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Roaring Run Watershed Association Newsletter 2025-2026

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2025 and 2026 Trail News in Review

2025 and 2026 were busy years for Roaring Run. Work on the new Rock Furnace parking lot was completed, along with the new kiosk built by Trevor Wheatley and Troop 589 for Trevor's Eagle project. Due to the increased number of Ebikes on the trail, RRWA adopted new Ebike policies.

Congratulations Ken

October 24, 2025

Ken Kaminski, President of Roaring Run Watershed Association, receiving the Armstrong Conservation District's 2025 Outstanding Watershed award. John Linkes, Director of RRWA, had the honor of presenting the award.

In 2026, the RRWA adopted the following Ebike policies:

1. **To establish an overall speed limit of 15 miles-per-hour on all trails**
2. **Mobility Device Policy**
   To accommodate mobility disabled persons, wheelchairs and similar devices built specifically for mobility disabilities are permitted.
3. **Electric-assist bikes meeting the following criteria are permitted on the Roaring Run trails:**
   - Are propelled by fully-operating pedals or by pedal-assist power
   - Have motors that are 750 watts or less
   - Weigh less than 100 pounds (43kg)
   - Are no more than 36 inches wide
   - Have 2 or three wheels
4. **Devices that are NOT permitted on the Roaring Run trails:**
   - Devices powered by throttle only, by accelerator pedals, or by internal combustion engines
   - Using the electric motor to move any device without pedaling
   - Riding electric-assist bikes in excess of the **15 MPH speed limit**
   - Motorized skateboards, scooters, or similar devices with any number of wheels

2025 Trail Activities

2025 Stony-Kiski-Conemaugh Rivers Sojourn

These intrepid paddlers completed their spectacular four day, 44-mile float on the Stonycreek, Conemaugh, and Kiskiminetas Rivers, paddling from Johnstown to Roaring Run. Way to go!

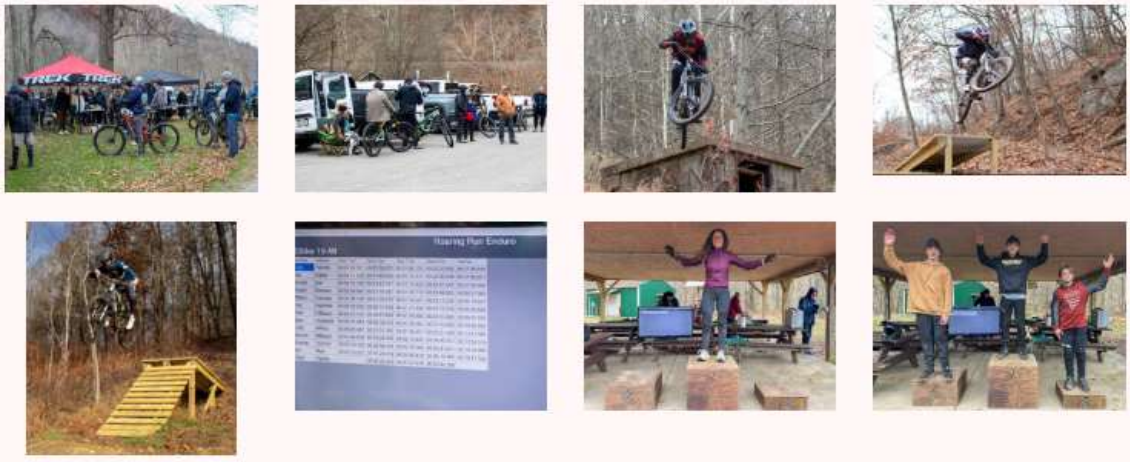
5/15/2025 Again, our committed RRWA volunteers installed safety poles at Rock Furnace Trail today ! Thanks again gentlemen!

7/19/2025 What a great evening! Over 200 runners and walkers participated in our annual "Race to the Moon" night run/walk event. Our race concluded with an awards ceremony, featuring trophies, prizes, watermelon, and pizza. A huge shout out to our runners, walkers, and volunteers!

Saturday July 26, 2025

Our first *Vendor & Craft Fair and Flea Market* was a huge success. Special thanks go out to the 15 vendors who participated and all the guests who came out.

November 2025 The new kiosk at Rock Furnace Trail is complete! This was an Eagle Scout Project by Trevor Wheatley, Troop 589,October 2025. Donations received of $500.00 each from Elderton Bank and Rose Bud Mine. The RRWA and trail would like to express our gratitude to Trevor, his parents, and troop 589! A huge thank you to the donors!!



November 15-16 2025 The 2025 Roaring Run Enduro Race sponsored by Roaring Run Rock Riders was a huge success. 60 to 70 participated in the pre-race activities Saturday. 65 participants were registered for Sunday's race. Congratulations to all participants!

2026 Trail Activities

April 18, 2026 Penn State Master Gardeners of Armstrong county Field trip walk on Roaring Run Watershed with Zebra Swallowtail expert Gabrielle Marsden. We learned the history of the watershed and learned about the swallowtail butterfly and the importance of the paw paw tree.

April 17, 2026 Thank you to the Kiski Key Club for their annual Youth Day of Caring! They helped get the trail ready for mowing season. We had a great group of hard workers supervised by our RRWA members.

June 17, 2026 Thanks to volunteers from the CNX gas company and RRWA, 100 drainage culverts were cleared of debries along Roaring Run and Rock Furnace trails.

April 23, 2026 The RRWA was so excited to host the Second and Third Grade students from Apollo Ridge today for their Trout in the Classroom Fingerling release!! The kids raised these trout from eggs and learned about our watershed and conservation efforts. This year long program teaches them about ecosystems, habitats, natural resources, and management strategies to protect and enhance cold water resources.

April 25-26 2026 Cannons were firing during the 4th US Artillery spring muster weekend. The weekend was packed with safety drills and demonstrations.

July 18, 2026: The annual Race to the Moon was a huge success with 212 participants defying the threatening rain!

August 23, 2026: New posts were installed around the parimeter of the Rock Furnace Trail parking lot.

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- Individual $15 (annual)
- Family $30 (annual)
- Business/Organization $50 (annual)
- Life Membership: $125 (one time)
- Donation (one time)

We love what we do,
we love the community support we get
and we couldn't do it without you!
Thank You!