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Appalachian Trail Museum to open next week

GARDNERS - Hikers from throughout the United States will gather at Pine Grove Furnace State Park in south central Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 5, for the opening of the Appalachian Trail Museum.

The museum began as an idea more than a dozen years ago, said Larry Luxenberg, founder and president of the Appalachian Trail Museum Society.

"It is fitting that June 5 also is National Trails Day and, in conjunction with the museum opening, there will be South Mountain area hikes and trail maintenance outings," he said.

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary John Quigley, Appalachian Trail Conservancy Executive Director David Startzell and Harpers Ferry National Historic Park Superintendent Rebecca Harriett will speak at the grand opening ceremonies that begin at 11 a.m.

Local dulcimer, banjo and harmonica musician and recording artist Tom Jolin will perform before and after the dedication. In addition to performing on National Public Radio, he has performed for the Vice President of the United States and with Garrison Keillor.