



The Batona Hiking Club was founded in May 1928 by the late Dr. Benjamin Schneyer, who led the Club's first hike from Upper Darby to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Membership is open to all. You join us by hiking with us and simply pay 50 cents for each event they attend.

We do ask you to pay \$2.00(!) a year to be on the mailing list for the Schedules. If you haven't already done this, please use the form at the bottom.

Unless stated in the Schedule, reservations are never required. Simply show up at the meeting place. These are located near public transportation. We car pool to the start of the hike and reimburse drivers 5 cents/passenger mile. (You can figure out how far we'll be driving by: taking the listed cost for each hike, deducting 50 cents and dividing by 5. That's the round trip distance.)

Hikes are never cancelled, we go rain or shine! (A few years ago there was a blizzard that dropped 20" of snow, and only the leader managed to get to the meeting place. This has happened only a handful of times in over 60 years.)

More often than not, the weather improves, and a drizzly morning turns into a fine day for hiking. Common sense and a small day pack, work best for most hikers. An extra sweater or jacket, a rain parka or poncho, sturdy shoes, some lunch and water are all most people need. Sometimes flashlights(!) and thermos bottles for the winter, sometimes binoculars and cameras.

We are also active in building and maintaining hiking trails. We built the 50 mile Batona Trail in the Pinelands of New Jersey in 1961. For many years we have maintained sections of both the Horseshoe and Appalachian Trails in Pennsylvania. Trail work is no harder than working in a garden: clipping branches, painting blazes on trees, removing some litter and sawing an occasional small tree. We hope you can join us: the only way hiking trails survive in America is because volunteers like you and I do a few hours of work a year. The trails in most National Parks are maintained by Clubs such as Batona, not the Park Service!

The best way to learn about us is to join us at what we do best - hiking. Try to join us.

Happy Trails,  
Robert Raine, President

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