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## Discovery Walk

### Hike & History at Lehigh Mountain Park



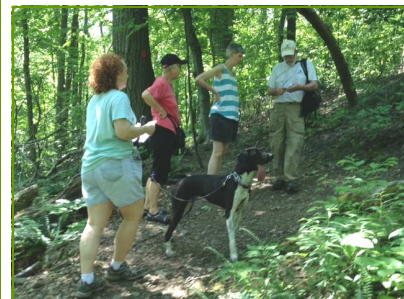
Photo dated Nov. 9, 1901

Nestled between Allentown and Bethlehem are almost 700 acres of the pristine Lehigh Mountain Park.

Comprised of Walking Purchase Park, Lehigh Uplands Preserve and land from the Bethlehem Water Authority this is one of the largest forested public spaces between the Blue and South Mountains. **Tom**



**Gettings** of the **Wildlands Conservancy** led



Saturday's Discovery Walk amidst the trails and greenery. A brief history: the "Walking Purchase" was an arrangement between the descendants of William Penn and the Lenape Indians. In 1737 Solomon

Jennings became the first official settler with a 200-acre farm (see the flat land to the right of the Lehigh River in the photo above); several ruins remain. In 1843 a German physician came to Bethlehem and established a hospital based on water therapy; ruins can still be seen directly behind the present St. Luke's Hospital.

Today, the Park provides opportunities to walk, run, bike, hike or simply enjoy nature.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 8 @ 10:00 a.m. – Discovery Walk/Accessible Nature Walk** at **Cedar Creek Parkway**. Naturalist **Phil McGrath** and Cedar Crest College professor and biologist **John Cigliano** provide insights into the natural wonders of this beautiful park. Meeting point: parking lot of the Allentown Parks Office (3000 Parkway Blvd., Allentown). Registration required (610-432-7275/info@allentownparks.org).

**June 15 @ 10:00 a.m. – Stop and smell the roses during a Tour of the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden.** Learn rose gardening tips and more from grounds caretaker **Paul Pozzi**.

**June 29 @ 10:00 a.m. – Special session on the Source Water Protection** program presented by **Diane Lewis** of the Allentown Bureau of Water Resources. At issue: how to protect our most valuable resource, our drinking water. Meeting point: stone house at the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden. Registration requested 610-432-7275/info@allentownparks.org.

## West Park Civic Association Presents

**Art-in-the-Park**  
**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10AM-5PM**  
*West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> & Turner Sts., Allentown*  
**Original works by 80+ artists**  
*Plus performances by*  
*The Allentown School District Orchestra Program 10AM*  
*The Repertory Dance Theatre 11:30AM*  
*The Allentown Band 1:30PM*  
*And new this year from Brooklyn, New York*  
*The Four O'Clock Flowers 3:15PM*  
*The Down Hill Strugglers 4:15PM*  
**FREE!**  
 For more information call 610-434-0657  
 Rain date : June 22nd

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