

HikerHack

User Manual

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Landing Screen and User Creation

Upon navigating to the HikerHack website, you will be greeted by a welcome message inviting you to login or register. If you have used the website before and have login credentials, simply click on the “Login” link near the top right of the page, enter your email address and password on the subsequent screen, and move on to the next section.

If you do not already have user credentials, click on the “Register” link near the top right of the page to get started creating your profile. On the following screen, you’ll see the ***Register Here!*** message and four empty fields where you’ll need to enter your name and email address and then choose a secure password, which you’ll need to enter twice to help ensure accuracy.

Click on the “Register User” button once all the fields are completed and look for the ***User Registered Successfully*** message to verify your new credentials have been saved.

Finally, click on the “Login” link near the top right of the screen to return to the login page. Enter your email address and the password you’ve just chosen to log in.

Homepage

Once you’ve successfully logged in, you will arrive at the HikerHack homepage. A brief animation plays as the website title appears and a picture of a backpacking adventurer slides into place. Five links can be found near the top right of the page.

The “Home” link is an anchor to direct you back to the homepage from whichever screen you visit within the domain.

The next three links are the states on which HikerHack currently maintains trail information. By clicking on any of these, you can begin to refine your search for trail information.

The final link can be used to submit a trail review, which can be used to provide feedback about your experiences.

State Pages and Trails

HikerHack currently provides trail information for Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Each of the three state pages are set up similarly. By clicking on the state's name from the homepage, you are taken to that state's page and a list of available trails. You can access the other state pages via links at the top of each one.

Each state page shows a picture taken from each potential destination. Simply hover over any picture to see the name of the trail. From that point, click on the corresponding button below to get more information. Possible details include landmarks and attractions, hiking difficulty, environmental considerations, etc.

Each state page also contains a "Home" link to return to the HikerHack homepage and a link to submit a trail review.

Trail Reviews and Feedback

We at HikerHack strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information for every one of our trails. However, conditions are dynamic and each person's experience is unique. Therefore, we appreciate and rely on users to share their experiences, especially if something on the site is inaccurate.

To help facilitate this, a link to submit a trail review is located at the top of every page. The trail review screen is a simple form where you are asked to provide your name, the state where the trail you are reviewing is located, and then whatever information you believe would be helpful to share with the site administrators.

Any information provided will be carefully considered as part of our continuing effort to provide the most accurate and timely information possible.