

WE'RE ALL ABOUT TRAILS

The Rachel Carson Trails
Conservancy, Inc. (RCTC) is a nonprofit
volunteer organization dedicated to the
development, protection, and promotion
of hiking, biking, and walking trails in
western Pennsylvania. The RCTC
manages and maintains more than
170 miles along The Harmony Trail,
The Rachel Carson Trail, and The
Baker Trail.

TWO FLAGSHIP ANNUAL EVENTS

The Rachel Carson Trail Challenge is a one-day endurance hike that covers the middle 36 miles of the Rachel Carson Trail. To provide a qulaity experience and reduce congestion, there are a limited number of registration spots, which are always filled well before the Challenge. Often people who are unable to get into the Full Challenge choose to participate in The Homestead Challenge that occurs on the same day, headed in the same direction, but half the mileage (18 +/- miles). Finally, for those

who want to participate in the adventure as a family or a group of friends we offer the Friends and Family Challenge (7 miles). This year's Challenge is Saturday, June 24, 2023.

The Baker Trail UltraChallenge is a 50-mile ultramarathon on the Baker Trail. Unlike the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge, this is a timed footrace: the "challenge" is for a runner or relay team to win or at least finish within 14 hours. This grueling event is only possible because of the hundreds of volunteer hours organized by the Conservancy to maintain the trail and manage the event. Similar to 'The Rachel', volunteer trail stewards maintain and keep the trail clear for year- round hiking.

This year's UltraChallenge is Saturday, August 26, 2023.

BLAZING INTO THE FUTURE

Due to an increase in developments and urbanization of the rural areas outside of Pittsburgh our group continues to work with local communities to keep nature and the countryside accessible and beautiful for people of all ages and abilities. As an organization operated thanks solely to volunteers, your contribution is directed to taking care of our natural resources which benefits businesses, neighborhoods, and families

Just as our volunteer efforts are ongoing, so is the vital need for your support of Western PA well into the next chapter of our region's rich history. We've provided a list of benefits your organization will

receive if you are able to so generously support the Conservancy.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for further information or contact us to commit to any of the various levels of sponsorship.

With sincerest gratitude,

Doug MacPhail Sponsorship Chair

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\$10,000	Twenty-five complimentary Challenge or UltraCh	allenge entries (good for any course)
2 SPOTS AVAILABLE	Premier presence on Conservancy website, event	s signage, and Rachel Carson Trail Challenge s
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CHIPE t	Fifteen complimentary Challenge or UltraChallen	ge entries (good for any course)
GUIDE * \$5,000	Sponsorship acknowledgement at one of four che	eckpoint tents and signage at both events
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TRAILBLAZER * \$1,000	Four complimentary Challenge or UltraChallenge	e entries (good for any course)
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NAVIGATOR \$500	Two complimentary Challenge entries (good for a	any course) or UltraChallenge Solo entry
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HIKER \$250	One complimentary Challenge entry (good for a	ny course) or UltraChallenge Solo entry
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