

## Eagle Lake – FAQ

- What is Eagle Lake?
  - Eagle Lake is the name given to a current ponding issue located along the trail in Baldwin Borough. This section of trail is in a floodplain and receives a tremendous amount of runoff even when rainfall is average.
- How are they fixing Eagle Lake?
  - To fix this ponding issue, new drainage must be introduced to the site. To do this, an entire segment of trail needs to be pulled up so a large underground pipe can be fed through the segment, carrying the overflow water through the pipe, and redirected into an outflow just a couple hundred feet down the trail. The trail will then be re-paved and open for use.
- Will the trail be open during this time?
  - No, unfortunately this segment of trail will be closed for the duration of construction. Due to the location of this segment, we are unable to offer a safe detour route to direct our users. Trail closure is not our first-choice option, but it is necessary to permanently fix this issue.
- When is this happening?
  - Eagle Lake is set to go to construction on October 31st and will be closed for a period of about five weeks.
- Is this a permanent fix?
  - Yes, this is the only permanent fix to this issue of flooding. Other solutions have been tried before, but have failed to show any long-term signs of improvement.
- Who Funded this project?
  - Funding for this project has been provided by the Allegheny Regional Asset District, Department of Community and Economic Development – Multi-Modal Transportation Fund, Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy, and individual donors.
- Why did it take so long?
  - The solution to eagle lake is complex and Friends has been working with adjoining property owners to for a permanent solution. The solution is an expensive project that ultimately leads to trail closure to implement properly, which is something we were trying to avoid as much as we could. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable, but we are all working for a speedy construction process and to get you back on the trail as soon as possible.
- Is there a detour?
  - Unfortunately, due to traffic on alternative routes in the area, we are unable to provide a safe detour for our users and suggest they avoid this segment of the trail. We will let everyone know when it is back up and running again!
- Will this affect the eagles?
  - No eagles will be harmed during this project. We have consulted with the Audubon Society, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and Allegheny Conservation District. Construction is taking place around the eagle's fledging schedule which is January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.