

# Redbank Valley Trails Association

## DECEMBER CHALLENGE!

**Could you help by making a monetary donation to help the dedicated volunteers of the Redbank Valley Trails Association?**

**When:** Between Giving Tuesday, November 29th and December 31st, 2022

**What's the Challenge:** We hope to raise \$10,000.00 +. Any amount is appreciated!

**Why:** To help us maintain & improve 51 miles of trail

**Where:** By mail or delivery – RVTA, 419 Arch Street, New Bethlehem, PA 16242

By cash, check or credit at the Gallery at New Bethlehem Town Center, 419 Arch St., New Bethlehem, PA—between firehall & Veteran's Memorial

Online via PayPal—[www.redbankvalleytrails.org/donations/](http://www.redbankvalleytrails.org/donations/)

**How:** Memberships renew in Jan. Lifetime memberships welcomed. See website.

**Donations in honor or memory:** benches \$500, picnic tables \$750, shelters \$10,000.

**Christmas or other donations in the name of someone special.**

**Monetary donations. (Adopt a segment or help with maintenance—welcomed all year.)**



**Background Info:** RVTA is an all volunteer organization that owns, administers, maintains and improves all 51 miles of nonmotorized trail between Brookville in Jefferson Co., through Southern Clarion Co., touching on Armstrong Co., to the Allegheny River, where the trail connects with the Armstrong Trail and Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance. We do not receive regular government funding, but we apply for grants for major improvements when we can. We depend on the public's support for funding.

**Some of our expenses:** Fuel and chains for chainsaws to remove downed trees and keep the trail open. Tractor fuel and maintenance to repair landslides, do maintenance and repairs, mowing. Portojohns at \$1500+/- each. Replacement of deteriorated culvert pipes and bridge decking boards and rails. Repair of vandalism (gate damage and sign theft). Vegetation & invasives remediation. Insurance, government taxes & reporting. Postage, website, maps, signage and rack cards. Improvements as funding permits, including resurfacing with crushed limestone, parking areas.

**Why should you support the trail:** We host many organizations' fundraisers, work with local youth groups, alternative transportation (safe route to school), tourism \$\$, support of other area businesses where we and trail related businesses like restaurants and B&Bs purchase supplies, improved properties along trail, access to remote, natural areas, place to exercise, stress relief, appreciation of natural environment, etc.