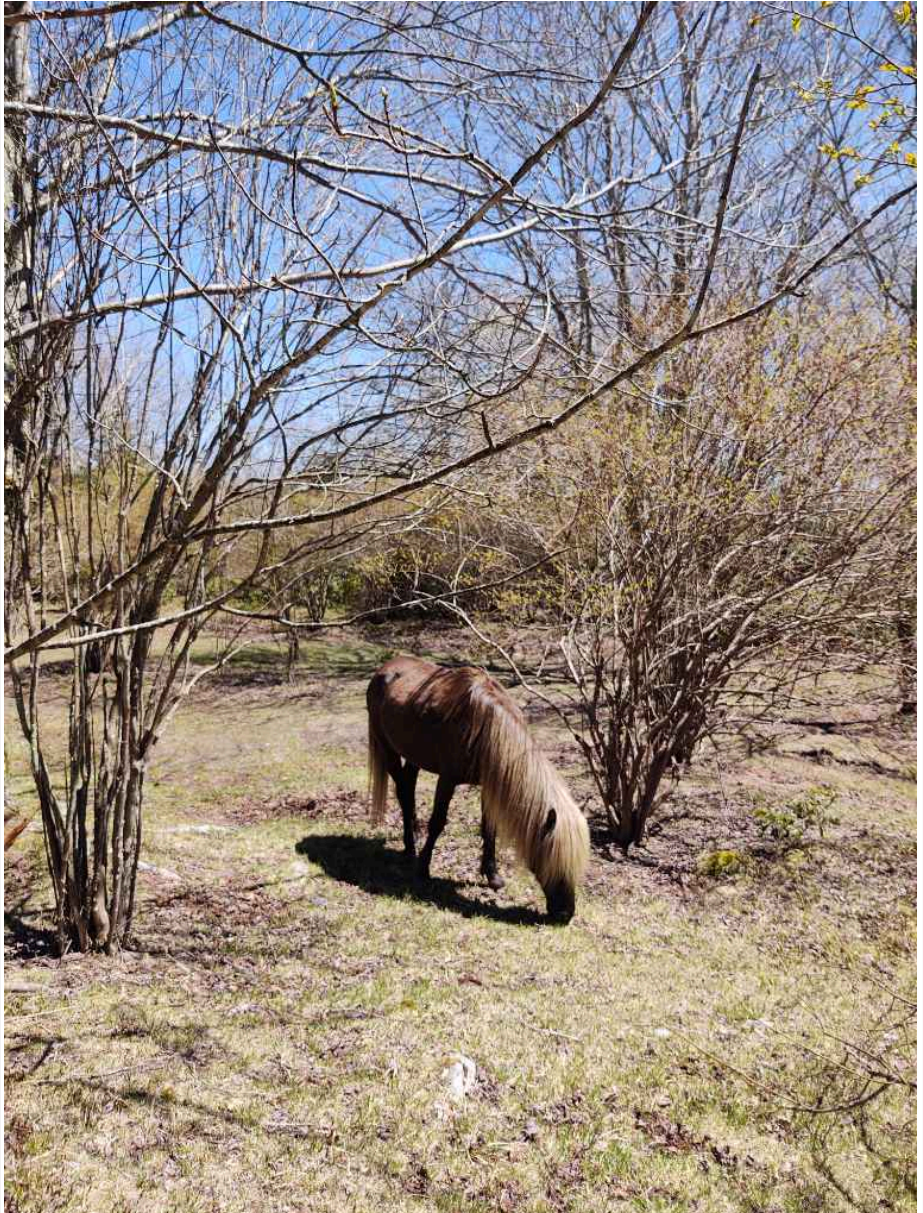


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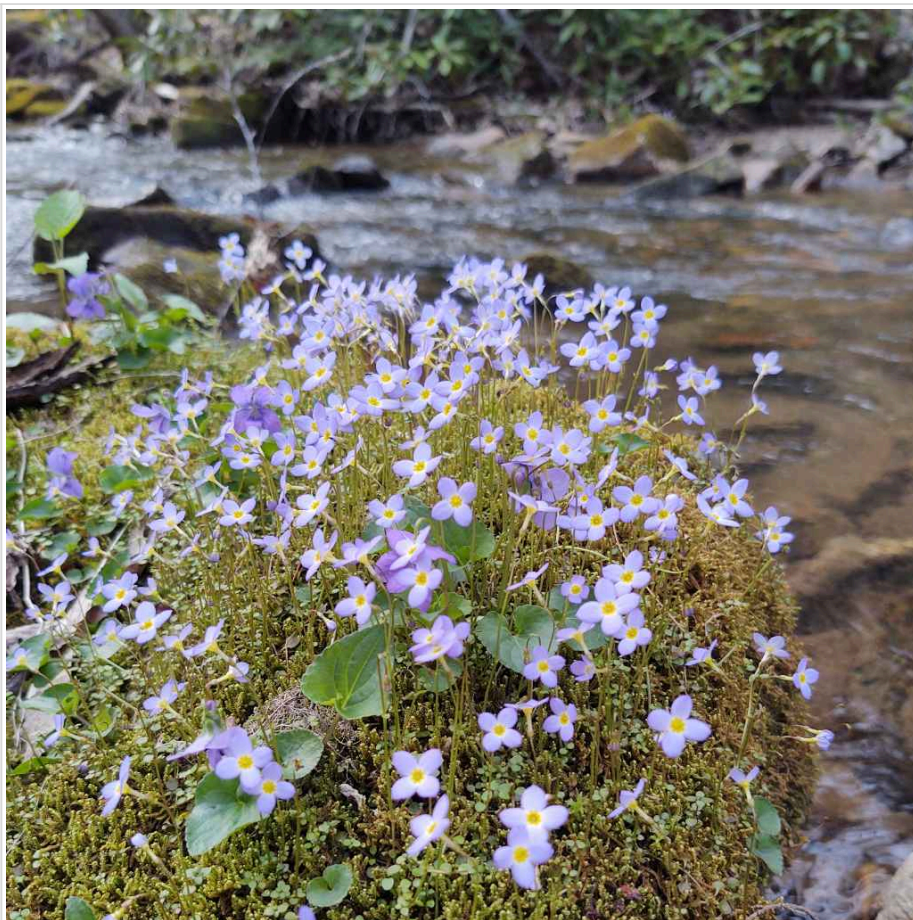
Weekly Report

Your Name	James Baum
Start Date of Patrol	04-28-2021
End Date of Patrol	05-03-2021
High priority items	None
General Comments & Overview	<p>Multiple hikers have reported Norovirus like symptoms prior to and after Damascus.</p> <p>Another wonderful week on the trail. Helped install a new bear box near Wise Shelter in the National Forest. Walked a little on the PATH section. Beautiful weather over the weekend after a very windy Friday.</p> <p>Hikers seem in good spirits, the trails and privies are all good.</p>
Photos from patrol	

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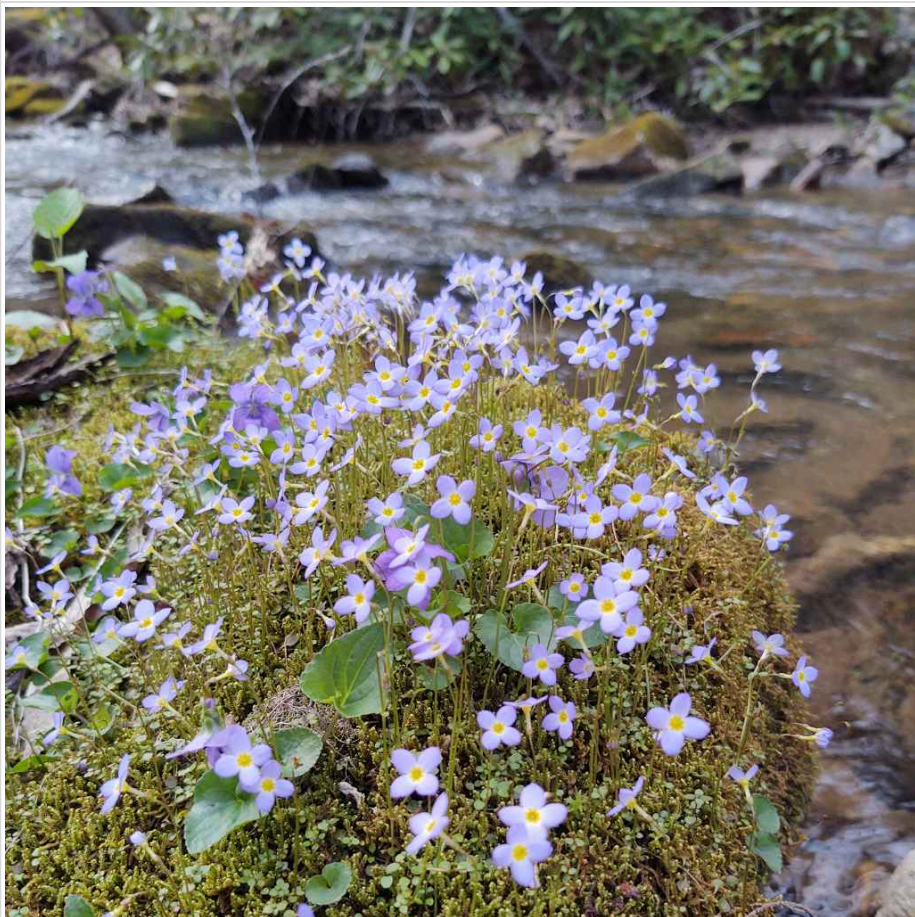
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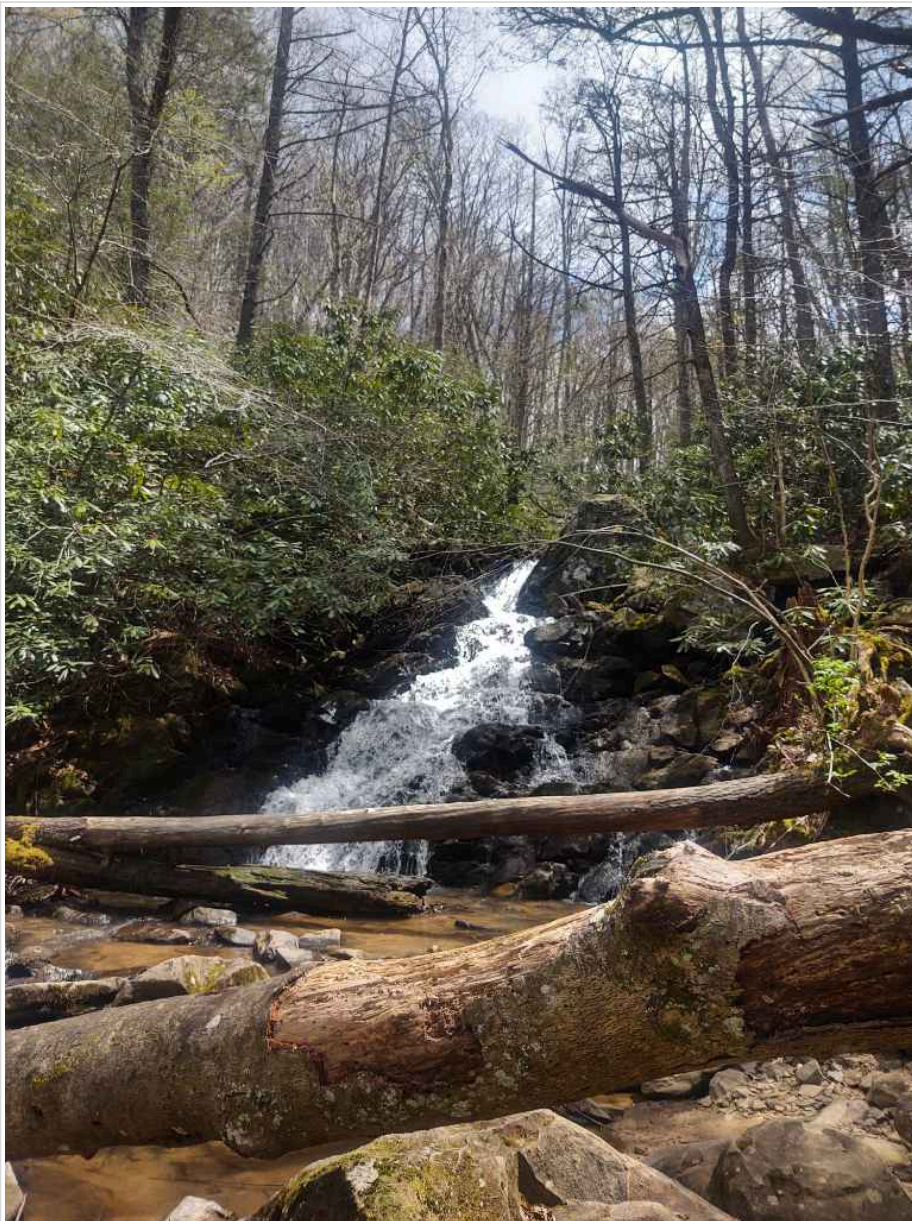
On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

Trail Section Hiked	Hurricane Campground to Comer Falls and Hurricane Shelter and back
Miles hiked	8
Date of collection	04-28-2021
Day of the Week	Wed
Beginning time of collection	10:05 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	08:28 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	8

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<p>Comments & Observations</p>	<p>Stopped by Partnership Shelter... Lots of happy hikers. Picked up a few pieces of trash.</p> <p>Stopped at Dicky's Gap parking area to see if I could get an exact location of a blow down that was reported last week by multiple hikers. Picked up trash in the lot and talked to a few hikers. The tree was between the new relo and the Falls.</p> <p>Drove down the new road walk and found a couple frustrated hikers that had spent some time lost. Drove them back up to Dicky's Gap to catch a shuttle they were late for.</p> <p>My 1st time walk the relo. It is well blazed, signed and Guthooks which the lost folks were using is accurate. I think they cut the switch back to the road and walked the wrong way on the road. Only way they could have become lost</p> <p>Found the tree and cut off the upper limbs so it is a step over, now. Pics in the blow down section</p> <p>Walked out to the Falls. Nice new Konnarock steps.</p> <p>Walked to Hurricane Shelter and told hikers about the split in the trail.</p> <p>Hurricane Shelter was clean. I will bring in a new broom when we shovel out the privy next Thursday. Raked up duff for the privy and did other routine privy stuff. Which is best left undescribed in any details.</p> <p>I did notice horse tracks on the Hurricane Mountain Trail that intersects the AT, but none on the AT.</p>
<p>Photos</p>	

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Comer's Falls

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Details

# Day Hikers	0
# Backpackers <1 week	2
# Backpackers > 1 week	2
# Thru-Hikers	35
# Others	4
Description of other users	Horse riders, shuttle driver, bus driver
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	43

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Total People Contacted	40
Gallons of trash	8
Fire rings dismantled	1

Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - # 2

On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

Trail Section Hiked	Teas Road parking area to Rye Valley Overlook and back
Miles hiked	5
Date of collection	04-29-2021
Day of the Week	Thurs
Beginning time of collection	08:04 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	18:27 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	cloudy, humid, afternoon showers
Comments & Observations	<p>Met Evan Blevins at the Sugar Grove work Center. We loaded the UTV and a bear box to be delivered to just North of Wise Shelter.</p> <p>Doug and Anne from MRATC met us and helped install the box and brush in a social trail near the bear box location.</p> <p>Hiked from Teas Road to the Rye Valley Overlook. Humid afternoon with thunderstorm in the forecast for the evening, so I spent time encouraging hikers to get to the safety of Partnership Shelter or make sure their tents were pitched for some wind and rain.</p> <p>Trail is in good shape with no blockages. Some wild roses are growing along the railroad bed section that might become a problem in the future.</p> <p>Found an empty cooler on the South side of the bridge with a good amount of garbage. Cleaned that up.</p>

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Details

# Day Hikers	0
# Backpackers <1 week	7
# Backpackers > 1 week	0
# Thru-Hikers	13
# Others	4
Description of other users	cattlemen, Evan Blevins, 2 MRATC members
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	24

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Total People Contacted	24
Gallons of trash	4
Fire rings dismantled	1

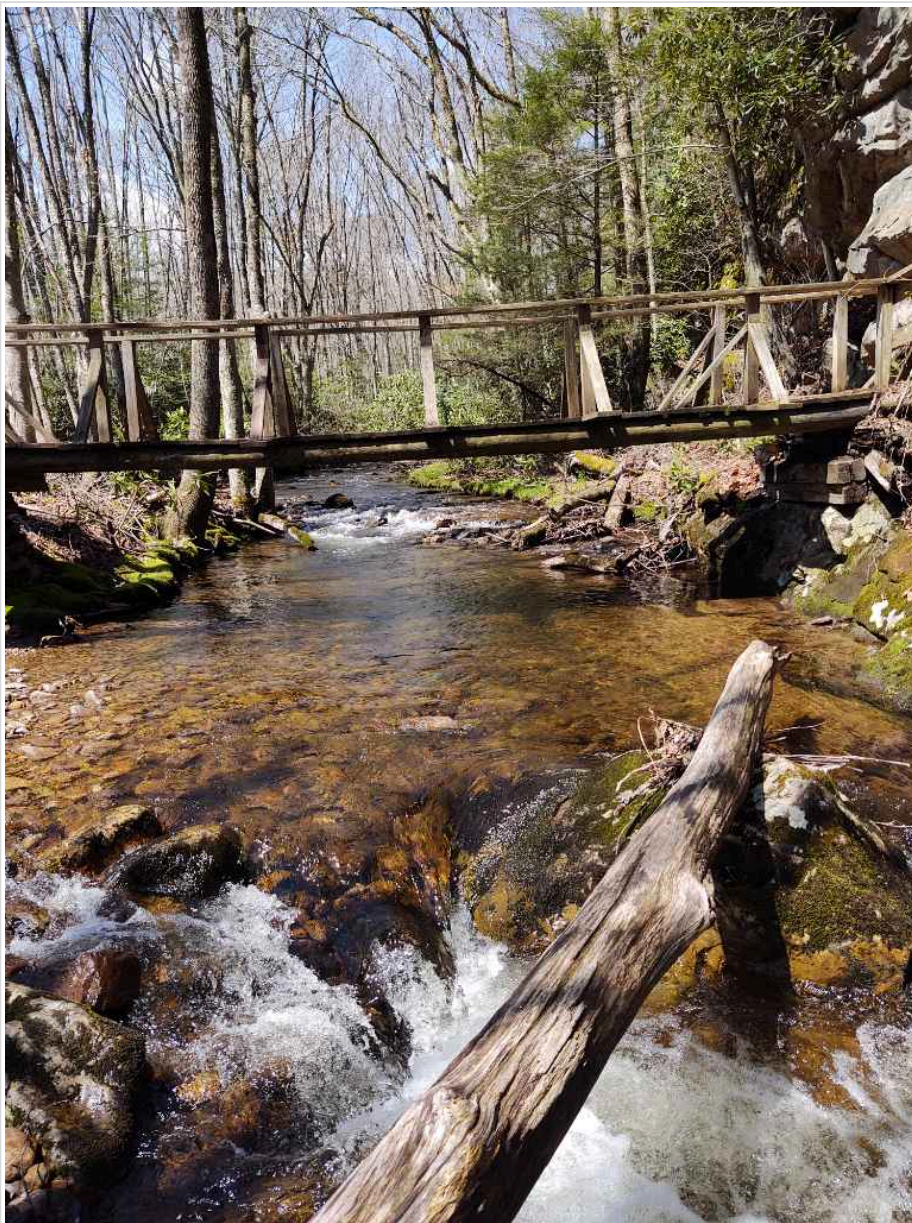
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On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

Trail Section Hiked	Scales to Thomas Knob and Pine Mountain
Miles hiked	8
Date of collection	04-30-2021
Day of the Week	Fri
Beginning time of collection	10:04 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	20:38 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	WINDY, sunny and cool
Comments & Observations	<p>Removed garbage from Dickey's Gap and Fox Creek parking area.</p> <p>Drove to the Scales. Picked up trash. Aid station for the Grayson Highlands 50K was staged in a corner of the parking area.</p> <p>Very windy and lots of hikers trying to dry gear out in the sun.</p> <p>Hiked over to Thomas Knob. Surprisingly encounter very few hikers. The few I did encounter were planning to use the bear boxes.</p> <p>Removed a 500 Mile marker that had been spray painted on a rock near Rhododendron Gap. I have since seen spray painted 400 and 600 mile pics on instagram.</p> <p>Otherwise, I am pleasantly surprised with the small amount of trash in the area.</p> <p>Hiked back towards Pine Mountain to get out of the wind</p>

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Details

# Day Hikers	6
# Backpackers <1 week	17
# Backpackers > 1 week	1
# Thru-Hikers	28
# Others	1
Description of other users	motorcycle camper at the Scales
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	0
Total People Seen	53

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Total People Contacted	47
Gallons of trash	3
Fire rings dismantled	2

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On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

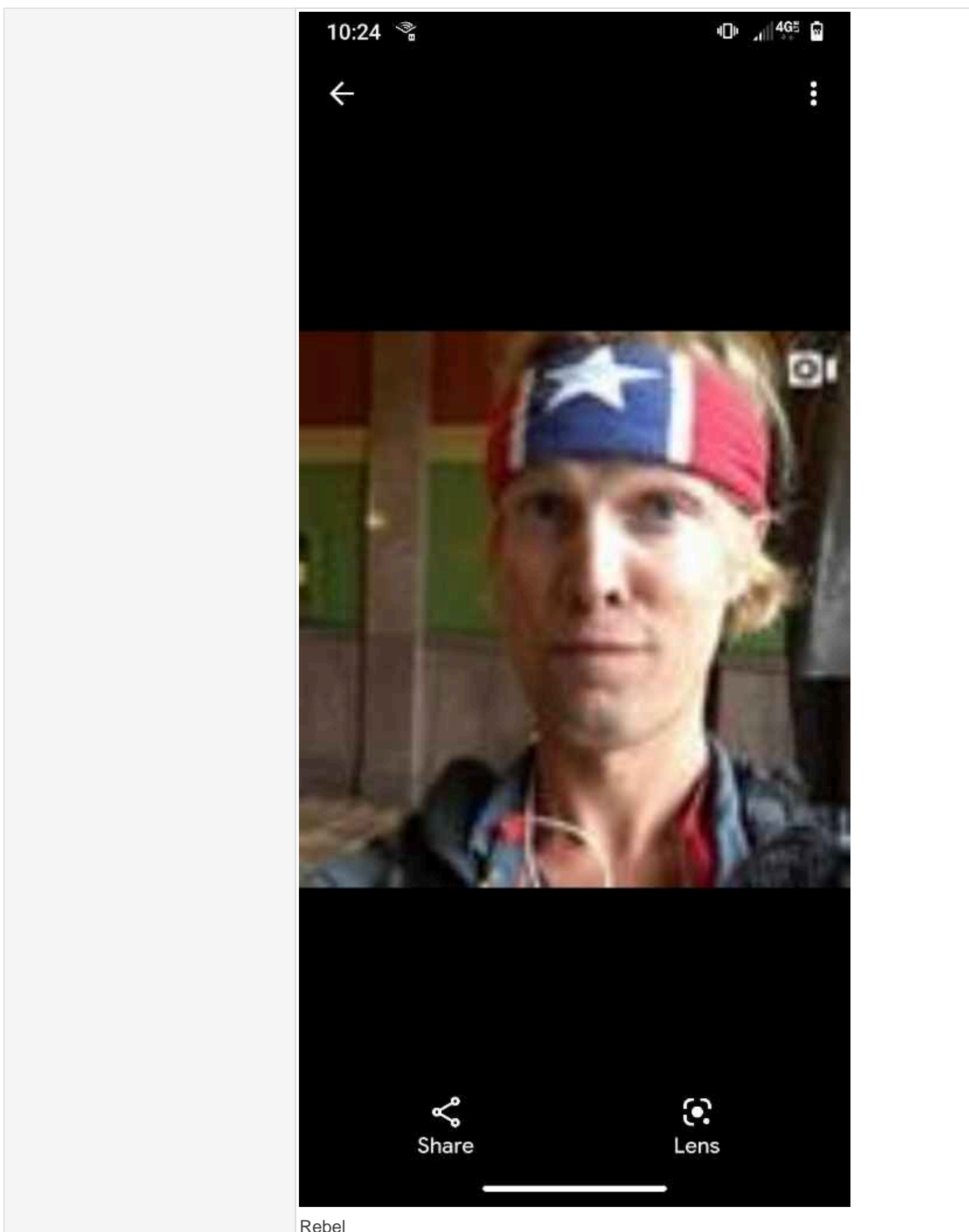
Trail Section Hiked	Scales, AT South to Massie's Gap, Rhododendron Gap Trail to Rhododendron Gap, AT and Crest Trail to Pine Mountain
Miles hiked	10
Date of collection	05-01-2021
Day of the Week	Sat
Beginning time of collection	07:59 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	19:56 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	Sunny and warm
Comments & Observations	<p>Beautiful day. Started at the Scales with the ultra marathon folks. Had one runner bit by a dog near the Scales bathroom, but he kept running. I thanked the person responsible for removing all the flagging from the course.</p> <p>Hiked down to Wise via the AT. Met a line of thru hikers on the way. Several reported a hiker named Rebel was causing some problems. I was unable to locate Rebel, but sent Kathryn an e mail about him.</p> <p>Shelter looks great especially the new paint Anne added on Wednesday. I was able to run 1 group of campers off before they set up camp.</p> <p>Massie's Gap... Got a report of an injured hiker. Fortunately, I located her quickly and she was able to walk out on her own power.</p> <p>Rhododendron Gap... everyone planned to used the bear box. Surprised how many weekend folks are carrying bear cannisters.</p> <p>Spent some time visiting with campers on the Crest Trail.</p>

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# Day Hikers	127
# Backpackers <1 week	40
# Backpackers > 1 week	1
# Thru-Hikers	34
# Others	213
Description of other users	200+ trail runners, Mountain biker, 12 horse riders
# Groups (> 5 people)	
# within each group	
Total People Seen	415
Total People Contacted	200
Gallons of trash	2
Fire rings dismantled	1

Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - # 5

On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

Trail Section Hiked	Scales, AT to Pine Mountain, Pine Mountain Trail to Rhododendron Gap, AT to Thomas Knob and back.
Miles hiked	8
Date of collection	05-02-2021
Day of the Week	Sun
Beginning time of collection	08:29 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	20:41 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	Sunny, warm
Comments & Observations	<p>The Scales was left clean by the ultra marathon folks, but for some jugs of water they left for hikers/campers. I ropes them together so they won't blow away and will get them off the mountain.</p> <p>AT to Pine Mountain: no obstructions</p> <p>Pine Mountain Trail: Rhododendrons are closing in near Rhododendron Gap, otherwise no obstructions.</p> <p>After a busy weekend, Thomas Knob wasn't too bad. I picked up a few water bottles and some micro-trash. I think the new brooms help that one in 50 hiker that is board during his/her groups break and just sweeps. Move the waste around in the privy. Plenty of duff still.</p> <p>Sat at Rhododendron Gap for a while talking and making sure everyone knew where they were going. Had a lost family from Floyd and got them moving in the right direction.</p>

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Photos	 <p>My home</p>
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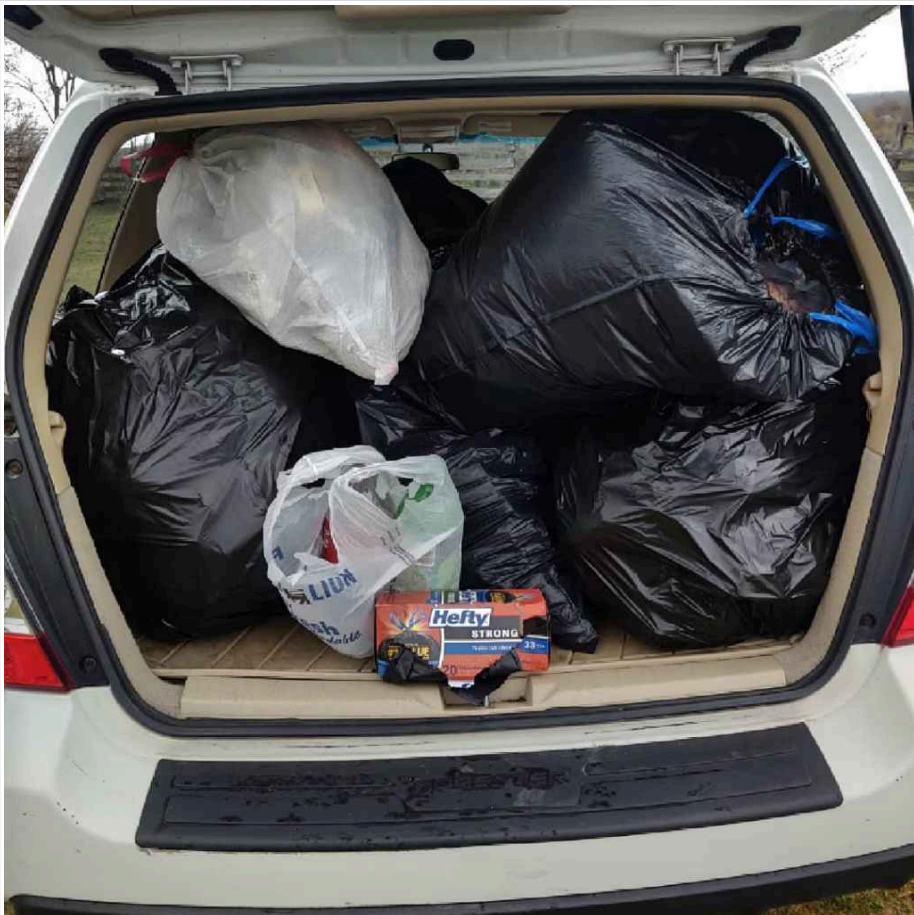
# Day Hikers	34
# Backpackers <1 week	22
# Backpackers > 1 week	
# Thru-Hikers	5
# Others	18
Description of other users	4 mountain bikers, 14 horse riders
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	79
Total People Contacted	68
Gallons of trash	2
Fire rings dismantled	1

Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - # 6

On Trail Hiker Contact Chart

Trail Section Hiked	Slabtown Road to a a downed tree 1 mile South of Trimpi and back via the Slabtown Trail and Road walk
Miles hiked	6
Date of collection	05-03-2021
Day of the Week	Mon

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Beginning time of collection	06:35 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	16:25 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	cloudy, humid, periods of rain
Comments & Observations	<p>Loaded up all the garbage from the Scales. Hikers are over flowing the garbage cans. Unloaded in the dumpster at the horse camp</p> <p>Stopped by the Fox Creek lot.</p> <p>Stopped by Dickey's Gap lot.</p> <p>Planned to hike from Partnership to Rye Overlook and back but the weather didn't look favorable for walking that ridgeline. Hikers mentioned a difficult to navigate blow down 20 miles back.</p> <p>Stopped by Teas Road. Hikers said 2 miles back. Slabtown Road to the tree was about 2.5 miles.</p> <p>AT is unobstructed.</p> <p>Trimpi Shelter needs some cleaning but a hiker was already laying down to avoid the rain so I left it for another day. Spring flowing, privy is ok.</p> <p>The Wilderness sign South of Trimpi needs some repair.. The braces on the back holding it together are no longer attached.</p> <p>Slabtown Trail is missing a sign in the field at Slabtown Road. No obstructions. There is a hole, filled with sticks and marked with orange tape maybe 0.7 (guessing) South of Slabtown Road (see pic below)</p>
Photos	 <p>Trash from The Scales</p>

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Marked hole Slabtown Trail

Details

# Day Hikers	1
# Backpackers <1 week	0
# Backpackers > 1 week	0
# Thru-Hikers	16
# Others	1
Description of other users	Evan Blevins
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	

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Total People Seen	18
Total People Contacted	14
Gallons of trash	10
Fire rings dismantled	0

Overnight Site Data - # 1

Overview

Date	04-27-2021
Day of the Week	Tues
Shelter	Wise Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	11:49 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighers	3
Comments	

Overnight Site Data - # 2

Overview

Date	04-30-2021
Day of the Week	Fri
Shelter	Thomas Knob Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	17:41 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighers	20
Comments	

Overnight Site Data - # 3

Overview

Date	05-01-2021
Day of the Week	Sat
Shelter	Wise Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	14:41 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighers	8

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Overnight Site Data - # 4

Overview

Date	05-05-2021
Day of the Week	Sat
Shelter	Thomas Knob Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighers	20
Comments	

Overnight Site Data - # 5

Overview

Date	05-05-2021
Day of the Week	Sun
Shelter	Thomas Knob Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	11:43 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighers	9
Comments	

Additional Forms

Organized Group Information


Group Details

Group Name	
Group size	
Group Type	
Group Leader Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
City, State	
Intended Itinerary	

Hiker Feeds - # 1

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Hiker Feeds/Magic

Date of Feed / Magic	04-29-2021
Hiker Feed Location	Teas Road
Group / Contact Information	
Description of feeding	Unattended cooler/trash
Other information	Packed out all the trash
Pictures	

Hiker Feeds - # 2

Hiker Feeds/Magic

Date of Feed / Magic	05-03-2021
Hiker Feed Location	Slabtown Road
Group / Contact Information	None
Description of feeding	Unattended cooler/trash
Other information	Packed all out


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Pictures



Blowdown(s)

Section 1

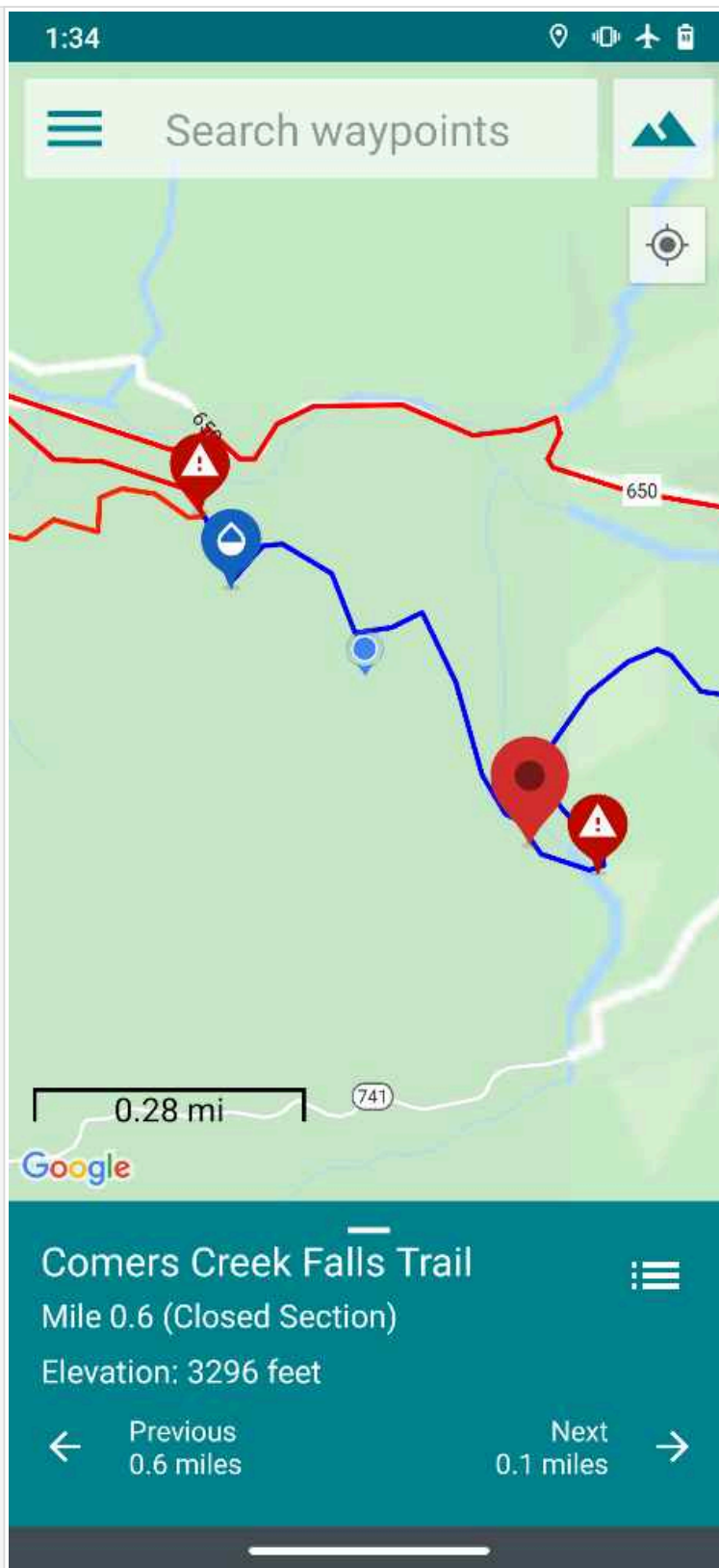
Location of Blowdown	0.6 miles South of Comers Creek Falls
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Location / GPS	
Description of blowdown(s)	The larger tree is a high step over.

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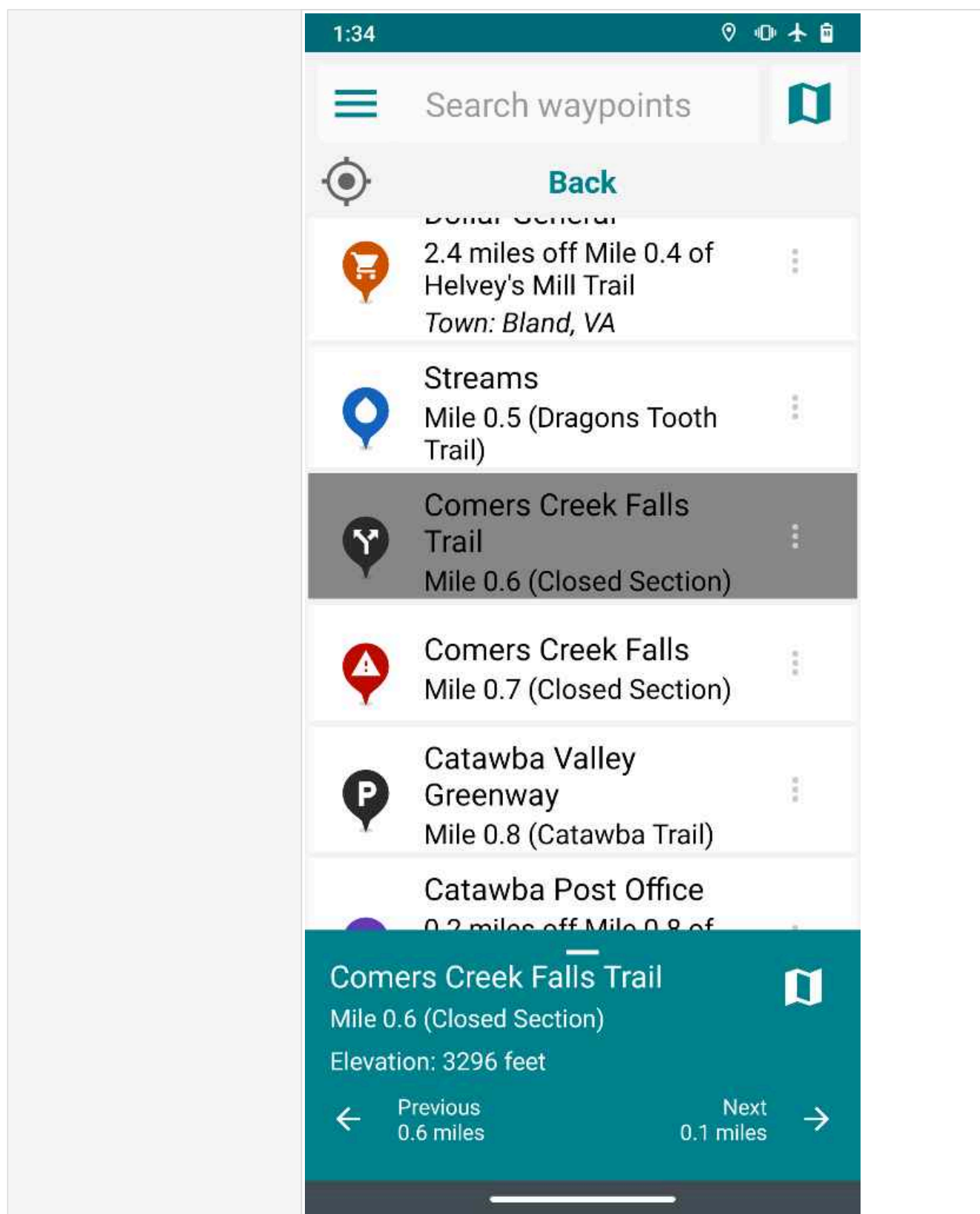
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