

Volunteer! Our volunteer program provides detailed training and opportunities for volunteers who commit to serving on a monthly basis. The conservation volunteers typically visit PHLT nature preserves each month to monitor any litter / dumping problems, invasive plants, notify us of downed trees, etc. Volunteers will meet new people & wildlife in the woods and will learn valuable conservation tips and best land management practices, and become important Pocono Heritage Land Trust ambassadors! Our next Volunteer Orientation will be on February 7th at 11am - 1pm at the Castle Inn (main floor). Email info@phlt.org to register!

A simple way to support Pocono Heritage Land Trust...Like us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Lori Colgan . . . a special thanks

Over the past decade, Lori has been a constant force for land and water conservation as a member of PHLT's Board. Most recently Lori has also helped PHLT transition between Executive Directors as an interim Executive Director and coordinator for PHLT's partnership with the William Penn Foundation's Delaware River Watershed Initiative. In this capacity, Lori spearheaded PHLT planning in two area DRWI land protection clusters (Pocono Kittatinny and Upper Lehigh) and worked tirelessly to complete funding proposals to Wm Penn Foundation for 2018-20 Phase II funding. This effort will allow PHLT to continue our land protection efforts and conservation education efforts throughout the Poconos.

Thank you, Lori!

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Winter, 2017/18

Be...in nature



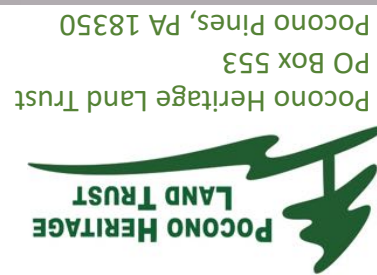
SAT, JANUARY 20 PHLT Cross Country Skiing Adventure
 SUN, FEBRUARY 11 PHLT Winter Snowshoe Adventure
 THURS, MARCH 1 PHLT Full Moon Night Hike
 SUN, MARCH 4 PHLT Raven Walk
 SAT, MARCH 10 PHLT Raven Walk
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 SUN, APRIL 15 Shrinin-Yoku Walk & Yoga
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 SAT, APRIL 21 NCC Earth Day
 SUN, MAY 6-9 PHLT Watercolor Workshop
 SAT, AUGUST 11 Creek SK 2018

MEMBER ADDRESS:

"There's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing," Sir Ramulph Fiennes

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Have an idea for an event? Share your suggestions with Cindy by phone at (570) 424-1514 or by email: info@phlt.org
 You can become a member of PHLT and receive news and event updates directly to your email by signing up on our website www.phlt.org
 Join us... Register online at www.phlt.org



Events Feature:

Jan & Feb: Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

It's never too chilly to get out and connect with nature during #PASnowDays. The Pocono Mountains are a sight to see all year round! PHLT's nature preserves are here for you! Bundle up and come join us!

Feature Article:

The Kurmes Paradise Creek Preserve ~ Wild Places



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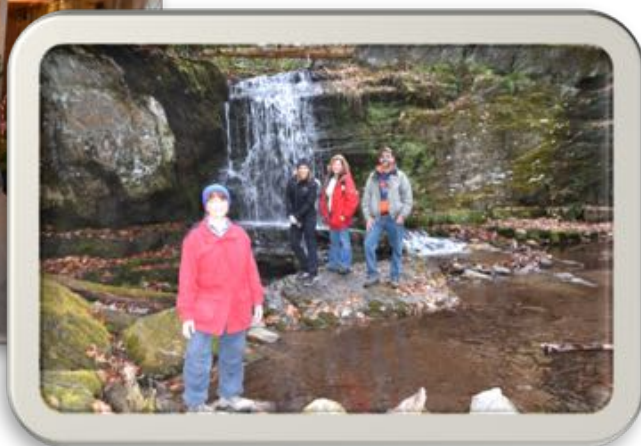
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Holiday Nature Hikes and Winter Fair celebrated at Castle Inn, Del Water Gap

A cool Winter's day in December brought out two groups of hikers to explore the Delaware Water Gap natural areas including Diana's Bath waterfall lead by Cindy Miano, our Executive Director, and Don Miller, past PHLT President and Naturalist shared his knowledge and love of nature. The Winter Fair featured live music by Roy Emiliani on clavichord and chimes, refreshments, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, information stations, interactive kids fun, holiday shopping and more! Thank you to Roy Emiliani, [Fun & Fancy Faces](#), Santa, Daniel Ferron and everyone who helped and came out to [#ShopSmall](#) & hiked with us!



Traceless

Message from PHLT Executive Director, Cindy Miano

I am happy to announce that PHLT will be launching a "Traceless" educational program that will begin in the Spring of 2018. With the growing problems over everyday littering to dumping household trash and construction debris, it's a great time to educate Pocono residents and guests. We will explain how littering affects everyone and even how a discarded banana peel can harm the ecosystem. I am excited about the opportunity to spread the word and work to improve this littering issue, as it has become a trend here in the Poconos.



Nature's Show...Places to go

Alex and Lillian Kurmes PARADISE CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

"Where the Paradise Begins"

by Don Miller



Monuments to Nature in the Devils Hole . . . A Precious Piece of Paradise Preserved

If one takes just a few short minutes and looks deeper into the landscape of the Poconos that surrounds us as we engage in the comings and goings of our daily lives, there are "monuments to the forces of nature" everywhere we look. Shaped by wind and water and fire and ice, our landscape is alive with stories to tell of the geologic history and earth-building cycles that have shaped the land beneath our feet and before our eyes.

Delaware Water Gap, Big Pocono, Appalachian Blue Ridge, the Pocono Escarpment separating the tabletop plateaus and tannic flowing waters of Tobyhanna Creek west to the Lehigh and the swifter glacier-influenced deep cut water courses of the Brodhead Creek plummeting south and east to the Delaware – all bear witness to the violent geology that has shaped our Pocono past and still significantly influences how we build our Pocono future.

Monuments to these forces of nature that have in passing sculpted every inch of our Pocono landscape lie hidden everywhere before us under blankets of forests, fields, centuries of human endeavors and now in this winter season – a snowy blanket of white. This is the prime season to explore these outdoor landscapes for the best views of nature's handiwork. The "fortunes of seasons" in our corner of northeastern Pennsylvania that brings an annual autumn leaf drop followed inevitably by a blanket of winter white throws open wide the viewing doors to these fantastic natural viewsheds and invites us to explore deeper into our unique natural landscapes.

In Monroe County's Paradise Valley, the Devils Hole region is a beautiful nature landscape to explore that harbors many secrets of the past and glimpses into the forces of nature. Devils Hole Creek and Falls, Paradise Creek and Falls, Tank Creek and Falls, Mill Creek and Falls, Rattlesnake Creek and Falls all surrounding and linked by Seven Pines Mountain and State Gamelands #221 are many locally known natural features that have lured summer visitors and winter explorers for over a century to this mountainous landscape. More on our blog: <https://poconoheritage.blogspot.com/>