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National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2 At Valley Forge National Historical Park joined by the Girl Scouts of America, Eastern Pennsylvania

VALLEY FORGE, PA – Valley Forge National Historical Park will host a Trails Fair in celebration of American Hiking Society’s 20th annual National Trails Day.® The event will be held at the Betzwood Picnic Area from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This annual event is a long-standing celebration of America’s magnificent trail systems and its countless supporters and volunteers. National Trails Day is celebrated in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The slogan for National Trails Day 2012, *America’s Largest TRAILgating Party*, is an open invitation to all Americans to get outside and connect with local hiking clubs, community groups, and state and national parks.

Free programs will include guided hikes focusing on nature and history. Environmental organizations and conservation, health, and trails groups will offer educational clinics and presentations at outdoor exhibits. There will also be a showcase of the latest in outdoor equipment and gear. Also, this year the Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania will be partnering with the park with special activities and exhibits as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. There will be a birthday cake ceremony at 9:00 a.m.

National Trails Day promotes the relationship between trail users and good health. “This event is an excellent opportunity to explore park trails, get connected, give back through volunteerism, and reap the health benefits of all that trails offer,” said park superintendent, Kate Hammond.

Individuals and groups may volunteer to help with trail maintenance. Volunteer projects for the day include removing invasive plants along the trail corridor and cleaning up litter along park trails. To volunteer, contact Ernestine White, Volunteer Program Manager, at 610-783-1029 or by email at ernestine_white@nps.gov. For more information about this event and directions, please visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/vafo.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park is a national icon of the American Revolution that serves as a place where visitors enjoy, understand, care for and preserve America’s history and natural heritage. The park offers an engaging, complete educational and recreational experience, providing an important piece of the American story in a beautiful, historical, preserved landscape.

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