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MONTOUR TRAIL TO OPEN ANOTHER 1.4 MILES IN PETERS TOWNSHIP

The Montour Trail Council will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m., to mark the grand opening of a new 1.4-mile trail segment in Peters Township, Washington County.

The ceremony has been scheduled as a special component of Peters Township's annual, well-attended Community Day.

The new Montour Trail section veers off from the heavily traveled Arrowhead Trail, about 300 yards from the Brush Run Road trailhead, and heads east toward Route 88 in Library. The highly scenic segment parallels a picturesque horse farm, passes through a wooded ravine beneath a canopy of trees, and continues nearly to the western terminus of the Library Trestle. The Montour Trail Council hopes to rehabilitate the trestle and extend the trail eastward next year.

The opening ceremony will take place at the Arrowhead Trail end, so the Brush Run parking lot offers easy access. To reach this trailhead from the intersection of McMurray and Clifton Roads, take Clifton for 1.2 miles, turn right at Brush Run, and travel 0.7 miles uphill to the parking lots. To get online directions from other compass points, use the address of 170 Brush Run Road, Venetia, PA 15367.

Light refreshments will be served, and those attending may walk or ride on the new trail section following the ceremony. The Washington County Commissioners are expected to participate.

The completion of this newest section was assisted by a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant, a partnership with Peters Township, and thousands of volunteer hours.

The Montour Trail is one of Western Pennsylvania's most heavily used recreational resources, with 40 miles of active trail in use in Allegheny and Washington Counties. When complete, it will extend from Coraopolis to Clairton. It is part of the Great Allegheny Passage network of trails that will connect the Pittsburgh area to Washington, D.C. Additional information about the Montour Trail can be found at www.montourtrail.org or (412) 257-3011.

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