

Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Counter Loan Policy

Adopted by motion of Board of Directors of Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance

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Effective upon Adoption

The Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance (EPTA) is committed to counting users on the segments of trail that constitute the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail. Trail counts assists in being able to validate usage of the trail, which can be used to obtain funding to continue the trail as well as for maintenance.

To assist in obtaining trail counts the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) has provide 9 counters in lockable metal boxes, 2 downloading docks in protective cases and all cables plus a user's manual to EPTA.

Home base locations for the equipment are

Northern:

Kim Harris - Oil Region Alliance Office
217 Elm Street in Oil City, PA 16301
(814) 677-3152; Ext. 120
kharris@oilregion.org

Southern:

Ron Steffey
928 North Water Street,
Kittaning, PA 16201
(724) 859-4346
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The EPTA has full use of counter hardware with these conditions:

- a. Counters shall be signed out by EPTA Board Members.
- b. Anyone signing out a counter must be willing to receive training, if necessary on installation of equipment and the downloading of information.
- c. Any location being monitored must have the counter deployed for no less than 14 consecutive days.
- d. Counters must monitor a trail located on an IHTC Mega-Corridor, specifically the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Corridor, Redbank Valley Trail, or Mercer County trail segments on the EPT connector trail corridor.
- e. Counters are to be use monitor multi-use trails (walking, biking, etc.), no single use trails (hiking only, e.g.).
- f. Data from each counter installed shall be gathered monthly and shared with EPTA quarterly.
- g. There is a limited number of docks that collect the data from the counter, depending on where the counters are the coordinator for the northern and southern home bases will work with borrowers to be sure the data is collected. EPTA will

share collected data with RTC twice per year as required through the EPTA agreement with RTC.

- h. Counters should be deployed year-round but are portable and can be moved to multiple locations.
- i. Trail Counters must be in one location for a minimum of two weeks for count periods.
- j. The Borrower is must arrange transportation for pickup and return of the loaned equipment.
- k. Borrows must sign the counter(s)out and indicate date the equipment is to be returned.
- l. The Borrow agrees that the loan item(s) will be returned to their home location (location the counter equipment is being stored) upon the agreed upon time.
- m. Borrow must provide fasteners and labor for installing the equipment on trails.
- n. It is understood that theft and vandalism are risks in deploying this equipment. It is asked that the borrow take steps to install counter(s) as securely as possible. There will be no penalty for any counters lost to theft and/or vandalism, but there is no replacement program for lost, stolen or vandalized counters. Theft/Vandalism should be reported to EPTA as soon as possible.
- o. Those wishing to sign out counters should make their request to either the northern or southern home base, contact information appears earlier in this document.

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