



March 3 - Parks Advocacy Day
March 11 - Trails Advocacy Day

Join us for Advocacy Day in Albany Speak out for Parks & Trails!

Your support matters--legislators listen and respond to constituents.

Threats to the Environmental Protection Fund, capital and operations budgets for State Parks, the continuation of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, and completion of the Canalway Trail are looming large in the state budget. Our legislators need to know how important these resources are to the state's economy and the health and well-being of all New York residents.

Once again PTNY is organizing Park and Trail Advocacy Days to bring together park and trail supporters from throughout the state to advocate for the protection and enhancement of New York's trails and parks. Participants will meet with key lawmakers to discuss the 2009-2010 budget, proposed legislation, and the importance of our state's trails and parks.

Visits with legislators and their staff provide an opportunity for lawmakers to hear directly from you how their decisions affect your community and its park or trail. These visits and the personal stories you relate really do have an impact on how our lawmakers vote.

On Park and Trail Advocacy Day we will begin at 9:30 a.m. with bagels and coffee and a short "call to arms" at the Parks & Trails New York office across from the Capitol. This is also a great way to connect with others who share your commitment and passion for trails and parks.

At around 10:00 a.m., we will head over to the Legislative Office building to begin visits with key Senators and Assembly members. You will be assigned to a team of fellow supporters and given a schedule of meetings with policymakers throughout the day. (The schedule will also be emailed to you prior to the Advocacy Day).

Join us!!! Your participation will help make this day a success, and more importantly, help secure much-needed funding and support for our trails and parks.

We need to schedule and plan our visits with lawmakers, so please let us know in advance whether you will be attending.

Parks Advocacy Day-March 3

Confirm attendance by February 26 with:

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Trails Advocacy Day-March 11

Confirm attendance by March 6 with:

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If you can't join us for one of the advocacy days, call, write or e-mail your legislator and let him or her know you care about parks and trails and support the above initiatives.

Find your [Senator](#). Find your [Assemblyperson](#).

