

*A Macungie Tradition Since 1929!*  
**96<sup>th</sup> Annual “Sheeprock Trek”**  
**and Thanksgiving Sunrise Service**

Thanksgiving Morning • Thursday, November 28, 2024

5:45 AM

1 Mile Hike (each direction) departs from the  
Macungie Volunteer Fire Department

31 South Walnut Street, Macungie

Plenty of Parking Available

Sponsored by

Macungie Boy Scout Troop 71

Macungie Historical Society

Free and open to the General Public

Thanksgiving 2024 marks the 96th year of the Sheeprock Trek, an annual observance that was first described in a 1929 Allentown Morning Call article as *“a novel undertaking.”* William Shoemaker, founder of the first Macungie Boy Scout Troop, organized the Trek in 1929. Sheeprock was chosen for this annual pilgrimage because from that point on the mountain *“there is presented a grand panoramic view of two thirds of Lehigh County and parts of Berks and Northampton counties”*. On Thanksgiving morning, let us give thanks for the opportunity to again enjoy what was first described in 1929 as *“a scene which never fails to incite wonder and delight.”*

Trek organizers would like to remind all Thanksgiving morning hikers that smoking is not permitted during the hike or sunrise service. Because of the extremely dry conditions, a burn ban is in effect throughout Lehigh County and the surrounding areas.

Trek hikers historically leave cigarette butts and other trash behind. Please join with Troop 71 and make a positive impact on nature and our beautiful Macungie Mountain. Support their efforts to **“LEAVE NO TRACE”** as you participate in this annual Thanksgiving tradition.

Properties surrounding Sheeprock are privately owned. Hike participants are asked to respect their privacy and begin and end the hike with the group originating from the Macungie Fire Department, using the designated hiking trail for access to and from Sheeprock.

Your cooperation and respect for this unique Thanksgiving tradition is greatly appreciated and will insure that the tradition survives in future years!

**Hot Chocolate and Doughnuts will be served after the service at the Macungie Volunteer Fire Department. In the event of inclement weather conditions, the sunrise service will be held inside the Fire Department beginning at 5:45 AM.**

For more information, call or text the Macungie Historical Society at 610-965-0372.