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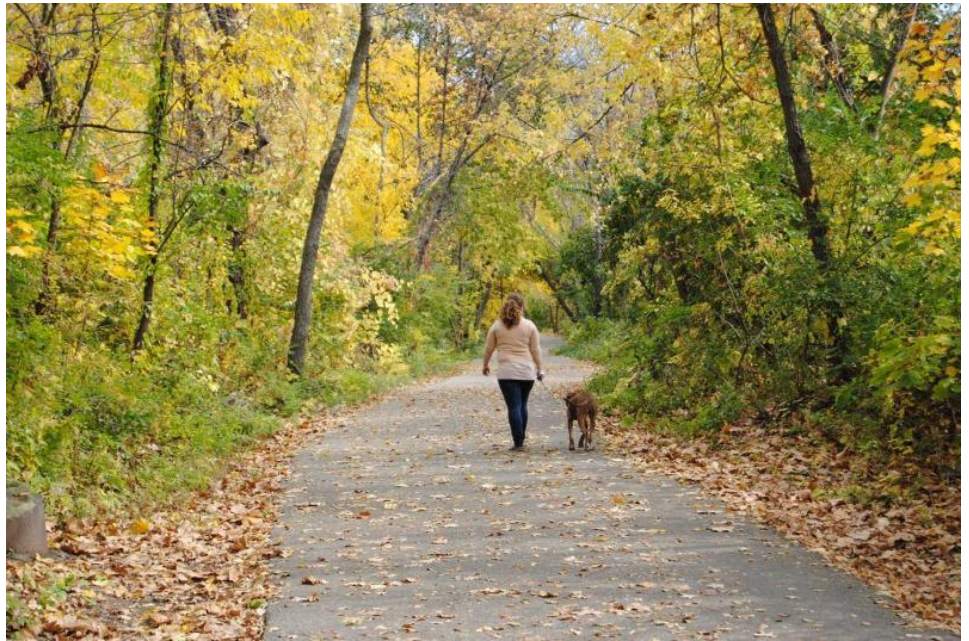
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FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT



Through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and a diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Whether you bike, hike, rollerblade, or paddle along our beautiful shores, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these assets.

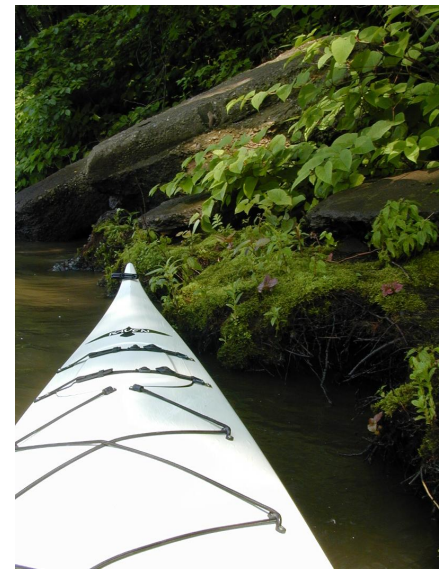


NEW MEMBERSHIP PINS & PHOTO CONTEST

Our new membership pins are in! These locally made pins by [Erra Creations](#) are your gift when you support our mission by [becoming a member](#).

WIN A PIN! Photo Contest

It's time to put those [I <3 Trails T-shirts](#) to good use! You've seen people waving the Terrible Towel at the Eiffel Tower or Great Wall of China, now we want you to represent your love for trails - and the Three Rivers Heritage Trail all over the world! So pack those T's in your adventure bag and snap a pic wherever you go. Hit the trails, climb a mountain, or explore an urban jungle! Then, send your picture to friends@friendsoftheriverfront.org, we'll share it on our social network and on our office bulletin board, and we'll send you a pin! This contest is easy, fun, and lasts until the end of 2013.

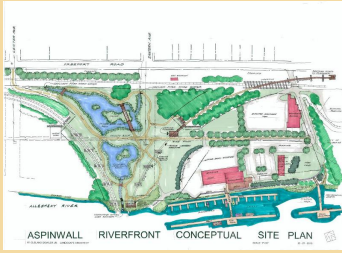


LOCKING THROUGH on the THREE RIVERS WATER TRAIL

It's time to hit the water again and we're ready with your guide to navigating the locks and dams on the Three Rivers Water Trail!

Our new video, [Locking Through](#) will help you plan even more great days on the water and paddle further than you'd ever thought you'd paddle before.

If you've never paddled the three rivers, now is the time to explore Pittsburgh in a new way. [Request your copy](#) of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail map today!



RIVER ROCKS and the ROARING 20s!

The 3rd Annual River Rocks benefit for Aspinwall Riverfront Park is Friday, May 24th, and this year the celebration returns to the Roaring 20s!

Friday, May 24th at Fox Chapel Golf Club
7-11pm

[RSVP by May 15](#)



GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE CELEBRATION

The Great Allegheny Passage from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD and on to Washington DC will be complete on June 15. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with us!

- 10:00 a.m. Ribbon cutting at Sandcastle
- 11:00 a.m. Ride from Sandcastle to the Point
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation & Unveiling of the marker at the Point

Commemorative grand opening rides from DC to Pittsburgh and Cumberland to Pittsburgh will take place June 8-15, for more information and to register, visit www.atatrail.org.

Please remember, the trail between Keystone Iron & Metals and Sandcastle remains under construction. Please help us complete the trail on time by staying clear of the trail during this time!



TRIATHLON

Registration for the [2013 Pittsburgh Triathlon & Adventure Race](#) is now open and filling fast. Late Round rates will be available through May 20th. We're anticipating a sell out race for all events. Don't miss out on this year's race! [Register Today!](#)

Volunteers are still needed for this year's event, register now by clicking the race you'd like to support! [Volunteer Now!](#)

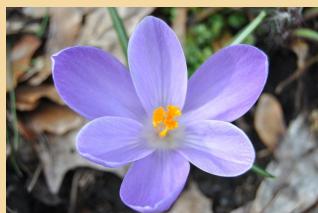
Need some motivation to make this year's race your best yet? [Steel City Endurance's](#) first 2013 edition of [Coaching Corner](#) is now available!



THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL MAP

The new 2013 Three Rivers Heritage Trail Map is now available! New for this year: the completed Great Allegheny Passage into Pittsburgh and dog parks along the trail in Lawrenceville and South Side.

If you haven't already received your copy, [request one today!](#) Just send us your name and mailing address!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Warmer weather is finally here and we're busy with events from Riverfronts Naturally trail maintenance to outreach in your community. We hope you'll join us for one of these upcoming events:

- Friday, May 10, 5-8pm | Riverfronts Naturally South Side
- Saturday, May 18, 9am-noon | Riverfronts Naturally Lawrenceville
- Saturday, May 18, 11am-6pm | [Venture Outdoors Festival](#)
- Saturday, May 11, 10am-noon | [Bike to Feed Families](#)
- Saturday, May 11, 11am-7pm | [McKees Rocks Festival](#)
- Thursday, May 23. 5pm-9pm | [Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards](#)

Friday, May 24, 7-11pm | [River Rocks benefiting Aspinwall Riverfront Park](#)

Friday, May 31, 9am-noon | Riverfronts Naturally Chateau w/Five Star Development - AT CAPACITY

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit our [Calendar page!](#)

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Ride for Pittsburgh in the National Bike Challenge

Inflate those tires, oil those chains, and gear up for the 2013 National Bike Challenge, sponsored locally by Bike Pittsburgh and OTB Bicycle Cafe! Officially kicking off on May 1 and ending September 30, this free and friendly competition encourages Pittsburghers to get out and ride, helping riders realize the health, economic and environmental benefits of riding a bike. This year we're working to register 1,250 Pittsburghers to help our region pedal to the top spot in the country!

Participant points heavily favor riding daily - 20 points per day, plus 1 point per mile logged. Smartphone users can even download a free app to directly track and log trips for the National Bike Challenge. Challenge yourself, your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to get moving, log miles, earn points, and be eligible to win prizes at the national level. Pittsburgh riders even earn free drinks at OTB Bicycle Cafe just for participating! Sign up at nationalbikechallenge.org, and start logging your miles today.

Open Space PGH Public Meetings

A final round of public meetings will take place this month for OPENSOURCEPGH - the open space, parks and recreation plan for the City. Each meeting will take place from 6-8pm and contain the following sessions:

- An introduction to the OpenSpacePGH draft and how people can provide comment;
- A primer for residents and community groups as to how they can use the plan;
- A prioritization exercise to understand the different priorities in different areas of the City

Tuesday, May 7th at the Kaufman Center at Hill House
1825 Centre Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Wednesday, May 8th at the Kingsley Association
6425 Frankstown Rd. Larimer, PA 15206

Thursday, May 9th at Knoxville Elmer-Ado
320 Brownsville Rd. Knoxville, PA 15210

Tuesday, May 14th at Schenley Ice Rink
Overlook Dr. off Greenfield Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Wednesday, May 15th at Propel Northside (formerly Columbus Middle School)
1750 Brighton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

For more information, contact Project Manager Andrew Dash 412-255-0760 or andrew_dash@pittsburghpa.gov

Increase awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails.

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Friends of the Riverfront

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