



Announcing: FOGVG Annual Event

Hikes, Program, Dinner & Meeting

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Hikes on the Genesee Valley Greenway

Option 1: 2 PM - Hike from the Yard of Ale in Piffard (Rt. 63) south to Cuylerville (Rt.20A) 3.7 mi and back (7.4 mi total).

Option 2: 4 PM - Hike from the Yard of Ale in Piffard (Rt.63) south to Chandler Road (.7 mi) and back (1.4 mi total).

Program, Dish-to-Pass Dinner, & Meeting will take place at the Genesee United Methodist Church, Rt. 63 & Court Street, Genesee.

5 PM – “Plans and Connections in NY and PA for the Triple Divide Trail System and a possible Greenway from Lake Ontario to Chesapeake Bay”

Speakers: Allen Kerkeslager, Associate Professor, Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia and Co-Founder and Board Member, Genesee River Wilds, Belmont, NY; and Jonathan Schull, Interim Director, Center for Student Innovation at Rochester Institute of Technology and Co-Founder of the Rochester Cycling Alliance. □

This presentation surveys greenways, blueways (water trails), and nature parks in Pennsylvania and New York State that contribute or connect to the Triple Divide Trail System. This system will extend circa 230 miles from Lake Ontario in Rochester to the Susquehanna River in Williamsport by way of the Genesee River and Pine Creek. The Genesee Valley Greenway will be a major part of this system and FOGVG Board Member Joan Schumaker joined Allen and Jon to present this program at the recent *PA Greenways and Trails Summit* in York, PA.

The discussion will include plans for trails for bicycles in the Rochester region, the roles of educational institutions and planning agencies, and the proposal to extend this system to the Chesapeake Bay by including 500 additional miles of Greenways/trails. This proposal surfaced during the PA Summit and would build on connections already being established along the Susquehanna Greenway (<http://www.susquehannagreenway.org>). Discussion will continue at this meeting. **Anyone interested in Greenways and Trails is invited to attend and stay for dinner.**

6:15 PM – Dish-to-Pass Dinner: Bring a dish-to-pass and your table service and join us for a delicious meal. Beverages will be provided.

7:15 PM - Brief FOGVG meeting for members and potential members.

We do hope you will be able to join us and discover these exciting plans for a Multi-State Greenway that would include the Genesee Valley Greenway and Rochester Trails connecting to Lake Ontario. Questions: call 585-658-2569 or 585-476-2354