

Northampton Protect Lands and Trails in the Pennsylvania Highlands

Northampton County protected lands include public and non-public fee and easement lands within the Pennsylvania Highlands. Trails include local and regional hiking trails and water trails.

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Introduction

The Appalachian Mountain Club has compiled the protected lands, public and non-public fee and easement lands, as well as local and regional hiking trails and water trails that are within the Pennsylvania Highlands within the county of Northampton. Regional hiking and water trails are within a minimum of 3 municipalities. Local hiking trails are within one or two municipalities. Hiking trails include both on and off road trails.

This compilation is meant to be a resource for those living and working in the Pennsylvania Highlands. However, because protection of lands and trail development are constantly evolving, please understand that the information in this guide will also change. While we will do our best to keep the information current, please make sure to check other sources and the internet for the most current information.

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Total GIS Acreage	241,320
GIS Acres within the PA Highlands	67,313
% of County within the PA Highlands	28%

Bethlehem City		9,616 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	14	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	392	4%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	5	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		411	4%
Lands Protected Since 2012		5	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.9	
Regional Land Trails		1.7	
Water Trails		6.0	
Total		12.6	

Regional hiking and water trails within Bethlehem City include the D & L Trail and Lehigh River and Saucon Creek Water Trails.

Bethlehem Township		9,309 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	90	1%
County	Fee	104	1%
Municipality	Fee	306	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	16	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	46	< 1%
Total		562	6%
Lands Protected since 2012		13	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		6.2	
Regional Land Trails		3.0	
Water Trails		2.1	
Total		11.3	

Regional hiking and water trails within Bethlehem Township include the D & L Trail and Lehigh River Water Trail.

Easton City		2,993 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	23	1%
County	Fee	1	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	356	12%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	2	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		384	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		2	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.0	
Regional Land Trails		6.0	
Water Trails		7.3	
Total		14.3	

Regional hiking and water trails within Easton City include the D & L Trail, Lehigh River Water Trail and the Delaware River Water Trail.

Forks Township		7,877 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	3	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	271	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	187	2%
Total		461	6%
Lands Protected Since 2012		36	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		10.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		2.8	
Total		13.3	

Regional water trail within Forks Township includes the Delaware River Water Trail.

Freemansburg Borough		474 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	32	7%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		34	7%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		1.6	
Water Trails		0.6	
Total		2.2	

Regional hiking and water trails within Freemansburg Borough include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Glendon Borough		396 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	0	0%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		0	0%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0	

Hellertown Borough		846 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	111	13%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		111	13%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.1	
Regional Land Trails		1.4	
Water Trails		0.2	
Total		1.7	

Regional hiking and water trails within Hellertown Borough include the Saucon Rail-Trail and the Saucon Creek Water Trail

Lower Saucon Township		15,672 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	29	< 1%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	1,056	7%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	6	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	268	2%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	72	< 1%
Total		1,431	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		100	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		1.5	
Regional Land Trails		4.6	
Water Trails		6.1	
Total		5.4	

Regional hiking and water trails within Lower Saucon Township include the Saucon Rail-Trail and the Lehigh River and Saucon Creek Water Trails.

Palmer Township		6,919 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	619	9%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	9	< 1%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		628	9%
Lands Protected Since 2012		18	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		9.7	
Regional Land Trails		1.5	
Water Trails		0.2	
Total		11.4	

Regional hiking and water trails within Palmer Township include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Tatamy Borough		358 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	12	3%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		12	3%
Lands Protected Since 2012		4	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.5	
Regional Land Trails		0	
Water Trails		0	
Total		0.5	

West Easton Borough		212 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	17	8%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		17	8%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0	
Regional Land Trails		0.2	
Water Trails		0.3	
Total		0.5	

Regional hiking and water trails within West Easton Borough include the D & L Trail and the Lehigh River Water Trail.

Williams Township		11,901 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	128	1%
County	Fee	27	< 1%
Municipality	Fee	119	1%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	2	< 1%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	726	6%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	622	5%
Total		1,624	14%
Lands Protected Since 2012		122	
Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		4.2	
Regional Land Trails		6.6	
Water Trails		4.9	
Total		15.7	

Regional hiking and water trails within Williams Township include the D & L Trail, the Lehigh River Water Trail and the Delaware River Water Trail.

Wilson Borough		740 GIS Acres	
Public Landowner	Type	GIS Acres	% of Municipality
Federal	Fee	0	0%
State	Fee	0	0%
County	Fee	0	0%
Municipality	Fee	46	6%
Non-Public Landowner			
NGO/Non-Profit Organization	Fee	0	0%
Private Landowner	Conservation Easement	0	0%
Private Farm Owner	Agricultural Easement	0	0%
Total		46	6%
Lands Protected Since 2012		0	

Trails		GIS Miles	
Local Land Trails		0.8	
Regional Land Trails		0.2	
Water Trails		0	
Total		1.0	

Regional hiking trail within Wilson Borough includes the D & L Trail.