

Trails Advisory Committee: Trail-Use Promotion Plan

The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is interested in promoting trail use by the township residents. Toward that end, the TAC is initiating the following two programs:

- Take-a-Photo-from-a-Trail contest
- Travel-the-Franklin Trails program

Franklin Township, in Somerset County, has over 60 miles of trails crisscrossing its 46 square miles, as outlined in Table 1.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Bunker Hill and Franklin Park Natural Areas	3.52			
Yellow	1.90			
Blue	0.29			
Red	0.81			
Brown	1.23			
2. Butler Rd. Natural Area				
Red	1.03			
Purple	1.50			
Yellow	1.00			
Inman Park	2.00			
3. Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve				
Blue	0.90			
Red	1.10			
Orange	0.70			
Yellow	0.80			
Brown	0.90			
Purple	1.00			
4. Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve				
Blue	0.34			
Purple	0.40			
Yellow	1.10			
Brown	0.76			
Red	0.23			
5. Colonial Park			3.00	
6. Flemer Preserve		1.87		
7. Six Mile Run State Park				
Red		3.90		
White		1.30		
Blue		3.80		
Orange		1.70		
8. D&R Canal State Park		23.00		
	21.51	35.57	3.00	60.08

**Table 1
Trail Lengths (miles)**

Take-a-Photo-from-a-Trail contest.

All of the above-described trails have places that, when captured in a photo, could encourage others to get out and explore. To encourage expanded trail usage, the TAC is soliciting photographs taken from trails located in the township and will award a prize to the best photograph taken from each trail. Entry rules for the photography contest will be as follows:

1. The photo may be submitted either
 - a. electronically via email to Karen Buckley in the Township Engineering Office (karen.buckley@twp.franklin.nj.us); or
 - b. As a printed copy delivered to the Trails Advisory Committee, Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.
2. Each photo must be clearly identified as to the trail from which it was taken and the date taken
3. Entries for the Spring and Summer photographs must be received by the TAC by August 31, 2011. The TAC, at its first meeting after August 31, 2011, will select a winner in each category.
4. Entries for the Fall and Winter photographs must be received by the TAC by December 1, 2011. The TAC, at its first meeting after December 1, 2011, will select a winner in each category.
5. Winners will have their photo displayed on the township website and awarded a certificate and small prize (a baseball cap imprinted with "Franklin Township Trails").
6. Categories will be as follows.
 - a. One winner from each one of the eight locations listed in Table 1, above.
 - b. One overall winner for "Best photo from a Franklin Township Trail."

Travel-the-Franklin Trails program.

1. The TAC will award a "Certificate of Accomplishment" to every person who travels along all 60 miles of trails. To be eligible to receive the certificate, the person must complete the attached "Trail Completion Form" and submit it to the TAC, either
 - a. electronically via email to Karen Buckley in the Township Engineering Office (karen.buckley@twp.franklin.nj.us); or
 - b. as a printed copy delivered to the Trails Advisory Committee, Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.
2. Trail Completion Forms must be received by the TAC by December 1, 2011.
3. Trails may be traveled by foot, by bicycle (where permitted) or on horseback (where permitted). Permitted uses (walking, biking or equestrian) may be found at http://www.franklintwpnj.org/Trails_permitted_uses.pdf or on trail maps located at the kiosks at the trail heads or from the Engineering Office at the Municipal Building.
4. Certificates of Accomplishment will be awarded at the first TAC meeting in 2012.
5. A small prize (a baseball cap imprinted with "Franklin Township Trails") will be awarded to the first 10 people to travel all 60 miles of trails.

**Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee
Hike-All-the-Franklin Trails Trail Completion Form**

	Township	State	County	Total	Date traveled	Mode (walked, rode bike, rode horse)
Bunker Hill & Franklin Park Natural Areas	3.52					
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I, the undersigned, do hereby state that the above information is truthful and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email address: