



March Back-To-Back Pack Hikes

Saturday, March 30th & Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Pack Hike Coordinators: Jaime Taylor and Heather Kyslinger

Location: Westmoreland Heritage Trail
Saltsburg Trailhead access and parking lot **40°28'54.2"N 79°26'51.8"W**

***There is no address for the actual area we are leaving from – above coordinates will take you to the parking lot for the entrance to the trail. There is a children's playground at the start of the trail near the parking lot. We will meet in the parking lot to do the weigh-in. There are restrooms available at the trailhead and at mile marker 4 (where we will turn around), but none in between.*

- **Directions from Pittsburgh:** Travel on US 22 to its intersection with SR 819 in New Alexandria. Go north on SR 981 about 8 miles to SR 286. Turn right onto SR 286 and cross the bridge over the Kiskiminetas River. After 0.2 miles, turn right at the "T" onto Salt Street. Follow Salt St. then Canal St. for 0.4 miles, and then turn right to the trail juncture with the West Penn Trail, parking near the playground.

The fees to enter your dog(s) each day in the pack hikes are as follows:

- \$15/dog for both hikes or 10 mile option for CRSC members and \$20/dog for non-members
- **Entry forms must be received by March 23rd.** Mail completed entry forms to Heather Kyslinger – 410 White Pine Lane, Baden, PA 15005. Make checks payable to 'CRSC'.
- **Handlers are required to bring a completed and signed Liability Waiver** (see below). Hike Coordinator recommends having it completed and signed prior to arriving to the event site.
- Weigh-in of packs each day will start at 8:30 a.m. A scale will be provided on site to weight dogs and their packs. Or you can choose to bring a veterinarian's certificate of the dog's weight must be provided. The weight may be taken up to 7 days prior to the hike. Weights may be noted on stationery, business cards, invoices, receipts or other documentation that demonstrates the veterinarian's certification via signature.
- Hikers will head out at 9 a.m. from the parking lot.
- We will have a scale on-site to weigh both dogs & packs

****These hikes are planned as back-to-back hikes meaning you will need to hike 8 miles each day & must complete both day's hikes to earn two legs. Or you can come out Saturday to do the 10 mile hike for 1 leg. No 10 mile option available for Sunday. We welcome people hiking for legs or just for fun!*****

Rules and Regulations of pack hikes with your dog can be found at:

http://www.gsmdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/GSMDCA-Pack-Hike-Rules-and-Regulations_5.2019-1.pdf

Recommended Hotels

Super 8 by Wyndham Delmont

180 Sheffield Dr, Delmont, Pittsburgh, PA 15626

Phone: 724-468-4888

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/delmont-pennsylvania/super-8-delmont/>

OR

Inn at Mountainview*

300 Scenery Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: 724-691-0570

<http://www.innatmtview.com/>

*Must call to book pet friendly hotel room

Emergency Veterinarian

Avets

4224 Northern Pike Monroeville, PA 15146

412-373-4200

Human hospital

Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital

One Mellon Way, Latrobe, PA 15650

724-537-1000

Some COVID-19 precautions will still be taken for pack hikes

- The following individuals will not be permitted to attend the pack hike:
 - An individual who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms,
 - An individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last 7 days,
 - An individual who has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks (exception, healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties)
- Participants must assume responsibility for themselves and bring all proper PPE & hygiene equipment with them including hand sanitizer if they are concerned about contracting COVID during the pack hike. Participants are also required to dispose of any and all trash or used PPE in proper trash receptacles around the park.
- If you cannot come due to personal health status, you must let us know by 8 am the day of the event if you will not be coming due to COVID complications (personal or state) for a refund to apply.

AGREEMENT: I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry. I agree that I am attending the event entirely at my own risk, including the risk of Covid-19 or other communicable diseases, and take full responsibility for my own health and safety. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event: the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) and the event-giving club (The Crooked River Swissy Club, a limited liability corporation) or group of individuals, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or lessor of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any judge at this event. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself. Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties. I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE GSMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE GSMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES. I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) in effect at the time of these GSMDCA working events and other events and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for these events. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accordance with them.

GUEST NAME: _____ DATE: _____

GUEST SIGNATURE: _____
(or parent signature if guest is under 18 years old)



Working Pack Hike Event Handler Entry Form

Hike date: March 30th & 31st, 2024

Registered Name			
AKC Registration #		DOB:	Call Name:
Sire's Registered Name			
Dam's Registered Name			
Names of Owners			
Address of Owner			
Name of Handler (if different from owner)			
Location of Pack Event	Westmoreland Heritage Trail, Saltsburg, PA	Entry Fee: \$15 CRSC members OR \$20/dog non-members	
Description of Hike	The entire trail surface is crushed limestone, level trails type of hike and access to grass and streams along the trail. Out and back hikes.		
Weight of Dog:	Weight Carried:	Percent Carried:	Title:

Pack Dog Events are a strenuous physical activity. The owner and handler of registered dog accepts full responsibility for the conditioning and condition of both dog and human participant. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America will not be held liable for any injuries occurred to either dog or humans.

I certify that I have completed the required prerequisite 6 mile training hike with full pack weight as specified in the GSMDCA Pack Hike Regulations.

Signature of Owner/ Handler: _____

Handler's Cell Phone Number: _____

For Pack Hike Coordinator only

Name: Heather Kyslinger

Address: 410 White Pine Lane

E-mail: heather.kyslinger@gmail.com

Signature: _____

First and foremost, hikes are to be conducted with the safety and well-being of the GSMDs and handlers in mind. The Hike Coordinator is authorized to make any necessary decision, including disqualification, to protect the safety and well-being of the GSMDs and handlers.

Handlers—Please keep this form until you have the required number of legs for a title. This form is proof you successfully completed a leg. When you have completed the required number of legs for a title, please submit online at <https://www.gsmdca.org/report-a-new-title/>. Any questions contact Working Titles Chair Tiffany Patten at tiffany.patten@yahoo.com