



GO ALL OUT!

The Keuka Outlet Trail

Friends of the Outlet, Inc.

Summer is here!

Spring Edition 2010

by Matt Merrill

Summer is here! Finally! So how does a trip down to the Keuka Outlet Trail sound?

Bring your shoes and go for a walk or a hike. Grab a bike and pedal your way down the trail. Get the dog, a leash, and a pottie bag and let your best friend enjoy the trail too. Bring your horse down and get a higher view of the trail. I bet you have some people friends that would love to see the beauty of the trail, water falls, and wildlife. Which reminds me, don't forget your camera so you can upload some photos of your trip to the new website.

www.KeukaOutletTrail.com

Sneak peek below

Keep in mind the Trail is here for you to enjoy with your friends and family. We will take care of the hard work like grass mowing, brush trimming and building maintenance, as well as other tedious jobs. All we ask of you is to be respectful of nature, clean up after yourself and others if they fail to do so, and be cautious of natural dangers.

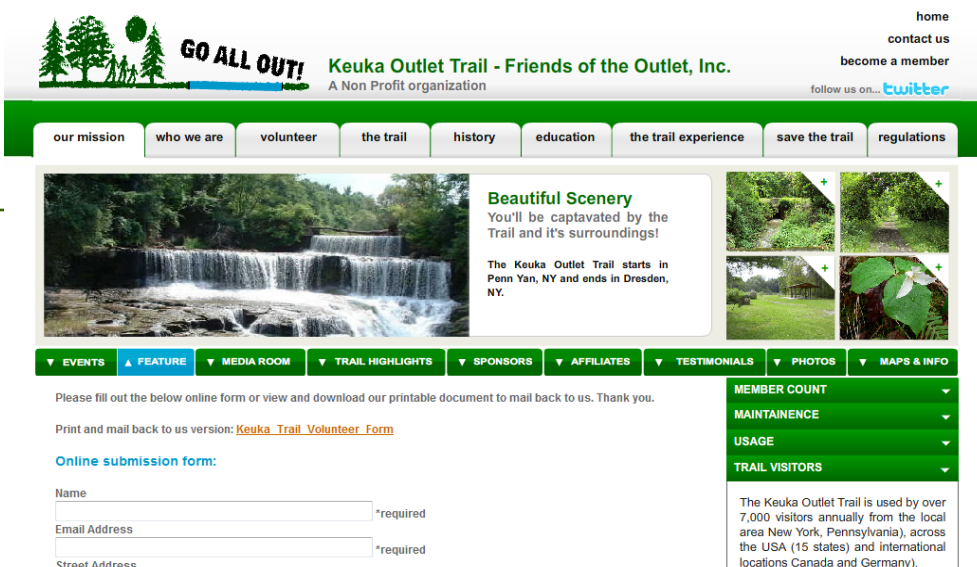
If you are interested in taking "another step", we are always looking for volunteers to help with the constant barrage of projects. It doesn't matter what your skill level or time availability is, we can always use an extra hand.

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Special points of interest:

- FOTO, Inc. is sponsoring the July 14th concert in Penn Yan Court House park beginning at 6:30 pm. Join us for great bluegrass music by the Diamondback Rattlers. Refreshments raise funds for the Trail.
- Join us on **Saturday, August 14th** at 10:00 am for the summer board and public meeting. Come to the Al Jensen Visitor Center on the Keuka Outlet Trail. Please join us.
- The Bruce Hanson Memorial Dinner has been scheduled for **October 2nd** at the Seneca Lake Duck Hunter's Association, Inc. Check our website for more details.



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Beautiful Scenery
You'll be captivated by the Trail and it's surroundings!
The Keuka Outlet Trail starts in Penn Yan, NY and ends in Dresden, NY.

MEMBER COUNT
MAINTENANCE
USAGE
TRAIL VISITORS

The Keuka Outlet Trail is used by over 7,000 visitors annually from the local area New York, Pennsylvania, across the USA (15 states) and international locations Canada and Germany).

Please fill out the below online form or view and download our printable document to mail back to us. Thank you.
Print and mail back to us version: [Keuka Trail Volunteer Form](#)
Online submission form:
Name _____ *required
Email Address _____ *required
Street Address _____

Board Candidates approved

Hatter Reynolds and Ivan Oberholtzer were elected to the Friends of the Outlet, Inc board at the May 12, 2010 meeting. Both are enthusiastic volunteers and supporters and will bring many strengths to the functioning of our board. We look forward to working together.

Tom McGuigan rotated off the board after six years of service. The board thanks Tom for his contributions—especially in collaboration and for overseeing community service workers who kept the trail well groomed over the years. Tom plans to continue supporting our organization through special projects.

John Hunter, Board Treasurer, reported our membership reminder in the last newsletter was very successful. Individuals who are current with dues almost doubled. Thank you to all who sent in their dues!

On-site Trail Donation boxes completed!



Thanks to a donation by new FOTO, Inc board member Ivan Oberholtzer, we now have five donation boxes installed at various points along the trail including Fox Mills, Seneca Mills parking, the Visitor's Center, Hopton parking and Dresden parking. The boxes have been in place for six weeks with positive results. We expect to recoup our investment expense by the end of summer. The donations will be applied to ongoing trail maintenance activities and are greatly appreciated.

Permits, Permits and more Permits

by Dan Spence, Land Surveyor, FOTO Lands Committee Chairman

Not much has changed on the ground at Site #23 of the Design Report for the proposed work on the trail under the New York State Route 14 Bridge. The plan is pretty simple: raise the grade and install two culverts so drainage can pass from the upland slope to the wetlands south of the trail. Because nothing has changed on the ground does not mean the Friends and their team have not been working to remedy the situation.

As simple as the plan is it is not always easy to execute; to date we have:

- Performed topographic mapping for design purposes
- Prepared plans for review by NYSDEC & NYSDOT (they administer the grant)
- Mapped NYSDEC Wetland Limits
- Received the NYSDEC Permit
- Contacted City Hill Construction

who is interested in helping with the work and reviewed the scope of the project

- Reviewed the site with a representative of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to identify Federal Wetland Areas that are different from those delineated by the NYSDEC
- Mapped the Federal Wetlands and computed the area of impact to the Federal Wetlands (± 680 square feet)
- Applied for a Highway Work Permit with the New York State Department of Transportation as portions of the trail improvements are to be located within the NYS Route 14 Right of Way.

Although the Army Corp representative verbally acknowledges that the wetland impact of our project is minimal they need a negative declaration from SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office); the Corp is kindly working with us to help attain that as Site #23 was not included in our original

archeological survey as we did not think we would have the budget for that work under the grant funding.

Upon our application for the Highway Work Permit we learned that to obtain it we must first have a U & O (Use & Occupancy) Permit; the trail being improved goes across lands owned by the New York State Department of Transportation. In reality we have needed this permit all along for the trail as it is currently used in that area; so now can remedy that situation on our way to obtaining the Highway Work Permit.

So while we anxiously await all of the proper permits, declarations and plan to get the work started we can take a moment to thank all of the public agencies who are protective of our wetlands, historic places and public highways. Although many permits are required the agencies have been cooperative to work with and understanding of our projects needs.

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Seneca Mills Falls



During the trout stocking on April 26, 2010 it was first observed that a significant length of the old Seneca Mills wall, down stream of the falls and on the north side of the stream had collapsed into the Keuka Outlet. It was backfilled against during the demo of the old mill sites in that vicinity. Without the proper structural ties and reinforcing it was not capable of holding the lateral load imposed by the upland features. The New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Places has been contacted as the site is on the national register.

Please use caution when visiting the area as remaining wall sections are now less stable.

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