

THE BERKS CONSERVANCY

The Berks Conservancy is a non-profit, charitable organization who is the leading agent for the conservation of the environment in Berks County. The Berks Conservancy connects people to nature through land protection, trail creation, water protection, land use projects, community gardens, municipal relationships, education, and events, such as nature walks, for the community.

We welcome your involvement! Learn more about our local programs that help keep Berks County a nice place to live, work, learn and play!

- Eco-Adventure Camp
www.ecoadventurecamp.com
- Greater Reading Trails
www.greaterreadingtrails.com
- Land and Water Protection
- State of the Environment
- Guided Hikes
and Nature Walks
- GreenBerks.com
- Urban Gardens
- Green Drinks
- Events and Lectures
- Nature Preserves

BECOME A MEMBER!



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Hike the Trails?
Get the gear!

Greater Reading Trails
hats, shirts and trail
patches available at
www.greaterreadingtrails.com

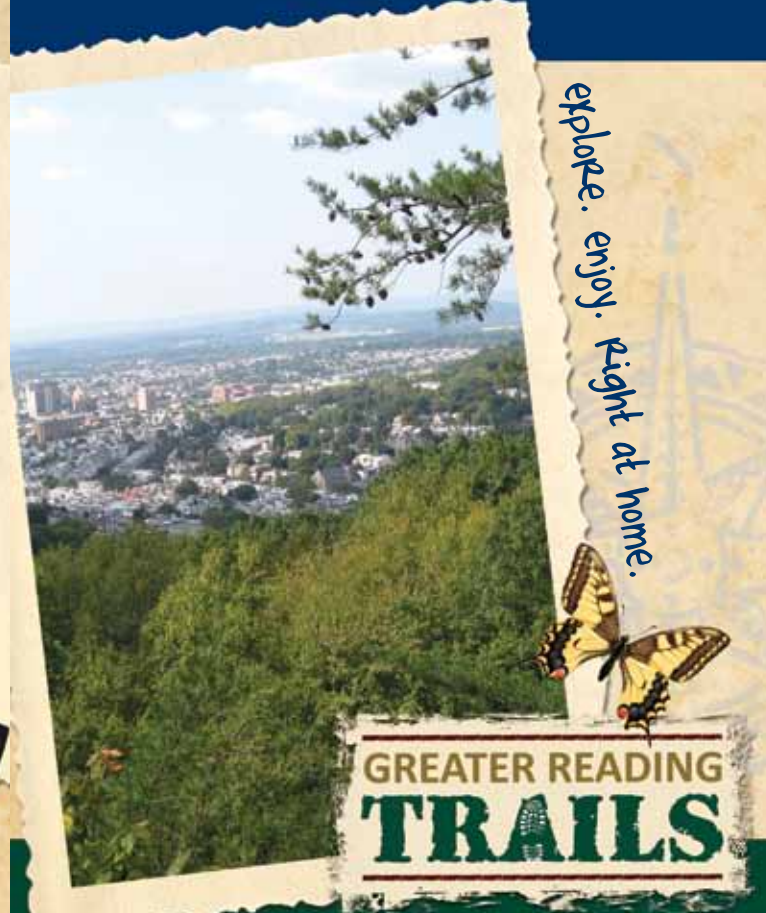


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The Berks Conservancy is grateful for the support of the William Penn Foundation. They have helped to make our Greater Reading Trail projects and partnerships a great success.



NEVERSINK MOUNTAIN TRAIL GUIDE



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Brought to you by the Berks Conservancy

NEVERSINK MOUNTAIN



The City of Reading is fortunate to be surrounded by several natural treasures including; Neversink Mountain, Mount Penn, and the Schuylkill River. The Berks Conservancy has invested much time and many resources over the past fifteen years to ensure that the 900-acre Neversink Mountain remains as open space for the benefit of the city residents and general public that visit the mountain. As a result, we own nearly 500-acres of Neversink that connects trails from one end of the mountain to the other. Neversink Mountain is hugged on the south by the Schuylkill River and to the north by the City of Reading. This provides breathtaking vistas for your enjoyment, most popular are the City Overlook and the Witches Hat (McIlvain Pavilion). Neversink Mountain is home to an abundance of flora and fauna. During your visit you may encounter deer, turkeys, a variety of birds, small mammals, amphibians – and Neversink Mountain is known for a diverse population of butterflies and moths.

TRAIL SAFETY

- No restroom facilities, drinking water, or telephones currently exist on the mountain, so please plan your hike accordingly.
- Observe the Trailhead you use to access the trails. The map identifies several landmarks and physical structures to help with orienting yourself on the mountain.
- We recommend that you carry a phone with you during your visit. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.
- Hunting is permitted to an approved, limited number of individuals on the mountain. If your visit is during a hunting season please wear bright colors, or plan your visit for a Sunday when hunting is not permitted.
- Motorized All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or dirt bikes are not permitted on the trail system. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

GREATER READING
TRAILS



You can view and download additional free trail guides, a large Greater Reading Trail Map, and other trail links at www.greaterreadingtrails.com. Get outside and explore what Greater Reading has to offer today!

TRAIL ETHICS

Treat the land that the trail crosses and its neighbors with respect and care. All hikers and cyclists should keep to the trail's defined footway; shortcuts cause erosion, damage sensitive plants; confuse other hikers, and may violate property rights. By leaving little or no trace of your presence, you help preserve the mountain for future enjoyment.

Prior to our involvement, a majority of Neversink Mountain was privately owned. Fourteen private homes and properties still exist on the mountain today and we encourage you to respect our neighbors and their private property.

NEVERSINK MOUNTAIN



TRAIL LOOPS

Blue Loop: Begins at Gate 6, 10th and South Streets. Follows the Neversink North Trail to the West Woodland Trail, and West Valley Trail.
 Rating: Steep and Rocky. Trail Length 2.32 miles.
 Hiking Time: approx. 1.5 hours
 Points of Interest: Former Quarry View Point, Neversink Reservoir.

Green Loop: Begins at Gate 1, 27th Street. Follows the St. Lawrence Trail to the Promenade Trail loop, and East Ridge Trail.
 Rating: Easy. Trail Length: 2.66 miles.
 Hiking time: 1 hr.
 Points of Interest: Witch's Hat Pavillion.

Purple Loop: Begins at the Exeter Trail, Gate 5-Forest Hills Pond Parking. Follows the Klapperthal Trail, to the Upper Glen Trail, and Neversink North Trail.
 Rating: Moderate. Trail Length: 3.47 miles.
 Hiking time: 1.5 hours
 Points of Interest: Klapperthal Park, Tressel, Witch's Hat Pavillion.

Orange Loop: Access trail from Gate 6 (10th & South St.) and Gate 5 (Klapperthal lot). Follows Neversink North Trail to the Upper Glen Trail, Neversink South Trail, and West Valley Trail.
 Rating: Long, Moderate. Trail Length: 4.49 miles.
 Hiking time: 3 hours.

TRAIL DISTANCE

East Ridge	.85 mi
St. Lawrence Trail	.85 mi
Neversink Trail North	1.48 mi
Neversink Trail South	1.5 mi
Promenade Trail	.5 mi
West Woodland Trail	.93 mi
Upper Glen Trail	.93 mi
Klapperthal Trail	.54 mi
Cove Trail	.47 mi
West Valley Trail	.54 mi
Highland Trail	.49 mi

SUPPORT OUR TRAILS!

Become a member of the Berks Conservancy.

Your member support provides:

- Continued free admission to all visitors every day of the year.
- A unique sanctuary for the community to experience nature.
- Educational experiences to promote green living.
- Newsletters to update you on events and our ongoing efforts.

Giving Levels:

William Penn Society	\$5,000+
Schuylkill River Society	\$2,500-4,999
Leadership Circle	\$1,000-2,499
Watershed Circle	\$500-999
Conservationist	\$250-499
Land Steward	\$100-249
Family	\$50-99
Friend	Up to \$49
Amount of Donation	\$ _____

You can also donate online. Visit our website at berks-conservancy.org.

Payment Information

Name: _____
Please print your name as you wish to be listed.

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My check payable to the Berks Conservancy is enclosed.

Please charge my: VISA MC

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVC Code _____
(Security code on the back of the credit card)

I would like more information about the Berks Conservancy.

- Volunteer opportunities.
- Protecting my land.
- Please subscribe me to the e-newsletters, "Conservation in your Community" and "Green Tips".
(Be sure to include your email address in the space provided above.)
- Remembering the Berks Conservancy in my will or estate plans through the Woodland Society.

The official registration and financial information of Berks County Conservancy may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.