

M. R. Hyker's Latest Adventure



01-19-2008 - [Susquehanna State Park](#): The snow from the previous week's storm was all but melted away. The skies were cloudy and temps were in the 30s. Fortunately there was no wind, not even on the exposed pastures of the plateau. I was joined by .Com, Pat, The Dancin' Austrian, John M. and his wife, June, Youness and Xinggao.

The hike along the river/railroad grade/canal was both scenic and steeped in industrial history. We stopped for a group photo at the Flint Furnace before climbing the ridge on the Deer Creek Trail. We visited the giant Beech tree and had a brief lunch at the 230 year old White Oak before exiting the woods for a bit to traverse the pastures. We then plunged back into the woods and descended to find Rock Run flowing fast and high. Fortunately we were all able to get across with dry feet. We took a quick 5 minute break before climbing the next hill to cross in front of the Stepping Stone Museum. After following the edge of more pastures we descended to the woods one final time and picked up the Mason-Dixon trail which we followed back to the old mill where we started.

I originally had mapped this route to be approximately 9 miles. My new GPS unit has a much greater rate of data collection and more superior satellite reception. It measured it as about 9.8 miles. It also determined that our average pace, not counting breaks, was 2.7 mph. We were really hauling butt. No wonder my chest was a little sore. It was a great hike with some great people.