

The Westmoreland Yough Trail Chapter (WYTC), under the auspices of the Regional Trail Corporation (RTC), provides training for monitors along the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) for the trails that make up the GAP in Allegheny, Westmoreland, and Fayette Counties.

Trail Monitors perform several important functions for the region's rail trails:

- Report maintenance or trail obstruction issues to the RTC office or local trail maintenance volunteer group.
- Assist trail users with mechanical or medical issues.
- Answer questions and disseminate trail information, maps, etc.
- Pick up litter and small obstructions on the trail.
- Call EMS when necessary.
- Assist in the transport of injured trail users.
- Provide a sense of security along the trail through their presence.
- Submit a monthly report to the chapter or council Trail Monitor Chairperson.

Trail monitors can monitor at any time and any place on the trail as their schedule permits. There is no minimum number of hours required. All trail monitors must take monitor training. Additional Trail Monitors are always needed. Once you have received training, which typically takes two hours at one of semi-annual training sessions, you are qualified. You will receive a free Trail Monitor T-Shirt and be on your way to providing a very important resource to the rail-trail program in southwest Pennsylvania. For additional information or to sign up for the next training session, contact the WYTC at wycnews@hotmail.com.