Proposed Tracy Ridge Wilderness Beginning Backpacking Trip

Here are participants from the June 17 and 18 beginner backpacking program with Friends of Allegheny Wilderness and Chapman State Park after returning from a 10-mile overnight trip into the backcountry wilds along the hiking-only trails of the 9,700-acre proposed Tracy Ridge Wilderness Area in the Allegheny National Forest (at left). Hikers ranged from their mid-20s to 70 years of age — including one father-daughter team in honor of Father’s Day. From left, in front, are Annalisa Ryding of Kane, Jean Gomory of Warren, Irsy Sweeney of Saylorsburg, Kathy Little of Bradford, Violet Frost of Erie and, in back, Bill Ryding of Kane, Emily Borcz of Moraine State Park, Bo Reiley of Auburn, Victor Amsdell of Russell, Kathleen Amsdell of Russell, Grant MacIntyre of Pittsburgh, Kirk Johnson of Warren, and Diane Fisher of Kane.