



The Allegheny Valley Trails Association

Become a Member! Support the Trails.

What is the AVTA?

The Allegheny Valley Trails Association is an all volunteer, non-profit organization which was founded in 1990. The AVTA's mission is the acquisition of abandoned railways in the Allegheny River watershed and their rehabilitation into multipurpose, non-motorized recreational trails. Over the past decade the organization has had a good measure of success in fulfilling that mission. As of the spring of 2005, the AVTA has taken title to a total of 55 miles of abandoned railway and has completed the construction of two trails, the 20 mile Allegheny River Trail and the 8 mile Sandy Creek Trail. Additional trails are scheduled for construction in the near future.

How is the AVTA organized?

The activities of the AVTA are guided by a board consisting of 12 to 21 volunteers who are responsible for short and long term planning, grant writing, fund raising, acquisition of railways, and enhancement and maintenance of existing trails. These board members work closely with local, state, and federal government agencies to help achieve their goals.

The AVTA's foundation is its members who join by paying annual dues. Members of the AVTA are kept abreast of the activities of the organization. They receive minutes of bimonthly board meetings and a yearly newsletter. Members have the opportunity to attend an annual members meeting and can participate in the affairs of the organization.

How is the AVTA funded?

Funding for railway acquisition, engineering, and major trail construction comes primarily from federal, state, and local grants. Funds for maintaining and enhancing the trail system need to come directly from our local community. Business leaders and professionals help support the activities of the AVTA through a sponsorship program. A large percentage of the money needed to keep the trails in good shape and the organization moving forward is contributed by AVTA members through their annual membership dues.

How can I join the AVTA?

You can join the AVTA by filling out the attached membership card and mailing it, along with your check for this years dues, to the AVTA's address listed on the card. The Allegheny River Trail and the Sandy Creek Trail are an exceptionally valuable regional recreational resource. Please help support the continued operation and growth of our trail system by becoming a member of the AVTA today.

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Membership Dues Payment Form

mail to:

Allegheny Valley Trails Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 264

Franklin, PA 16323

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Check type of membership:

Individual (\$20.00) Family (\$25.00)

Advocate (\$35.00) Patron (\$50.00)

Benefactor (\$100.00) Lifetime (\$1,000.00)