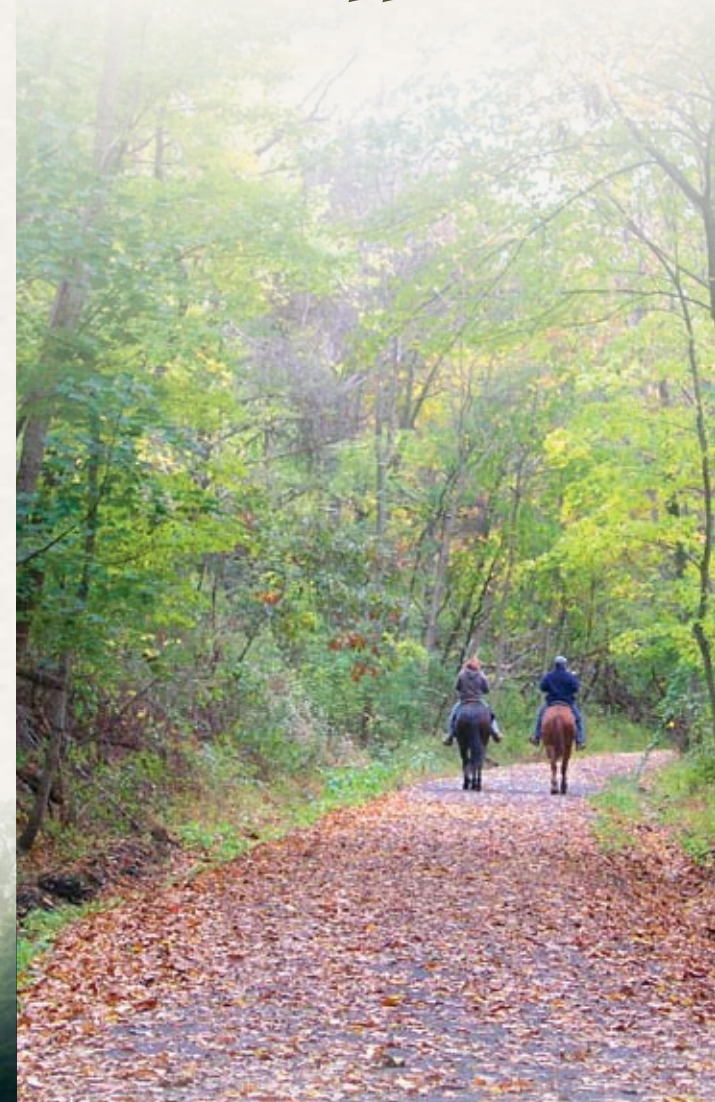
Learn more about the Schuylkill River Heritage Area by visiting our website at www.schuylkillriver.org



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Schuylkill River Trail Volunteer Opportunities





If a tree falls in the woods and nobody hears it, who cleans it up?
Volunteers!

Along the Schuylkill River Trail in Berks and Schuylkill Counties, which is operated and maintained by the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, all maintenance and upkeep is performed solely by volunteers. This brochure contains a breakdown of volunteer options for people interested in helping care for the trail.

If you would like to volunteer or want to receive information on any of the programs listed, please call the Schuylkill River Heritage Area at 484-945-0200, or email Trails Project Manager Robert Folwell at rfolwell@schuylkillriver.org.



Volunteer Opportunities

TrailKeepers

TrailKeepers assist with scheduled work days that are organized by Schuylkill River Trail volunteer coordinators. Both the Bartram Section of the Schuylkill River Trail (in Schuylkill and Upper Berks Counties) and the Thun Section (from Pottstown to Reading in Berks County) have volunteer coordinators who oversee regular maintenance. The coordinators arrange work days periodically for trail upkeep, such as pruning branches, cutting back overgrowth and removing litter. The Schuylkill River Heritage Area notifies all TrailKeeper volunteers when a work day is planned. Work days are scheduled as needed usually about five times per year, mostly during the warmer months.

Civic Group Volunteers

We welcome school groups, scout troops, community service organizations, church groups and others who wish to participate in a one-time project such as litter cleanup, bush cutting, ditch clearing and, occasionally, trail resurfacing. Typically such projects take about three hours.

Special Project Volunteers

Boy Scout Eagle projects and other community service projects are always welcome along all parts of the Schuylkill River Trail. In addition, skilled workers such as masons, carpenters or back hoe operators who are seeking volunteer opportunities can also assist with special projects like building steps, improving trail heads and addressing drainage issues.



Adopt-a-Trail Program

This program is for groups who are willing to commit to trail projects, such as litter cleanups and pruning, three times a year for at least two years along a specified segment of trail. Two signs recognizing the group as an Adopt-a-Trail participant will be erected near the assigned segment.

Sponsor-a-Trail Program

This program is targeted to businesses and organizations who wish to make a two to three year financial commitment to support costs associated with trail management and maintenance for a specified segment of the trail. Signs acknowledging participants are posted along the sponsored segment.

