

*“Now that you're here, the word of the **Lorax** seems perfectly clear. UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” “I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.”*

~ Dr. Seuss.

HELP US SUPPORT WHARTON STATE FOREST!

GOALS Adventure Racing Association has been supporting charitable organizations since our inception in 2003. As a non-profit organization ourselves, we understand and value the importance of charitable work.

This year we have put our focus on giving back to the environment. How often have you hiked on trails, paddled waterways, biked in beautiful parks and forests? Even if you've ever done it once in your entire life try to imagine the work it takes to keep our open space land beautiful and protected.

HELP US CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

HELP US “GIVE BACK” TO THE ENVIRONMENT

HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT WHARTON STATE FOREST.

Wharton State Forest is the largest single tract of land within the New Jersey State Park System. It is also the site of Batsto Village, a former bog iron and glassmaking industrial center from 1766 to 1867 that currently reflects the agricultural and commercial enterprises that existed here during the late 19th century.

Throughout Wharton are miles rivers and streams for canoeing, miles of hiking trails (including a major section of the Batona Trail), miles of unpaved roads for mountain biking and horseback riding and numerous lakes, ponds and fields ideal for wildlife observation. Bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, marsh hawks, ospreys, great blue herons, swans, screech owls, great-horned owls, bluebirds, hummingbirds, purple martins, goldfinch, turkeys, beavers, river otters, fox and deer are only some of the wildlife the alert visitor can see.

Wharton State Forest has been challenged by a number of environmental and economic concerns. From the challenges of the constant threat of forest fires, to invasive species management, maintaining trails and roads, and budgetary constraints, the forest needs your help!

Do your part for National Trails Day. Even if it wasn't National Trails Day, we should all still do our part.

No donation is too small, but the big ones are even better! Your donation goes directly to Wharton State Forest.

The donor who donates the most money will be mailed a thank you award from GOALS Adventure Racing Association.

The racer that raises the most funds will receive a free race entry to a future GOALS event plus some cool schwag!

General information on Wharton State Forest can be found at their website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/wharton.html>

There are two ways in which you can fundraise, and we encourage you to do both.

The first is word of mouth, and asking your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to help support you in this race. They can donate cash or a check made out to "Batsto Citizens Committee"

The second way is to simply click a few buttons on your computer and join our on-line fundraising campaign. It is so easy to do! All you need to do is click here: <https://www.crowdrise.com/racing-for-wharton-state-forest2> and join the team!

Below is the fundraising sheet for your face to face collections.

