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Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail Bridge over PA Turnpike Closes

Somerset:

Effective immediately, the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail Bridge that crosses the Pennsylvania Turnpike is closed indefinitely due to structural deficiencies resulting in unsafe conditions. This closure will impact thru-hikers on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail as well as snowmobile users in the Laurel Highlands region. The gates immediately preceding the bridge are closed and temporary barricades will be placed in multiple locations to alert trail users to the conditions and closure. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is in the process of replacing the structure, but it is uncertain at this time when the bridge will be open again for public use.

We regret the inconvenience this closure may cause but public safety is our top priority. Please contact the Laurel Hill State Park Complex directly for further information and assistance at 814-445-7725.

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