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## Important Trail News and Upcoming Events

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### Douglassville Bridge Log Jam Clearing Begins; See below for trail closure, paddler warning and volunteer request



Contractors have begun removing a log jam from under the Douglassville bike/pedestrian Bridge along the Thun Section of the Schuylkill River Trail, just west of Morlatton Village. The build up of logs, debris and trash along the bridge piers has created a hazard for paddlers in the river, and, if allowed to continue, could undermine the bridge.

**We are seeking volunteers to assist with removal of trash during the project.** Schuylkill River Greenways NHA has hired Lewis Environmental, to remove the log jam. To stop the plastic bottles from floating downstream, they will be installing a hard boom into the river that will bring most of the debris to the shore to be manually picked up.

Volunteers are needed Friday the 20th and/or the 27th, between 9 and noon, to help empty the boom. Since all we need to do is pile trash bags on the shore for Lewis to transport to their dumpster, volunteers are also welcome to come out any time that fits their schedule over the next two weeks.

To volunteer, please contact Bob Folwell at [rfolwell@schuylkillriver.org](mailto:rfolwell@schuylkillriver.org) or call 484-945-0200.

**Please note: The Schuylkill River Trail bridge will be closed to trail users throughout the cleanup, expected to last through early May.**  
[Learn more.](#)

**Paddlers should avoid the bridge area throughout the cleanup.**  
[Click here to learn more about the area to avoid](#)

[Read a Reading Eagle article about the cleanup](#)

**Join Us for an SRT Spree Earth Day Trail Cleanup**



We still have space for more volunteers to assist with our SRT Spree Trail Cleanups in Pottstown on April 20 & in Reading on April 21. We are particularly in need of volunteers at the Reading cleanup where we will greet the leaders of the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance as they ride through Reading on the first ever complete trail ride of the 9/11 alignment. All

volunteers will get SRT Spree swag; all aged 21 and up will get a voucher for one free SRT Ale. Please note: there are no spaces available for the cleanup at Lock 60 [Learn more or sign up](#)

## Schuylkill River Sojourn Registration is Open!



Join us as we celebrate the 20th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn from June 2-8, 2018! While registration has sold out for Saturday, Sunday and Monday June 2-4, we still have plenty of spaces available for June 5-8. [Learn more or register.](#)

We have two opportunities to participate in the sojourn for free!

[Click here to learn how you can be our Sojourn Steward for the whole trip](#)

[Click here to apply for our Bill Trace Award for first-time sojourners](#)

## Water Trail Guide Wins Another Award!



Our award-winning water trail guide, "A Paddler's Guide to the Schuylkill River Water Trail," was recently recognized with another award! The guide, designed by Brian Swisher, earned an honorable mention in the 2017 Map Design Competition of the Cartography and Geographic Information Society. The honorable mention was given for the category of recreation & travel maps. This is the second time the guide has been recognized for its excellence. Last year, the British Cartographic Society honored Swisher with two recognitions.

[Click here to learn more about the Water Trail Guide or to buy a copy](#)

[Click here for a list of Cartography and Geographic Information Soc. Winners](#)

## Register for a Pedal & Paddle!



Sign up today for one of 8 Schuylkill River Trail Pedal and Paddles being offered May through September. Our first round-trip bike/kayak trip takes place on May 19. Cost is \$40 per person. Food, bikes, kayaks and all kayaking gear are provided. Must be 16 or older to participate. All events limited to 15 participants. This year we have added two moonlight paddles, and two Lock 60 Pedal & Paddles!

[Click here to learn more or sign up.](#)

## Help us Plant a Pollinator Garden

Pollinator gardens help revive the health of bees, butterflies birds and other pollinators. Join us from 9am-noon on May 5



as we plant a pollinator garden and other plants to beautify Pottstown's Riverfront Park at 140 College Drive.

**[Register Now to Volunteer to Plant a Pollinator Garden](#)**

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