

ISSUE: OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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DESCRIPTION: The Rothrock Trail Alliance in Centre County has announced plans for 53 miles of new trails. Funding for the multi-use, natural surface trails is primarily through grants from DCNR. Area businesses and groups like the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau also helped to fundraise and donate. No date has been set for construction to begin and only about seven to nine miles of trail can be completed in one building season. The cost of construction for the entire 53 miles of trails is expected to be in the range of two and a half million dollars. Alliance officials said data from other parks and state forests show that having well maintained trails increases local tourism and boosts local economies.