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# **MORGAN TOWN**

## **WEEKEND**

### **JUNE 2 & 3**

**watch for hiking • canoeing •  
climbing • rafting & cycling  
trips**

# OPEN HOUSE

8:30 pm Thursdays

May 3

Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania  
How many of W. Pa.'s wildflowers can you recognize? Those of you who went on last month's wildflower hikes should be experts. Test your skill tonight!

May 10

Hawaii

Mary Leathen shows slides of a trip to Hawaii, including some spectacular volcanic eruptions. If you are interested in a cycling-hiking trip to Hawaii, sign up for the National AYH trip.

May 17

Canoeing

Canoe season is going strong! Gene Cone will share slides of some exciting moments on whitewater.

May 24

"Appalachian Trail"

A movie put out by the Appalachian Trail Conference on the most famous hiking trail in the country.

May 31

Bicycle Equipment Show

Are you interested in getting a bike but confused by the wide variety? Do you know which accessories are necessary? Can you handle the routine maintenance on your new bike? Several of our expert cyclists will answer these and many other questions.

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A Deadline May 10

GALA OPENING TRIP IS SUCCESS<sup>2</sup>

or

IT ALMOST NEVER RAINS ON A  
SINCERE CANOEIST!

by A. Canoeist

On Sunday, April 8, the "official" ice breaker canoe trip ran the Laurel Hill Creek. The day before the water had been too low, but fortunately it rained Saturday night and the water rose to a good medium level. This is a hard stream to catch up and we were all happy to paddle it.

All except for the insincere canoeists, that is. The threat of rain brought some excuses like:

"Well, I don't think my wife would like to paddle today."

"The weather doesn't look too good," and I don't want to risk spoiling my first trip."

"I would go but I loaned our canoe to a bunch of Boy Scouts."

Well, faint hearted--note well--not a drop of rain did fall to spoil our excursion. Eight of us had a very enjoyable trip!

What happened on the trip? We "played" in many of the rapids, and saw some AYH hikers on the bank. Dave Feingold set a new outdoor record for half-rolls, and Ed Klunder tried his hand at underwater tree climbing. This trick had been tried before by others and has proven conclusively not to be much fun. Shame on you Ed--you should know better!

The trip ended with a pleasant float through many small peaceful islands, and CANOE SEASON HAS STARTED FOR '73.

*May the river gods  
be kind to you  
this season!*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERS TRAIL BILLS

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Hikers, backpackers and supporters of the Appalachian Trail are pleased to learn that 2 bills have been introduced into the Pa. General Assembly which, if passed, will encourage hiking. Both bills were presented by Representative George Gekas, of Dauphin County, who spoke at a joint AYH-Sierra Club meeting on March 23.

H.B. 189 proposes the establishment of a scenic and recreation trails system for the state. It would provide for the "designation, administration, regulation and acquisition of trails, trail rights-of-way, connecting and side trails". The Appalachian Trail would be the initial component of the system.

H.B. 190 would allow the Department of Environmental Resources to protect and maintain the Appalachian Trail in Pa., including purchase of land, easements or eminent-domain where necessary.

Both bills would prohibit the use of motorized vehicles along the trails.

Hearing will be held during the month of May, but no hearing is presently scheduled for any city other than Harrisburg. Representative Harry Bittle is chairman of the sub-committee considering the bills.

If you are concerned, as an individual who enjoys the outdoors, let your congressmen know of your concerns.

Earth-Keeping requires positive action.

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## HEMISTOUR COVERS 5000 MILES

Greg and June Siple have been on the road seven months now. They expect to be pedaling for another two years.

They have negotiated 1700 miles of gravel road; they have been accompanied by other cyclists for parts of their tour. As they passed through Southern California, they were joined by Lloyd Marsh of Whiting, Iowa and Tom Robson of Waterloo, Ontario.

Their equipment was very carefully chosen -- from clothing for all weather to light weight camping gear and spare bicycle parts and tools.

We may hope to see some excellent pictures of their tour upon their return.

Best of Luck on the rest of HEMISTOUR.

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# May Trips and Trails

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The trips listed below are open to the public on a first come, first served basis, with AYH members having priority. Call the trip leader, if one is listed, to make reservations and to find out more about the trip: equipment needed, experience required, etc. Cost of a trip includes 10¢ for insurance, 30¢ for AYH registration and equipment rental, if any. Each tripper is insured up to \$500 for medical expenses. If you should decide to cancel your reservation for a trip, please call the trip leader and let him know.

- Sat. 5 CYCLING--Jay and Margaret Angel lead a 30 mile intermediate bike trip in an area to be announced. Meet at Headquarters at 8 am with lunch. For cost, place and reservations call Jay or Margaret at 362-5282.
- Sat. 5 CANOEING--If you have applied and been accepted, be ready for a great weekend of canoeing on the Connequessing at Camp Carondowanna.
- Sun. 6 Call Phil Mason, canoeing chairman, for further details 421-8763.
- Sun. 6 CYCLING--John Edwards is rescheduling his 60 mile Washington County trip for experienced riders only. Get in shape for those week-long National Trips, come ride. Leave Hdq. at 8:00 am or meet at 9 in South Park with lunch and about \$1. Reserve with John at 833-2682.
- Sun. 6 HIKING--Intermediate hike of about 10 miles in the Cheat Canyon, W. Va. Leave headquarters at 8:00 am SHARP! Cost about \$3.50. Reserve with Morie Oberg at 661-9043.
- Sun. 6 HIKING--Baker Trail--Section 4, Cochran's Mill to Idaho or "the other way back". 9 miles including the famous cable bridge. Cost about \$2 including transportation. Bring lunch, hiking boots and leave upper parking lot at 8:00 am. Cliff and Marilyn Ham lead. Reserve with them at 687-4960.
- Tue. 8 EVENING CYCLE--First night bike trip! With more daylight, the start of evening cycle trips has come. Join Jack Batchelar for an easy beginning bike trip through one of the city parks. Meet at headquarters at 6:30 pm with 25¢ plus rental. If you need a bike, reserve with Jack at 963-7868.
- Thu. 10 EVENING CYCLE--Join Cliff and Marilyn Ham on our second evening bike trip through one of the city parks. For reservations for a bike call them at 687-4960. Leave Hdq. at 6:30 with 25¢ plus rental.
- Sat. 12 CYCLING--For those of you who haven't sent in your reservations to for TOSRV, you might as well forget it now--they are filled!! But
- Sun. 13 Cliff Ham has come up with an easier 2 day 120 mile bike trip in the Tri-state area of Ohio, Pa and W. Va. along the Ohio River. Leave Hdq. at 7:30 am Saturday with camping equipment including mess kit and about \$10 for the trip. Experienced riders only. If interested, call Cliff at 687-4960. Get in shape for National trips this summer!
- Sat. 12 HIKING--Beginners hike with Gabe Stecz (824-3348). Time and place to be announced at Open House.
- Sun. 13 HIKING--Hike 10 mile of Chestnut Ridge near Uniontown. Leave Hdq. at 8:30 am, return by 6:00 with Fran Czapiewski (371-6696). Bring lunch, rain poncho, good hiking shoes and about \$2.00.

# MAY TRIPS AND TRAILS CONTINUED

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- Tue. 15 EVENING CYCLE--Join Roy Weil as he takes you through a city park on an easy beginner bike trip. Leave Hdq. at 6:30 pm with 25¢ plus rental. If you need a bike, reserve with Roy at 681-5131.
- Wed. 16 MAINTAINENCE AND HANDLING CYCLE MEETING--Are you interested in leading a bike trip this summer? Come over to Hdq about 7:30 pm and learn from Jack Batchelar about maintainence and handling of a 10 speed bike.
- Thu. 17 EVENING CYCLE--Mike Hurwitz is leading the trip tonight. Call Mike at 731-1083 for bike rental reservation. Leave Hdq. at 6:30 pm with 25¢ plus rental fee.
- Sat. 19 HIKING--Koring Tail hike for beginners, of about 8 miles. Leave Hdq. at 8:30 am. Reserve with Norm Braun (563-0205). Cost about \$2.
- Sat. 19 CYCLING--Mary Bricka leads an easy, leisurely 25 mile trip in North Park area for those over 21 years of age. Right on, none of you fast pacing teenagers who zip out ahead of others; just a nice leisurely slow adult ride for those of you who aren't in any hurry. Leave Hdq. at 9:00 am with lunch and \$1 plus rental. For reservations call Mary at 431-6491.
- Sun. 20 HIKING--Don Hoecker (243-8298) and The Mr. H. Pollock will lead a 10 mile intermediate hike in the infamous Pithole city area. Leave Hdq. at 8:30 am.
- Sun. 20 HIKING--Baker Trail--Section 6, from Atwood Shelter to Milo Weaver Shelter, 10 miles. See two delightful shelters, one in "Christmas Tree" area, P. Lees; the other on the Weaver Farm. Dave Porterfield will lead, leaving the upper parking lot at 8:00 am. Cost about \$2.50. Bring lunch.
- Sun. 20 CYCLING--Mike LaMark leads an intermediate 35 mile covered bridge trip in Washington County. Leave Hdq. at 8:00 am with \$2 and lunch. Reserve with Mike at 921-1801, limited to 12 people.
- Tue. 22 EVENING CYCLE--This time Larry Giventer is leading the way through one of the city parks bikeways. If you need a bike, reserve with Larry at 422-9282. Cost 25¢ plus rental. Leave Hdq. at 6:30 pm.
- Thu. 24 EVENING CYCLE--Cliff and Marilyn Ham lead the beginners trip through the city parks. For reservations contact them at 687-4960. Bring 25¢ plus rental in time for departure at 6:30 pm.
- Fri. 25 BACKPACKING--Memorial Day Weekend Backpack trip to Wolf Gap area of George Washington National Forest. Leave AYH 6:30 pm Friday night.
- Mon. 28 Trip size limited to 12, reservations necessary. Call Larry Giventer at 422-9282 or 621-3500 x7544.
- Fri. 25 CYCLING WEEKEND--Mike LaMark is thinking of leading a weekend ride to along whatever portions of the C&O Canal were not washed away last summer during hurricane Agnes. Bring camping gear and be prepared for almost any kind of riding. Experienced riders only. Cost between \$10-25. Leave Hdq. Friday at 7:00 pm. For more information and reservations call Mike at 921-1801.

Wanted - someone with experience, or willing to learn to maintain Hostel bikes for Thursday evening trips. See Jack Batchelar at Oden House on Thursday.

- Fri. 25 CYCLE RALLY--Great Eastern Bicycle Rally is being held in Frederick to Maryland. Hosted by the Potomac Peddlers and Baltimore Bicycle Club.
- Mon. 28 There will be many events. For more info and cost check with Gail Lichtenstein after May 2 at 521-8141 or at AYH on a bulletin board. Cost between \$10-25.
- Mon. 21 10-SPEED CLASS--Gary Ludwig conducts a class on the shifting of a 10-speed bike. Show up at Hdq. at 7:00 pm if you want to learn more about your bike.
- Tue. 29 EVENING CYCLE--This time Ginny Akabane leads you through the city parks on an easy trip. For reservations contact her at 682-6908 after 5:30 pm. Meet at Hdq. at 6:30 with 25¢ plus rental.
- Thu. 31 EVENING CYCLE--Joe Hoechner is leading you beginners through the parks. Come to Hdq. with 25¢ plus rental. If you need a bike, reserve with Joe at 343-2465.
- June 2-3 MORGANTOWN WEEKEND--Plan to come on the Morgantown Weekend, first weekend in June. There will be rafting, canoeing, hiking and socializing. Call Mike or Marta Hurwitz for reservations at 731-1083.

June 23--CLARION RIVER CANOE FLOAT, sponsored by the Clarion Chamber of Commerce and the Ecological Dept. of Clarion State College. This will be a 4-5 hour leisurely trip, with time out for lunch along the river. Leave Cooks Forest between 9-10 and run to the mouth of Mill Creek. No entry fee, no application necessary. Registration between 9-10 at Cooks Forest. Each tripper will be given a detailed map of the run with points of special interest marked in red. Any sort of boat is welcome on the trip as long as it does not have a motor. Shuttle service from Mill Run back to Cooks Forest will be provided for canoeists only. The purpose of the Float is to arouse awareness of the beauty in Western Pa. and to emphasize the danger to this area in pollution damage. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a fishing derby the same day, and you're welcome to bring your fishing gear and try for bass, trout or other! The Clarion River was once one of the best bass streams in the country and it is starting to come back. In case of torrential rain, June 30.

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NEW HIKING GUIDE AVAILABLE--During 1972 a committee of about 20 scouted many of the known and unknown trails of W. Va.'s 800,000 acre Monongahela National Forest. The results of their efforts are now available in the form of a Hiking Guide to Monongahela National Forest and Vicinity. It is 90 pages, illustrated, describes over 100 trails, costs \$1.50. Available from Bruce Sundquist at Open House, or send check (payable to AYH) to Hdq.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN NEEDED--We are soon to lose our present chairman. If you are interested in volunteering your service to AYH, contact Ginny Akabane at 682-6908 after 5:30 pm. Thanks for your help.

LINK POPTERFIELD became an AYH member at 12:21 am, Friday, March 16, 1973. He weighed in at 6 lbs, 6 oz, and was 20" long. He's not ready for AYH activities, but Nan and Dave hope to bet Link out before the summer is over.

WENDY LYNN HURST also became an AYH member Friday, March 23, weighing in at 9 lbs 2 oz! Jim is busy with many household improvements since the addition.

Best to both sets of new parents!





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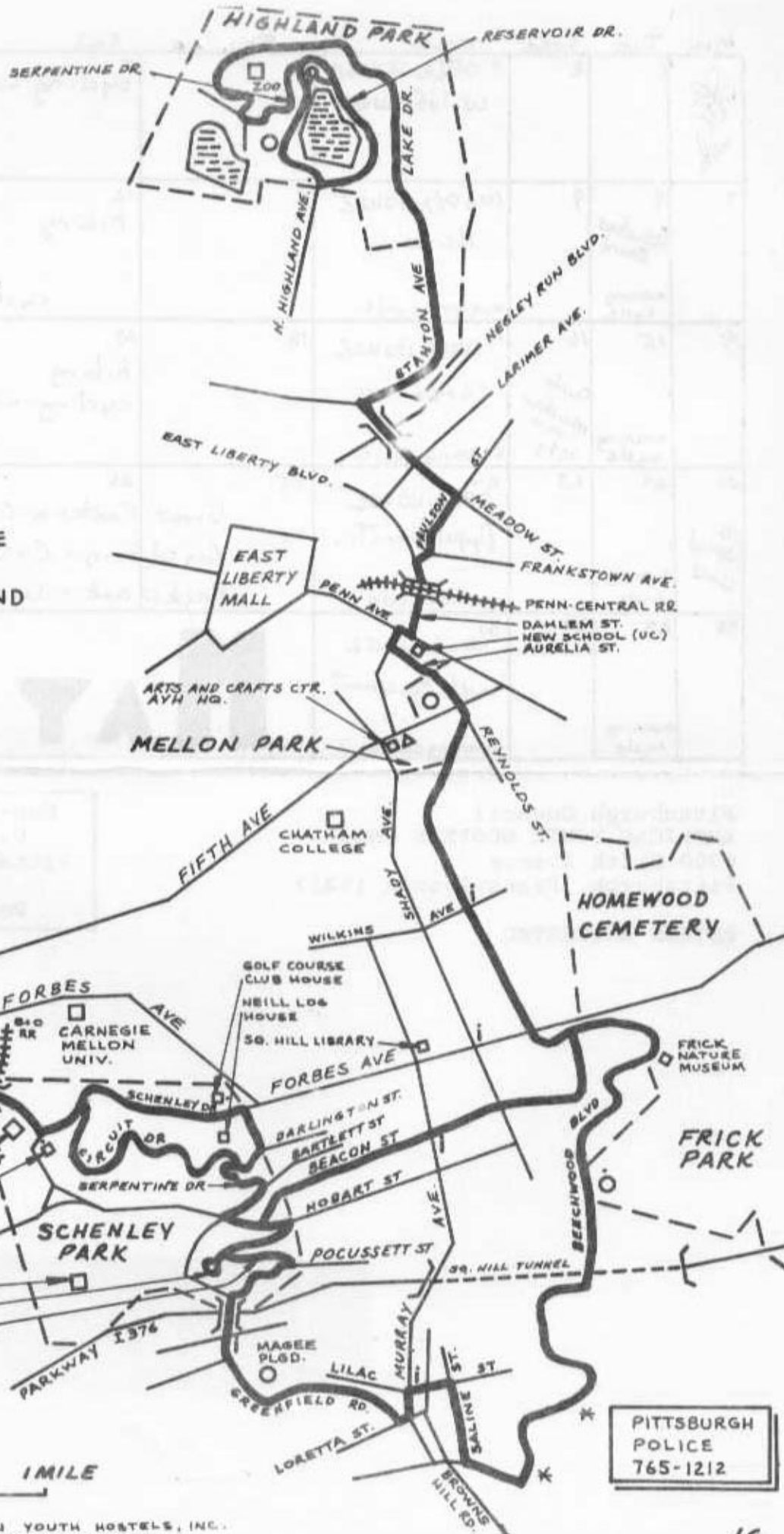
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 		2	3 OPEN HOUSE Wildflowers	4	5 cycling - 30	6 cycling - 60 hiking - 10 hiking - Baker Tr. #4
7	8 Activities Board evening cycle	9	10 OPEN HOUSE Hawaii evening cycle	11	12 hiking cycle weekend - 120!	13 hiking
14	15 evening cycle	16 Cycle Maintenance mtg.	17 OPEN HOUSE Canoeing evening cycle	18	19 hiking cycling - adult?	20 hiking hiking - Baker Tr. #4 cycling
21 10' speed class	22 evening cycle	23	24 OPEN HOUSE Appalachian Tr. evening cycle	25 Great Eastern Cycle Rally Cycling - C&O Canal Backpack - Wolf Gap	26	27
28	29 evening cycle	30	31 OPEN HOUSE Cycle Equipment evening cycle	<b>MAY '73</b>		

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