

How YOU Can Help

Play a significant role in this important conservation effort by adopting today. Your support will help Hawk Mountain's Stewardship Staff in many ways, from managing invasive plants to maintaining trails to forest regeneration.



All adoptions receive an official certificate and magnet.

- \$50** "Jr Sprout" for Children 12 and Under
 - Engage a young conservationist
 - Small gift included
- \$100**
 - Support removal of invasive plants around the Visitor Center
- \$500**
 - Support ongoing trail maintenance for Visitors
 - A tree is planted within impact zones on Sanctuary grounds in the donor's name
 - Donor will be listed on the Hawk Mountain website
- \$1000**
 - Support the land management plan and forest regeneration with planting and removing invasive species
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 - Invitation to program, taking place annually in November, detailing updates from the Stewardship team

Support the Land Conservation Fund now

Interested in helping out with a larger monetary donation? Consider supporting the Land Conservation Fund and help our ongoing efforts. Your contribution will help cover staff time and collaborations with land trusts and conservancies, help offset costs of purchasing and transferring property, and may support land protection through acquisition or easement. Contact Director of Development Mary Linkevich at linkevich@hawkmountain.org to learn more.

Adopt a Tree

Scan and email, or mail to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

I/we would like to make an adoption:

\$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/we would like to make an adoption as a gift for:

\$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Relationship to recipient _____

Gift Occasion _____

Additional gift of \$_____ is enclosed

Send adoption package to: Me gift recipient

Payment by:

Check (made payable to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary)

Mastercard Visa Discover

Account # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

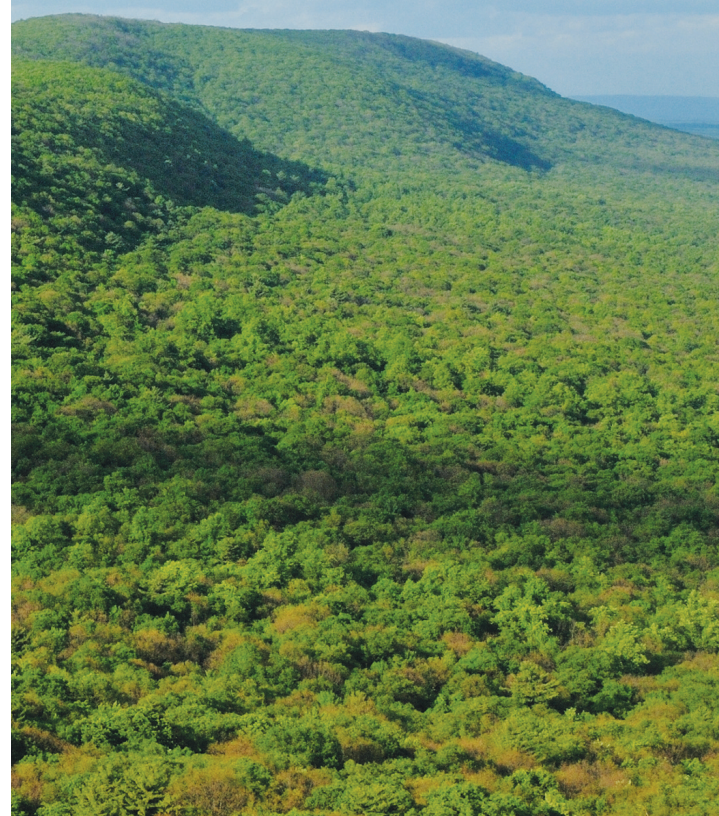
Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Hawk Mountain is located on the Kittatinny Ridge, the southernmost ridge of the Central Appalachians. The Ridge was designated a state, national and global Important Bird Area because of its importance to migrating and nesting birds. The lands that surround Hawk Mountain and lie along the Kittatinny Ridge provide critical stopover habitat for migrants and year-round habitat for other wildlife. And, the scenic views from Sanctuary lookouts are highly valued and greatly enhance the experience of our visitors and members.



Why conserve land? It's for the birds!

"The most important reason to conserve land is to protect the native wildlife and to conserve stopover habitat for migrating raptors and other birds," explains Dr. Laurie Goodrich, the Sarkis Acopian Director of Conservation Science at the Sanctuary.

As part of her doctoral research, Dr. Goodrich studied the habitat use of sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks migrating south along the Kittatinny in Pennsylvania. Her findings showed that the birds stopped frequently to rest and feed during their annual migrations and often sought out large patches of suitable habitat near the Ridge.

Her findings suggest that conserving a mix of rural habitats, forest, fields, wetlands, and streams along the base of this world-renown migration corridor is critical to the survival of the migrants and their future migrations.

Surveys of both songbirds and hawks conducted as part of her study also demonstrated that most birds stopped along base of the Mountain, not along the top, and that habitat diversity was higher in these lowland areas. Telemetry of migrating broad-winged hawks shows they roost and rest in habitat similar to where they nest, with more than 75% forest cover surrounding them. This study and others suggest migrants need places to rest and feed during their migrations. Hawk Mountain hopes to serve as a model to other watchsites worldwide by working to conserve critical habitat for migrating raptors and songbirds near the Mountain and by partnering with other conservation partners to conserve land along the Kittatinny Ridge.



Hawk Mountain Walks the Walk

In 2018, Hawk Mountain placed most of its 2,500 acres in a conservation easement with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), ensuring that the majority of its land is protected forever. It also conducted a complete forest inventory and entered into TNC's "Working Woodlands" program, where the Sanctuary has committed to managing our critical habitat to maximize carbon emissions. Hawk Mountain's forest conservation program is Forest Stewardship Council® certified, the global leader in responsible forest certification.



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