
HIKE

What is the WTC?

The Wilmington Trail Club, founded in 1939, is an organization of outdoor-oriented people who like to hike, paddle, cycle and ski.

The monthly Bulletin lists almost 400 events each year: one-day trips and trips of several days for backpacking, kayaking, canoeing, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and car and canoe camping. Most events are in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Maryland, but some extend to other parts of the U.S. (Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New Hampshire) and the world. Trip leaders are club members who contribute their time, expertise, and effort.

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What we do

Hiking

- **Saturday hikes:** All day, 10 to 15 + miles; for example, a section of the Appalachian Trail in PA or NJ.
- **Short hikes on Saturday (SOS):** 5 to 8 miles in DE, MD and PA.
- **Sunday hikes:** Half day, 5 to 8 miles; for example, French Creek State Park, Pa.
- **Wednesday day hikes**— Two options: 8 to 10, *or* 10 to 14 miles starting at 9 a.m.; for example, Brandywine or White Clay Creek State Parks.

BIKE – PADDLE

- **Wednesday evening hikes**—3 to 5 miles, starting at 6 p.m. from April through October, often followed by supper at a local restaurant; for example, a Wilmington city hike, Newark, or New Castle. In the winter, November through March, twice a month.
- **Thursday “Short & Easy” hikes:** 3 to 5 miles in DE and nearby in PA, MD and NJ, starting at about 10:00 a.m. and always including lunch out.
- **Weekend hiking** – Trips are scheduled from May to November staying overnight at local B&B's and lodges in such places as: Hickory Run State Park, World's End State Park, Promised Land State Park, Susquehannock State Forest, and Chincoteague, VA.

Backpacking: 2 or 3-day trips from April through October to picturesque mountain areas. Most trips are moderately strenuous and vary in length from 5 to 10 miles per day. Recent trips have been to Massanutten Mountain and Shenandoah National Park, VA, and on the Appalachian Trail.

Bicycle Rides: Tuesdays, starting at 10:00 a.m., about 30 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Average speed is 12 mph. with lunch along the way; for example, Middletown DE to Sassafras River MD and return.

Cross-Country Skiing: On winter weekends in January and February in northern PA and New York with a one-week trip to places like Lake Placid, NY and Val-David, Quebec, Canada.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI

Canoeing and Kayaking: Most weekends from March through October on white and/or flat water, for example, the Lehigh River in PA or the Brandywine.

- **Special Training:** Each spring, WTC offers American Canoe Association certified training in white water and flat-water paddling.
- **Overnight Trips:** to various rivers including the Yough, Stoney, Gauley, and Deerfield.

Service Projects: The WTC performs regular trail maintenance on the Brandywine, Mason-Dixon, Horseshoe and Appalachian Trails. Dedicated Club members devote many hours of love and labor to these trails.

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What are the benefits of membership?

- Experiencing outdoor beauty
 - Meeting friendly, interesting people of all ages
 - Going on trips planned and organized by experienced leaders
 - Learning about good places for hiking, biking, paddling, and skiing
 - Improving your health and fitness
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What does it cost?

Membership dues are:

Individual: \$18, Household: \$30

Mailed Bulletin: add \$17

Trip costs are kept to a minimum.



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Everyone is welcome!
