

Highlights of 2021...

- In January, NPTR members ran the Winter Fells challenge, looping many park trails together and tackling some of the nastiest hills North Park has to offer.
- After a COVID hiatus, group runs returned. We continue to offer four group runs every week - Tuesday Trail Trotters, Sexy Pace Tuesday Evening, Thursday Night Run and the Sunday Relaxed Run.
- Runners who covered 100 miles of North Park trails between May 1 and July 4 earned an Orange Patch, with proceeds benefiting local charity [Inspired Hearts and Hands](#).
- NPTR celebrated its 9th birthday with a group run, cake and kickball on July 4.
- We welcomed about 75 new members, adding to our current total of 539 members.
- NPTR volunteers pitched in at local races, providing aid station support.
- The Green Mile Challenge was back! Participants in this year's free event collectively ran 821 loops for a total of 1,427 miles. Runners received a raffle ticket for each completed loop and we gave out a ridiculous amount of prizes!
- NPTR's DEI committee hosted monthly City Series group runs at various locations including Frick Park, Riverview Park, Emerald View Park and the Strip District. Thanks also to Julia Strejcek for leading a kids' hike and storytime!
- On October 16, NPTR presented its first ever race, the North Ridge Nightmare, a 6.6k or 13k race on the most haunted road in Pittsburgh as well as some challenging North Ridge trails. Proceeds from the race will go toward park/trail maintenance efforts. Park staff are evaluating potential projects to make use of this funding.
- NPTR joined with the Rachel Carson Trail Conservancy to host a kids' Opt Outside run on Black Friday, this year held in North Park.
- In early December, group run leads collected food items for North Hills Community Outreach. Thanks to all who donated!

What's ahead in 2022...

- A new Winter Fells course! If you thought 2021's route was challenging, you'd better buckle up for this one. It's a doozy.
- The Frozen Goat is back! Mark your calendar for February 12, 2022. We'll offer routes allowing for various distances from 5 to 20 miles, as well as chili and hot soup. Registration opens January 3 and more details will be provided soon.
- The Green Mile Challenge and North Ridge Nightmare will return for 2022!
- A new segment challenge is in the works for the spring. Get ready to explore.
- Of course, our regular group runs and city series runs will continue. See you on the trails!