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# Smedley Park

Delaware County, Pennsylvania

A Non-Profit Organization



# Friends of Smedley Park

*Founded in January 2017*



- Promoting & Advocating for the Park.
- Outreach to the Various Groups & Patrons of the Park.
- Working with the County Parks Department for Improvements.
- Building Awareness of Environmental Best Practices.
- Sharing the wonders of the Woods, Natural Landscape & Geology

# Springfield Trail

*Originally founded in 1969; Resurrected in 2018*



- Winding through Springfield & Nether Providence Townships
- A 4.7 mile nature trail easily accessible through 13 trailheads.
- Brings nature closer to our homes and daily lives.
- Creates a sense of ownership by surrounding neighborhoods.
- Allows connections with Smedley-Leiper & (the future) Smedley-Media Connector trails.

# Smedley Park & Springfield Trail - 2020



- Significant increase in visitors in 2020 due to pandemic.
- Many were first-time visitors to Smedley & Springfield Trail
- Parking areas were full to overflowing on numerous days.
- Usage of the Park for MTB increased.
- Delco Composite MTB made Smedley 1 of 2 home bases.
- Awareness of both the park & trail increased exponentially on social media due to news of the grant & the increased visits.

# Smedley Park News

## *New Signage Installed*



*Trail Posts and Blazes Scheduled for Spring 2021*



# Springfield Trail News

## *Phase 1 of the \$250K Trail Grant – Trailhead Signs*

Being installed within the next two months.

Covering the whole length of the trail.



**E.T. Richardson**

This location is a natural area, a haven for hikers, students and nature enthusiasts looking for respite in the woods. There is much history to this location as well.

Whiskey Run flows in the valley. The area downhill from this sign was the former mill pond for the Lownes Blade Mill (c. 1779), Gibbons Cotton Mill (c. 1832), and Lane & Co. Wagon Works (c. 1844).

Uphill, by Woodland Ave, the Dermandy Sanatorium (c. 1900) was a place where those afflicted with tuberculosis could relax and recover in the beautiful Springfield countryside. Several cottages dotted the area and patients could relax and enjoy nature.

**SPRINGFIELD TRAIL**

- The Springfield Trail is a nature trail; hike and bike at your own risk.
- Trails are shared by mountain bikers, runners, hikers, and others.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Conditions can change quickly and could involve slippery surfaces.
- Stay hydrated.
- In an emergency, call 911.



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**Springfield Trail**  
E.T. Richardson Trailhead

funded by:





*Phases 2 & 3 of the Trail Grant – Trail Upgrades & New Bridges*

Trail posts, blazes and new bridges to be installed during 2021.



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We offer appreciation to all those who provide us with support:

- Our Park & Trail Friends
- Delaware County Parks Department
- Springfield Township
- Nether Providence Township
- Delaware County Council
- Our State Representatives & Senators

Thank You