

Trail News, Summer Jobs & Upcoming Events

Douglassville Bridge Log Jam Clearing Continues

Half-Mile Section of the SRT will Remain Closed for Two More Weeks



Work is continuing on the removal of a log jam from under the Douglassville bike/pedestrian Bridge along the Thun Section of the Schuylkill River Trail, just west of Morlatton Village.

We have removed a staggering amount of trash from this pileup, and we can't thank our volunteers enough for helping us pull out thousands of plastic bottles and other debris. [Check out more photos](#)

[of the cleanup here.](#)



Please note: A half-mile section of the Schuylkill River Trail will continue to be closed to trail users throughout the cleanup, expected to last about two more weeks. [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](#)

Thank You to Our SRT Spree Volunteers!



Our fourth annual SRT Spree was a great success! We are particularly thankful to the 65 volunteers who came out to help us get the trail ready for spring. At three cleanups on April 20 & 21, in Pottstown, Reading and Mont Clare, volunteers removed over 100 bags of trash from the trail and river banks! The SRT Spree celebrates the seasonal return of [Sly Fox Brewery's SRT Ale](#). It also included a 50K

Relay Race, group kayak paddle and a Spree festival at Lock 60. [Learn more about how SRT Ale supports the trail.](#)



In Reading, volunteers paused their Brentwood Trailhead cleanup to greet the leaders of the [**September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance**](#) as they rode through Reading on the first ever complete trail ride of the 9/11 alignment. We were pleased to be able to play a small role recognizing these riders who are drawing attention to this important trail, which will link with a section of the Schuylkill River Trail.

Register for the Schuylkill River Sojourn by May 18 to Avoid the Late Fee!!!



Hard to believe that the 20th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn is a little over a month away!! Join us as we celebrate this milestone sojourn from June 2-8, 2018! While registration has sold out for Saturday, Sunday and Monday June 2-4, we still have spaces available for June 5-8. [**Learn more or register.**](#)

Applications for Sojourn Steward and Bill Trace Award due May 1!
Both provide opportunities to participate in the sojourn at no cost!

[**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**](#)

Help us Plant a Pollinator Garden



We are so excited for the new pollinator garden and other plantings that will beautify Riverfront Park in Pottstown on May 5th. But we need more volunteers! Pollinator gardens help revive the health of bees, butterflies birds and other pollinators. The new garden will consist of two beds planted on either side of a walkway to a newly constructed pavilion in the park. It will be highlighted by the beautiful artwork of artists Becky Morris, who carved a series of panels titled "A Glimpse of the Schuylkill River." We will also add plants to existing interpretive stations in the park.

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**](#)**

Join Our Paid Heritage Conservation Corps This

Summer



Here's a paid summer job opportunity that will provide hands-on trail building experience while allowing participants to explore careers and enjoy the outdoors. We are seeking six Schuylkill County residents between the ages of 17 & 24 to serve on our Heritage Conservation Corps this summer. [Learn more](#)

...Or Join the Valley Forge Youth Conservation Corps

This is a paid position is for young adults aged 15-18 at Valley Forge National Historical Park. The YCC promotes natural resource conservation and centers on the control of non-native invasive plants and animals in the park. Applications due May 10. [See full job description here.](#)

[Click here for application](#)

Get Ready for Paddling Season with our Water Trail Guide



Our award-winning water trail guide, "A Paddler's Guide to the Schuylkill River Water Trail," is chock full of all the information you need to paddle the river safely. This guide is so comprehensive that it has earned recognition nationally and internationally. Most recently it earned an honorable mention in the Cartography and Geographical Information Society's 2017 Map Design Competition. Last year, the British Cartographic Society honored the guide with two recognitions.

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

Register for a Pedal & Paddle!

Sign up today for one of 8 Schuylkill River Trail Pedal and Paddles being offered May through September. 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! **Our May Pedal & Paddle is sold out, but we still have spaces left on all other dates!**

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

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