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E-TRAIL NEWS



Newsletter of the York County Rail Trail Authority

Trails start with us.



Come fall in love with York County's rail trails!

Photo by Patti Stirk.

As golden leaves fell gently around Howard Tunnel, Patti Stirk captured this image that would later appear on the cover of the **2022 Calendar York County Rail Trails**. Her love of rail trails – those near and far from her York home – are reflected in this special moment captured along the Heritage Rail Trail.

The **2026 Calendar** photo contest is now on! Contest rules are posted [here](#). Submit your jpeg files [here](#). Deadline is **September 15, 2025**.

HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL NEWS



TRAIL SECTION TO JACOBS MILL RD BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. For nearly 20 years this rail section lay dormant, and the nearby wetlands were neglected. Now a transformation is underway as trail construction moves east from Gitts Run Rd to Jacobs Mill Rd. *Page down to see for yourself!*

(Funding is provided by PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Growing Greener Grant and local grants from the J William Warehime Foundation, Powder Mill Foundation, and Explore York.)



TRAIL CONSTRUCTION + WETLAND RESTORATION = AMAZEMENT! Trail subsurface has been installed, and drainage system is nearing completion as decades of sediment are removed to recharge the nearby wetlands with underground spring water. And what about those piles and piles of logs visible from RT 116? Each log and chunky root is carefully placed to create a slow-moving creek channel surrounded by pools of quiet water. Turtles, frogs, and birds are loving it!

(Stream restoration is supported by grants from PA Department of Environmental Protection, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, York County Planning Commission, York County Conservation District, and Susquehanna River Basin Commission.)



WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA ADDS INTEREST TO TRAIL. Even with 35 years of trail-building experience, York County Rail Trail Authority is facing new challenges with this expansion of the Hanover Trolley Trail. The restored wetlands present the issue of providing spaces where trail travelers can safely stop to view the natural environment without blocking the trail. The solution is creating spacious viewing areas off the main trail route. Benches and interpretive signs will welcome all visitors to pull off the trail, stop, and enjoy the view.

REMINDER: Trail construction to Jacobs Mill Rd is in an **active work zone**. Please observe all signs warning the public not to enter. Construction is slated for completion in October, at which time a public opening will be announced.

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THANK YOU!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS?

*YCRTA's next business meeting will be held **September 11, 2025 at 3 PM.***

Hanover Junction Station, 2433 Seven Valleys Rd, Seven Valleys, PA.

Public always welcome!

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