

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Brandywine Trail End-to-End Hike**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Take the challenge of hiking 36 miles in one day! The Wilmington Trail Club's 57th annual hike of the Brandywine Trail starts at the Horseshoe Trail near Ludwig's Corner, Pennsylvania, and ends in the Brandywine Creek State Park near Wilmington, Delaware. The trail wanders down the scenic Brandywine Creek Valley through parks, farms, pastures and woods, and along country roads. About one third of the hike is on roads, including a few miles at the start and more around Lenape. The scenic sections where the trail closely follows the creek more than compensate for this.

You can set your own pace and enjoy food and drink at the three rest stops/checkpoints after 13, 23, and 29 miles. If you are unable to complete the hike, a shuttle service is available at the checkpoints, and will return you to Brandywine Creek State Park. Our participants generally expect to reach at least the 23-mile mark, and most people finish the hike.

**NEW FOR 2019:** Due to the new insurance requirement, registration is limited to the first 100 participants to return their signed registration form and check. Participation in the short warm-up on April 6<sup>th</sup> is limited to the first 50 hikers to sign-in with the hike leader at Brandywine Creek State Park on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note: Although the terrain is not difficult, this is a serious long-distance hike and requires adequate preparation. Participants must be experienced hikers, comfortable with distances of at least 25 miles.**

Please note the following cut-off times. You must clear the checkpoints by the following times:

Downingtown	13 miles	10:30 am	
Lenape	23 miles	2:30 pm	
Twin Bridge	29 miles	4:30 pm	
BCSP	36 miles	6:30 pm	Closing at 7 pm

Be sure to prepare for this event with substantial warm-up hikes. Official club warm-ups will be held on March 30 and April 6 enabling you to familiarize yourself with the trail.

<b>Organizer:</b>	Jenny Goodall (H: 302-750-3175), jennifergoodall@comcast.net
<b>Registrar:</b>	Linda Jones (H: 302-383-1088), LLJones926@gmail.com
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Main parking lot in Brandywine Creek St. Park, off Adams Dam Rd.
<b>Check in and board buses:</b>	4:45 a.m.
<b>Buses depart from BCSP:</b>	5:00 a.m. sharp
<b>Hike begins:</b>	6:00 a.m. (rain or shine)
<b>Cost</b> (includes bus, food, t-shirt and trail guide):	\$45 Members or \$55 Nonmembers.
<b>Registration deadline:</b>	March 29, 2019 <b>NO GUARANTEE OF BUS SEAT OR T-SHIRT FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE</b>
<b>Money refunded for cancellation prior to:</b>	April 6, 2019

**IMPORTANT:** Registrants younger than 18 years old must have parent/guardian's permission and be accompanied by an adult during the hike.

To register, fill out the liability release and registration form to be posted on the club website in January. Send the entire page with your check to: Linda Jones, 303 Alders Drive, Wilmington DE 19803. To acquire extra registration forms, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope, or email for electronic copy to registrar.