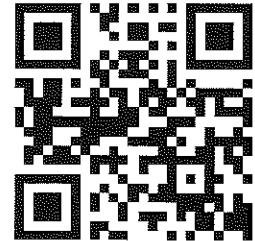


SWATARA
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Swatara News

29th Swatara Sojourn—Let the River Lead You.

We set out to help Mother Nature, and got Power Washed instead.

Two scout troops and other paddlers did their best to leave the Swatara better than they found it by pulling out trash. However, the water was a little high and cloudy from the rain, and trash was hard to see. Over two days, paddlers experienced additional rain and a few flips in the cool water, but no one complained. At the Lickdale KOA Campground, speaker David Weisnicht from Fort Indiantown Gap, shared about the "Dark Skys" Conservation Program along the Kittatinny Ridge, and on Sunday, Jeanne Ortiz with Audubon Pennsylvania and Brooks Mountcastle with the Appalachian Trail Coalition shared their stories. The Sojourn is a real community effort with municipalities like Annville, the City of Lebanon, North Lebanon, North Londonderry, and West Lebanon providing proclamations of support, and generous sponsors who helped to keep the day affordable. Check out the picture album on our Facebook Page, "Swatara Water Trail." <https://www.facebook.com/Swatara-Water-Trail-86311524094/>

Thank you all! Mark your calendar for the 1st weekend in May 2018 for the 30th anniversary float. PS: Need a speaker? Contact us.

Swatara Watershed Weekend, a Culinary Event

July 14-16 at a restaurant near you.

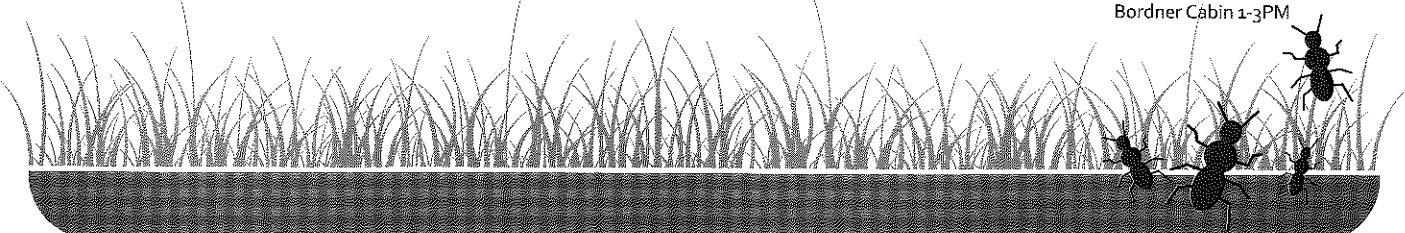
The 1st Annual Swatara Watershed Weekend is a Culinary Event throughout the Watershed at multiple Watershed Eateries who have signed on to donate a percentage of their proceeds to the Swatara Watershed Association to support clean water, and projects like the Bordner Cabin, Water Trail, and Park. Anticipate specialty dishes and drinks made from **fish, snapper turtles**, and of course with our **clean water** from the Swatara Creek delivered by local water companies to our homes and businesses. Check our participating restaurants at www.SwataraWatershed.com. Additional donations to help support Swatara Watershed projects are welcome via PayPal from the same web page.

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Important Dates

- 07/05 Watermelon @ the Waterworks cleanup 9:30AM
- 07/14-16 Swatara Watershed Weekend, a Culinary Event at eateries throughout the Watershed.
- 09/24 Hike & History Tour to Bordner Cabin 1-3PM



The Swatara Water Trail

To print new maps, First Energy Foundation awarded a \$3500 grant to the Swatara Watershed Association.



A matching grant from POWR would multiply the project to sign two new trailheads, one at Schiavoni Park in Dauphin County, and the other near Harper's Tavern, just off of Route 934 in Lebanon County.

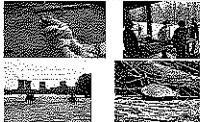
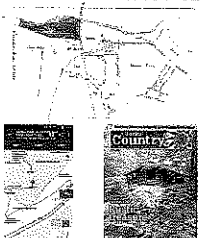
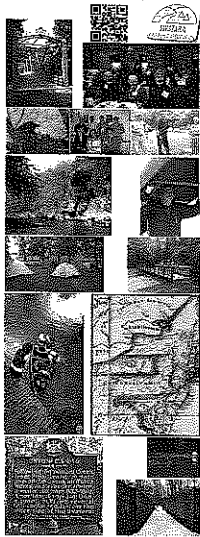
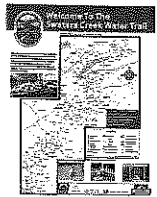
Eagle Scout Griffin Smith is cleaning and painting existing Water Trail signs.

Three River Keeps, one each for Schuylkill, Lebanon and Dauphin Counties, to fill map boxes at 16 Trail Signs located about every 7 miles along the Swatara Creek, are needed.

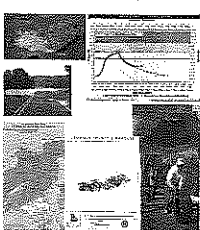
**FirstEnergy
Foundation**

Swatara Water Trail:

- 60 miles in length
- Public Access Points every 7 miles
- Schuylkill, Lebanon & Dauphin Counties
- Sites: Union Canal locks, limestone outcrops, Bordner Cabin, farms, fossil beds, historic bridges....

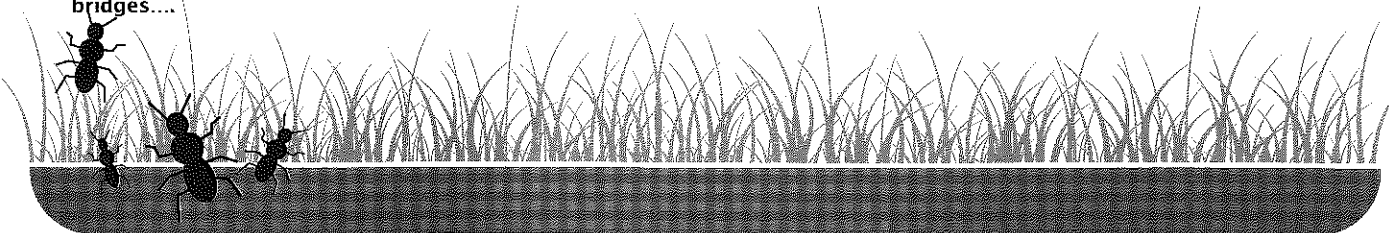


Challenges to clean water include drought, flooding, litter, pipelines, sinkholes,



The Swatara Sojourn is made possible by the generous contributions of sponsors:

- ◆ Bass Pro
- ◆ Bayer
- ◆ Carter 's Tree Service
- ◆ Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network/National Park Service
- ◆ Cocoa Kayaks
- ◆ Dauphin County Conservation District
- ◆ DCNR/Swatara State Park
- ◆ Derry Township
- ◆ E&E Metal Fab
- ◆ First Energy Foundation >
- ◆ Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority >
- ◆ Great PA Cleanup
- ◆ The Hershey Company >
- ◆ Hersheypark Camping Resort
- ◆ Hummelstown Boro ◆ Izaak Walton League
- ◆ Indian Echo Caverns
- ◆ Jonestown KOA Campgrounds >
- ◆ Simon S Kettering & Sons
- ◆ Lebanon County Conservation District
- ◆ LV Conservancy ◆ LV EXPO
- ◆ Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails >
- ◆ Mease Auto Rentals
- ◆ Middletown Boro
- ◆ National River Cleanup
- ◆ Northern Swatara Watershed Assn
- ◆ PA American Water Company >
- ◆ PA DOT—Great PA Cleanup >
- ◆ PA Fish & Boat Commission
- ◆ POWR-PA Organization of Watersheds & Rivers >
- ◆ Schuylkill Conservation District
- ◆ Seltzer's Bologna
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- ◆ Susquehanna River Basin Commission
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- ◆ Swiss Premium Dairy
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- ◆ Weidle Sanitation
- Hummelstown Sun
- Lebanon Daily News
- Patriot News
- South Schuylkill News
- Central Penn Business Journal
- WLBR/WQIC Radio 1270
- WGAL TV 8 NBC
- WHP TV 21 CBS
- WHTM TV 27 ABC



Bordner Cabin and Swatara State Park

Drive through Swatara State Park **9AM-3PM the 2nd Friday & Saturday monthly & the 4th Friday and Saturday Mar, Apr, Sept & Oct.**

Hike, Bike, or Walk to the Bordner Cabin on Old State Road/ Bear Hole Trail. The shortest route is from the Sand Siding Trail Head. (See map bottom right side of page.)

This past year, Ground Pilot Videos created a popular 6-minute video using a drone. On Facebook, it was viewed over 40,000 times. See for yourself: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDDPU3Hv2Wo>

The Bordner Cabin, created by Armar Bordner may have been our first "Green Building." It is constructed of logs and stone found on site. It's an adventure in our backyard. Check it out. A self-guided pictorial tour is found inside the Cabin. Online, you can learn more, and listen

to interviews with Armar Bordner. Links are found on our website www.SwataraWatershed.com. **One Way!** Enter from Swope's Valley Road Trailhead on the northern end of Swatara State Park. PS. The State Park doesn't allow cars to park at Bordner Cabin. Finally, always looking for stewards to maintain & share the history of the Cabin. Message us. Mike Willeman is our leader for this location.



Message in a Bottle

Americans spent more money last year on bottled water than on ipods or movie tickets: \$21 billion. A journey into the economics — and psychology — of an unlikely business boom. And what it says about our culture of indulgence. [the original story that inspired The Big Thirst]

Swatara Watershed Park

U-Tow Canoes available.

10% discount for non-profits. & youth groups accompanied by adults. Parental release forms are required.

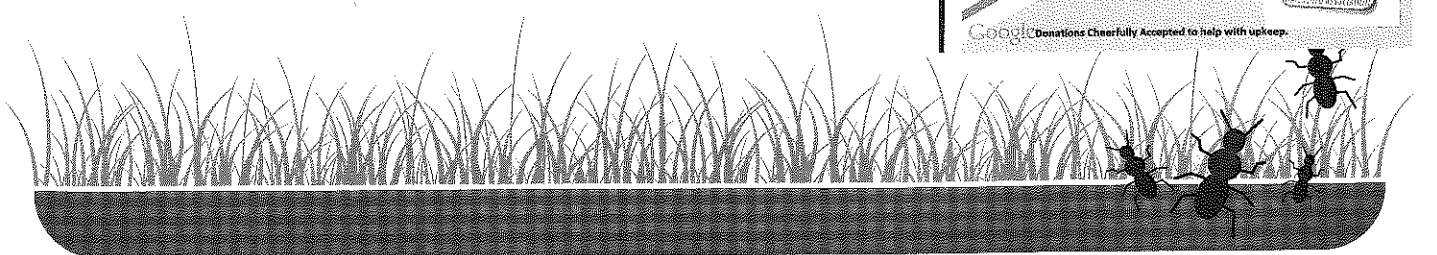
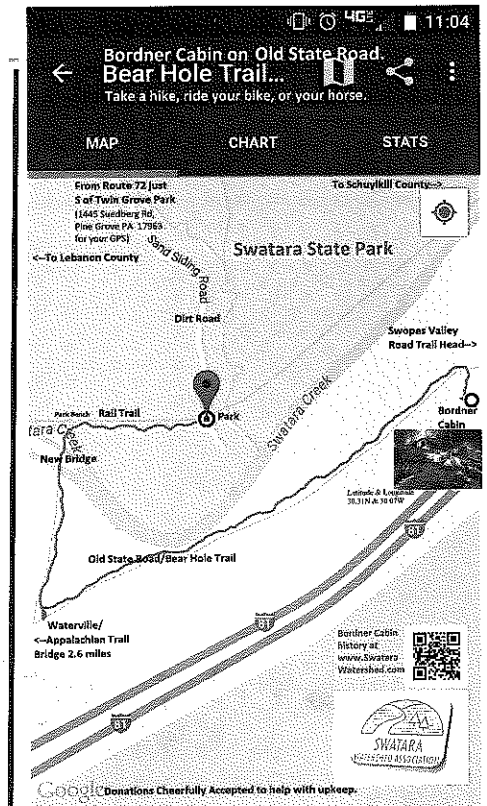
Canoes

\$ 25.00	1 U-Tow
\$ 35.00	1 We-Tow
\$ 200.00	8 U-Tow
\$ 280.00	8 We-Tow

Reserve a **Seasonal Primitive Campsite** May 1-October 31. Available for a \$450 donation. Fish, swim, canoe, hike the **Swatara Watershed Park**, 1929 Black Bridge Road, Annville.

Reserve our Pavilion—With a \$50 donation, tables, electricity, water, and grills are available.

For more information call 717.644.4698 or email Litz@mbcomp.com

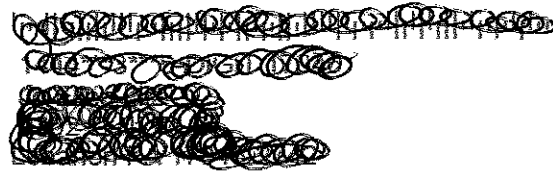
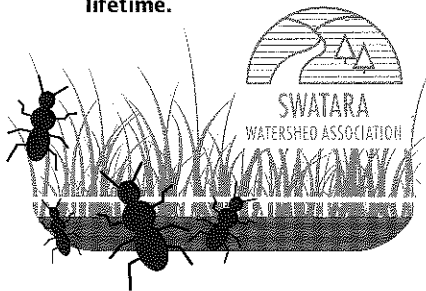



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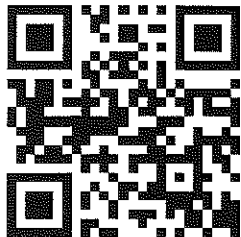
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Swatara Water Trail.



Swatara Snippets

- ◆ The **Lebanon Valley Rail Trail** will parallel the **Swatara Creek Water Trail** from the old Lebanon to Tremont Railroad Bridge just north of Bunker Hill, Lebanon County, through Swatara State Park into Schuylkill County. The Inwood Bridge will be relocated slightly, and a new bridge built across the Swatara Creek. What a wonderful partnership.
- ◆ To help orient paddlers, upstream sides of **new bridges** are **signed** with road names by PennDOT. Thank you gentlemen.
- ◆ The **Lebanon Water Authority** has two sources of drinking water—the Swatara Creek and the Christian E Seigrist Dam, formerly known as Highbridge Reservoir. The **Forge** mansion and a lime kiln are on the perimeter. Two other water companies, **American Water Company** and **United Water Company** also draw water from the Swatara Creek and its tributaries.
- ◆ Sweet Arrow Lake, Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, is a gem. Put it on your adventure list.
- ◆ **Box Car Rocks**, also know as Chinese Wall and St. Anthony's Wilderness, just off of Goldmine Road, Lebanon County, is in the Stony Valley. This unique rock formation may have been formed by glaciers.
- ◆ **Fossil beds** are found in Swatara State Park. Have a fun day digging in the dirt looking for specimens.
- ◆ Practice boating safety all year long. In winter, there are precautions that need to be taken. 1) **Always wear a life vest**, which adds insulation to help keep your core warm; 2) If the air and water temperature don't add up to 110 degrees, also wear an 11-mill wet suit; and 3) **Boat with a partner**.
- ◆ Thanks to Fairland youth for moving our shed back to the parking lot in Swatara Watershed Park. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts. In 2011, the shed had washed **down stream** during Tropical Storm Lee.
- ◆ Our senior volunteers are covered by **RSVP** accident and liability insurance; meet new people; improve our community; enjoy a sense of purpose, and make a difference; experience something new each day; leave a legacy; and can get reimbursed for mileage (or they can donate the mileage money to help fund our projects. :) Ask for an Enrollment form today.