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## Ohio River Trail Council

*"Joining communities through fitness, recreation, heritage and transportation networks"*

### Ohio River Trail Council Gear & Beer Tri-state Conservation Fallfest

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**Monaca, Pa.** You are cordially invited to attend the Gear & Beer Tri-state Conservation Fallfest. The ORTC Fall Festival is comprised of heritage, environmental, educational, government, and trail groups primarily from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia but also Maryland and New York. Fallfest activities include a mountain bike ride, 35-mile or 50-mile road bike ride, 5K run/walk, kayaking and canoeing, Calland Arboretum Trail Tour, auctions, raffles, children's bike rodeo, live music, food, drink and free wine and craft beer tasting with proper registration! Please join the ORTC on Sunday October 14, 2012 at the Lodge in Bradys Run Park from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bradys Run County Park is Beaver County's largest park and consists of nearly 2000 acres. Bradys Run Park is located on Route 51, two miles north of Beaver, Pa within Brighton and Patterson Townships. Open to the general public!

<http://ohiorivertrail.givezooks.com/events/gear-beer-tri-state-conservation-fallfest-invitation>

The Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) is a Pennsylvania based non-profit, volunteer-led corporation whose mission is to bring individuals, groups, councils, communities, businesses, recreational users and all levels of government together to establish, promote, protect and preserve a continuous corridor of natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River watershed. The ORTC's goal is to honor our past and improve our future by providing recreation opportunities, heritage development, environmental stewardship, safe transportation networks and economic stimulus to our region through the development of a multi-use trail, the Ohio River Trail (ORT), along the "La Belle Riviere" or the Ohio River and its tributaries.

The Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) is currently planning & developing a 41-mile bike and water trail, the Ohio River Trail (ORT), along the Ohio River, from Coraopolis, Pa (near Pittsburgh) to Ohioville, Pa. (near East Liverpool, OH). The ORT is part of the *Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area*, *Lewis & Clark Trail* and is a candidate for part of the *U.S. Bicycle Route 50, Pittsburgh to Cleveland Trail*, and a portion of the *Underground Railroad Bicycle Route, Pittsburgh spur*. The proposed ORT will also follow parts of the "Great Path" and the *Lincoln Highway*. The ORT will serve as a key segment in the interconnection of existing land trails in the quad-state area (Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia). Specifically, the proposed Ohio River Trail will connect the *Great Ohio Lake-to-River Greenway* in Columbiana County, Ohio to the *Great Allegheny Passage* in Allegheny, County Pennsylvania forming a mega-trail from the great lakes region to our nation's capitol.

Along with community enhancements that extend into the realm of public health, wellness, transportation, conservation, preservation, environment, ecology, economy, culture and heritage our ultimate goal is the expansion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's second largest industry - tourism. "Penn's Woods" is teeming with wild resources and beautiful vistas. Trails are like a "magnificent gem on display" attracting visitors, who facilitate job growth in ecotourism-related opportunities. As a tool for ecology and the environment, the Ohio River Trail will preserve natural landscape, safeguard wildlife diversity, and provide vital habitat corridors thereby providing opportunities for birding, butterflying, deer spotting, fishing or enjoying the spring wildflowers or the peak autumn colors.

The ORTC is an organization committed to excellence, with a clear vision and a passion for delivering outstanding results. We ask you to form an alliance with us to capitalize on our strengths in order to guarantee a bright future for our rivers, forests, and towns. The Ohio River Trail Council membership plays an integral role in the continued development of the ORTC's Land and Water Trails, as well as our ability to serve southwestern Pennsylvania riverfront communities through advocacy and planning. The council would like to invite you to become a member and support our efforts in making the Ohio River Trail a reality.

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