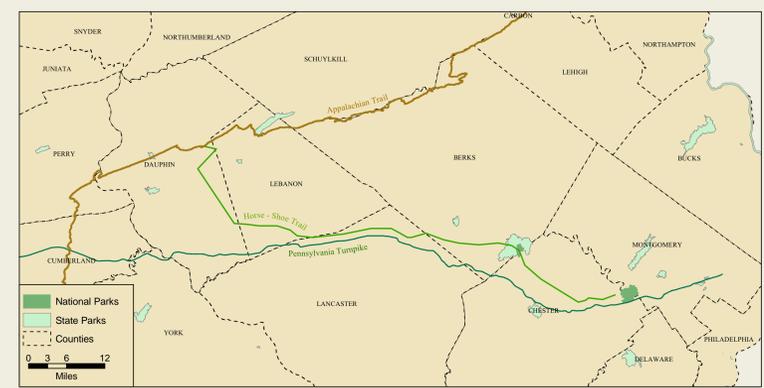
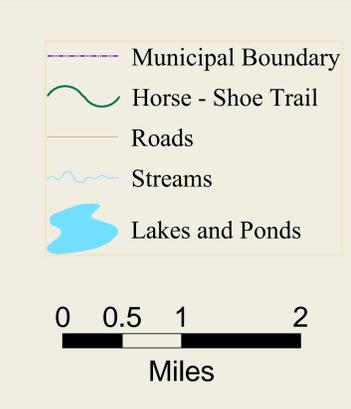
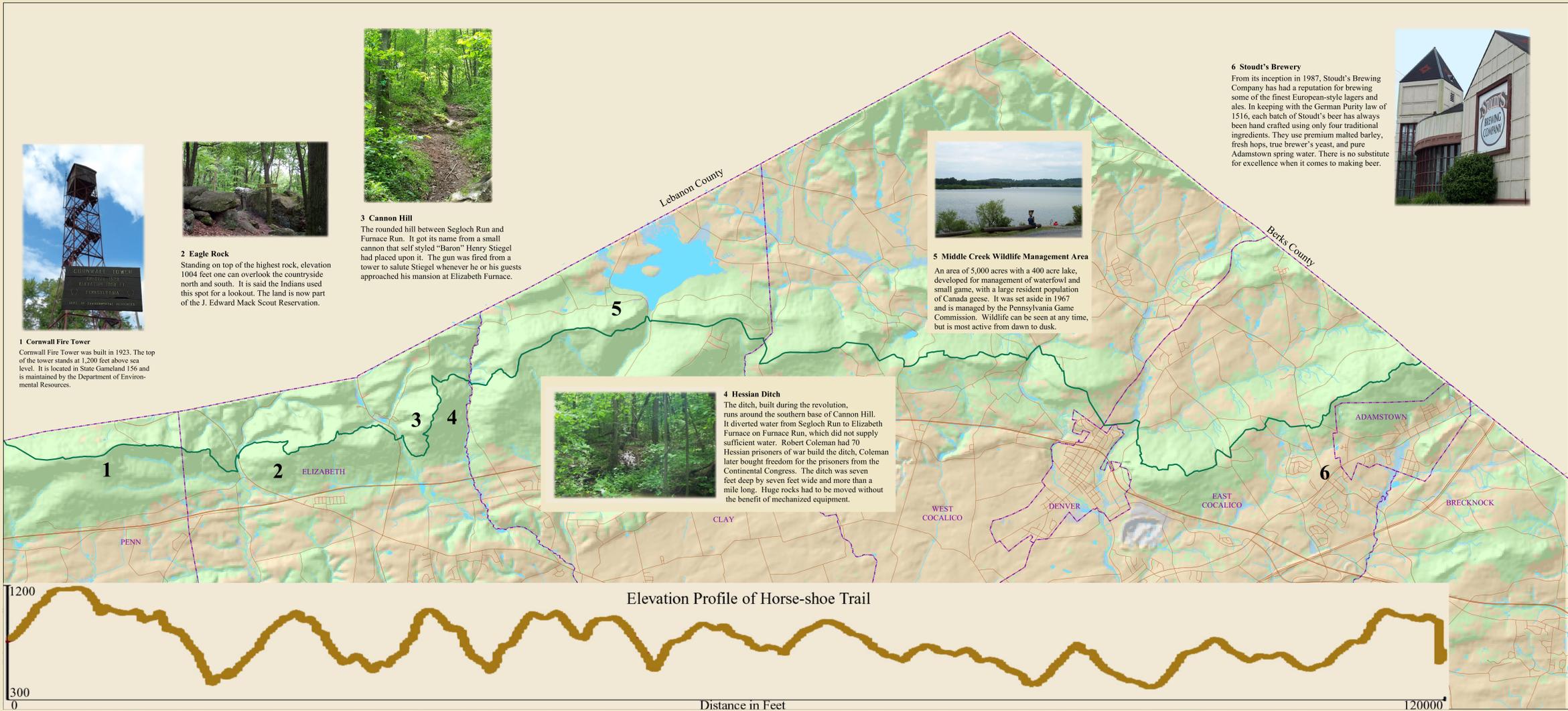


Horse - Shoe Trail Through Lancaster County



History of the Horse-shoe Trail Club

Henry Woolman was the founder of the Horse-shoe Trail Club and its president from its founding in 1935 until his death in 1951. Woolman, an enthusiastic horseman, had ridden the Smokey Mountain section of the Appalachian Trail and concluded that the mountainous section of the southeastern Pennsylvania was equally scenic, and should have its own trail. His proposal was to establish a trail connecting Philadelphia with the Appalachian Trail at Manada Gap. The incorporating group was made up of citizens of the five counties through which the Trail now runs. Notable among them was Charles Hazlehurst, who was the seventh man to walk the entire Appalachian Trail. He and Henry Woolman, representing hikers and horsemen respectively, devised the hyphenated name of the club, "Horse-shoe," to express both interests, and the logo, a horseshoe with a moccasin across. To accommodate travelers, Henry Woolman was also instrumental in establishing youth hostels along the Trail.

The Trail was first plotted in 1947 on USGS 15 Minute Series, by William Nelson West III. Later revised by Ralph Preston and John Thomas. Corrected in 1969 by Cornelia Polotnik and daughter using USGS 7.5 Minute Series maps. Robert Rigg made further revisions. Richard Harris began developing the current maps. Fred Otte rewrote the text and updated the maps in 1989 and kept both current through 1995.



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Map Description

"Horse-shoe Trail Through Lancaster County" is a comprehensive description of the section of the Horse-shoe Trail that runs through Lancaster County, PA. The Trail runs through five counties from Valley Forge to the Appalachian Trail at Manada Gap and was formally established in 1935 for horsemen ("Horse") and hikers ("shoe"). This Trail holds great historical significance as it is closely related to the development of the iron industry in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of the better known old furnace and forge sites, such as Cornwall Furnace, are near the trail. Data for this map were mostly created and managed by the County GIS Department. This collaborative effort of the Lancaster County Information Technology Department (GIS Division) was created using ArcGIS.

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