

Shapiro Administration Highlights Opportunities in Conservation Jobs in Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps

By DCNR

PA - Shapiro Administration officials worked with members of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps on a project to improve the Joyce Kilmer Trail in Union County in Bald Eagle State Forest.

To improve public lands, Governor Josh Shapiro's proposed 2024-2025 budget builds on the success of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps with a \$5 million investment in a regional effort to diversify and strengthen conservation career and workforce pathways for young people.

"Governor Shapiro believes now is the time to invest in Pennsylvania's outdoor economy by expanding opportunities for skill development and paid work experience that will create economic opportunity and a ready workforce for conservation and recreation," Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said.

Governor Shapiro also is supporting the outdoor recreation economy by proposing an \$8.5 million additional investment in parks and forests that will make Pennsylvania a premier destination for exceptional trail experiences, benefiting the economic competitiveness of communities, tourism, and public health. Learn more at https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/dcnr_details.aspx?newsid=1070.



Permit Applications for 2024 Northcentral Regional ATV Trail Now Being Accepted

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PA - The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced that permits for the Northcentral Regional ATV Trail, formerly called the ATV Regional Trail Connector Pilot, are now available for purchase.

"There are more than 281,000 registered ATVs in the Commonwealth and DCNR understands the interest in expanding regional riding opportunities," State Forester Seth Cassell said. "We take seriously our role in connecting ATV trails and we will use this program to further determine whether sections of state forest roads may serve as permanent strategic connectors for regional ATV trails on a limited, case-by-case basis."

Permits are required to use the designated PennDOT and State Forest Connector Roads, the cost of which will serve to offset implementation and management of the program.

The 650-mile riding area includes parts of Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, and Tioga counties that will open for use on Friday, May 24, 2024, and will remain open until Sunday, September 29, 2024. Learn more at https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/dcnr_details.aspx?newsid=1068.



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