

Weekly Report	
Your Name	James Baum
Start Date of Patrol	05-06-2021
End Date of Patrol	05-10-2021
High priority items	None
General Comments & Overview	Another good week. Hurricane privy emptied, high water route at Comer Falls, hoping for warmer weather.
Photos from patrol	

















## **Daily Forms**

## **Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - #1**

Trail Section Hiked	VA 16 to Rye Valley View and back
Miles hiked	10.8
Date of collection	05-06-2021
Day of the Week	Thurs
Beginning time of collection	10:04 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	19:26 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	cool, sunny and breezy on the ridgeline



#### **Comments & Observations**

Stopped by Adkins. Hikers reported trees down on the section between Partnership and the Settlers Museum. I will try and get to these on Monday.

Partnership Shelter. Clean. Would love to see something done about the red mud right beside the left side of the shelter. Red mud would make a mess of everything if a hiker got in it, in the shelter, in the sleeping bag. Sorry, I know I am being picky.

2 step over blow downs before the power lines that I couldn't get with my pack saw. But they aren't slowing traffic down. (See blow down section below... Gray, I am still working on the GPS location, I will get it eventually).

I cut out everything that was causing a slow down.

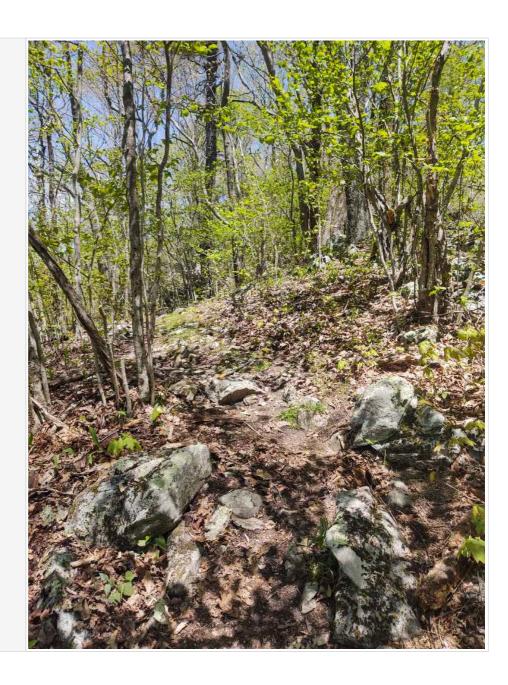
The section just South of the shelter that is always muddy is muddy. But as I tell hikers, mud is softer than rocks on your feet.

ATV tracks at the power lines, but not elsewhere on the AT. Railings still up blocking traffic on the AT.

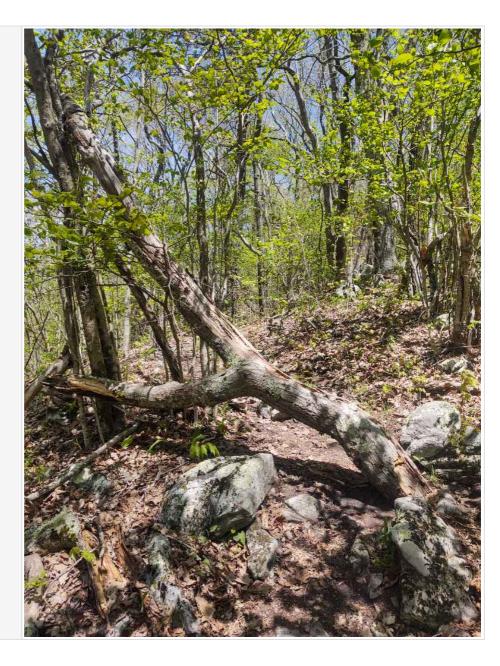
Trail from the power lines to Rye Valley View is in great shape. I will keep an eye out for briars. I remember Sylvia, Hunt and I clearing some in this section back in my early days of trail volunteering.



**Photos** 







### **Details**

# Day Hikers	0
# Backpackers <1 week	0
# Backpackers > 1 week	3
# Thru-Hikers	17
# Others	0
Description of other users	
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	20



<b>Total People Contacted</b>	20
Gallons of trash	2
Fire rings dismantled	1

## **Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - #2**

Trail Section Hiked	Hurricane Mountain Trail to Hurricane Shelter, High Water Route
Miles hiked	6
Date of collection	05-07-2021
Day of the Week	Fri
Beginning time of collection	08:05 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	06:43 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	mostly cloudy, periods of wind and rain. afternoon clearing and waemer
Comments & Observations	Met MRATC members Anne, Jerry, Doug and Gray, Josh from ATC Regional. (Matt, we missed you) at Dickey's Gap. We hiked into Hurricane Shelter and emptied the privy. Thanks everyone!
	Wrangled up some blue and white paint and re-blazed and removed most of the carbon signs from the high water route around Comer's Falls. I think it is right, but will make sure hikers are flowing through in the correct manner tomorrow morning and in the coming weeks.
	I let a few hikers paint blazes and gave a little Leave No Trace talk on blazes are the only thing I want to see painted on the AT. No more 500s spray painted on rocks at Grayson Highlands. Sadly, I have a report of a 500.2 painting but if it exists, it will be gone tomorrow.
	No stats today. Too difficult to count and work on privies and with paint on your hands



**Photos** 



### **Details**

# Day Hikers	
# Backpackers <1 week	
# Backpackers > 1 week	
# Thru-Hikers	
# Others	
Description of other users	
# Groups (> 5 people)	
# within each group	
Total People Seen	



<b>Total People Contacted</b>	
Gallons of trash	8
Fire rings dismantled	

## **Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - #3**

Trail Section Hiked	Elk Garden to Registry and The Scales to Thomas Knob back to Pine Mountain
Miles hiked	9
Date of collection	05-08-2021
Day of the Week	Sat
Beginning time of collection	08:10 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	20:38 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	sunny, cool, windy
Comments & Observations	Sat at Dickey's Gap to see if hikers were moving via the White Blazes trail.  Stopped by Fox Creek parking area and Elk Garden to get a photo of an entry in the registry posted by Rebel. Picked up trash. All the lots are pretty clean Thank you guests and volunteers.  Scales lot and bathrooms looked good. Thanks Evan for grabbing those plastic jugs!  Found a lost family from Floyd and got them heading in the right direction.



#### **Photos**



### **Details**

# Day Hikers	20
# Backpackers <1 week	6
# Backpackers > 1 week	
# Thru-Hikers	12
# Others	3
Description of other users	family of hikers,
# Groups (> 5 people)	
# within each group	
Total People Seen	



<b>Total People Contacted</b>	
Gallons of trash	
Fire rings dismantled	

## **Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - #4**

Trail Section Hiked	The Scales to Thomas Knob and back
Miles hiked	8
Date of collection	05-09-2021
Day of the Week	Sun
Beginning time of collection	09:05 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	20:55 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	Sunny, cool, very windy, afternoon rain showers
Comments & Observations	Mother's Day. Made sure to remind the thru hikers to call home.
	Planned to do the Sunday loop to hit the high use shelters and privies. Unfortunately the front came in early and I only made it to Thomas Knob.
	I will check on Wise and Old Orchard on Friday.
	Supply of duff for the privy is good. Did the usual privy duties. Will skip the details.
	Some trash at the shelter, but I am not having to pack out near as much as I anticipated.
	The tent has been removed from the Rhododendron Gap bear box. Only the first aid kit remains, which takes up little room and seems like a good idea.
	I ran into another lost couple and got them headed in the right direction.



#### **Photos**



#### **Details**

Details	
# Day Hikers	18
# Backpackers <1 week	8
# Backpackers > 1 week	
# Thru-Hikers	15
# Others	5
Description of other users	2 horse riders, 3 cattle farmers tending the herd
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	46
Total People Contacted	43
Gallons of trash	4
Fire rings dismantled	1

### **Daily Patrol - Visitor Contact Sheet - #5**

Trail Section Hiked	Teas Road to Slabtown Road via AT and returned on the Slabtown Trail	
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Miles hiked	4
Date of collection	05-10-2021
Day of the Week	Mon
Beginning time of collection	09:00 (-4 GMT)
Ending time of collection	06:05 (-4 GMT)
weather & conditions	rain, cool
Comments & Observations	Stopped by Dickey's Gap, again. Hikers seem to be all flowing up the white blazed path.  AT south of Teas Road is unobstructed to Slabtown Road.  The Slabtown Trail has several large trees across it, but they are all step overs.

**Photos** 





#### **Details**

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# Day Hikers	0
# Backpackers <1 week	0
# Backpackers > 1 week	0
# Thru-Hikers	22
# Others	3
Description of other users	fishermen
# Groups (> 5 people)	0
# within each group	
Total People Seen	25
Total People Contacted	24
Gallons of trash	3
Fire rings dismantled	0

## **Overnight Site Data - #1**

#### **Overview**

Date	05-05-2021
Day of the Week	Wed
Shelter	Partnership Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	10:10 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	18
Comments	

## Overnight Site Data - # 2

### **Overview**

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Date	05-06-2021
Day of the Week	Thurs
Shelter	Hurricane Mountain Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	11:58 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	8
Comments	



## Overnight Site Data - #3

### **Overview**

Date	05-06-2021
Day of the Week	Thurs
Shelter	Old Orchard Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	15:58 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	7
Comments	

## Overnight Site Data - # 4

#### **Overview**

Date	05-07-2021
Day of the Week	Fri
Shelter	Wise Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	10:59 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	9
Comments	

## **Overnight Site Data - #5**

#### **Overview**

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Date	05-07-2021
Day of the Week	Fri
Shelter	Thomas Knob Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	20:00 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	
Total # overnighters	19
Comments	

## Overnight Site Data - #6

#### **Overview**

Date
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Day of the Week	Sat
Shelter	Thomas Knob Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	13:00 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	22
Comments	

## Overnight Site Data - #7

### **Overview**

Date	05-09-2021
Day of the Week	
Shelter	Partnership Shelter
Other Overnight Site	
Time of data collection	10:01 (-4 GMT)
Did you stay the night	No
Total # overnighters	15
Comments	

### **Additional Forms**

### **Organized Group Information - #1**

### **Group Details**

Group Name	Nelson family
Group size	9
Group Type	
Group Leader Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
City, State	Troutdale, VA
Intended Itinerary	day hiking from Massie's Gap

## **Organized Group Information - #2**

### **Group Details**

Group Name	troop 416
Group size	12
Group Type	



Group Leader Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
City, State	Wilton, NC
Intended Itinerary	camped at the Scales and leaving via Massie's Gap

## **Organized Group Information - #3**

## **Group Details**

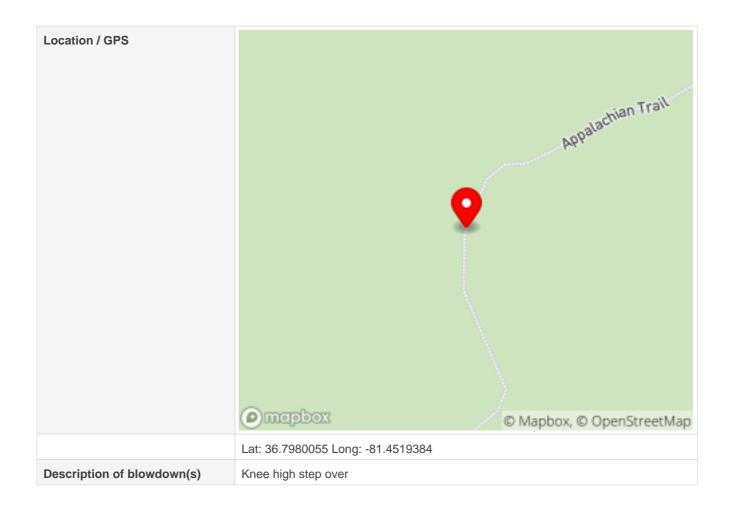
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## Blowdown(s) - #1

### **Section 1**

Location of Blowdown	0.5 North of powerlines
	36.80025164, -81.44604973







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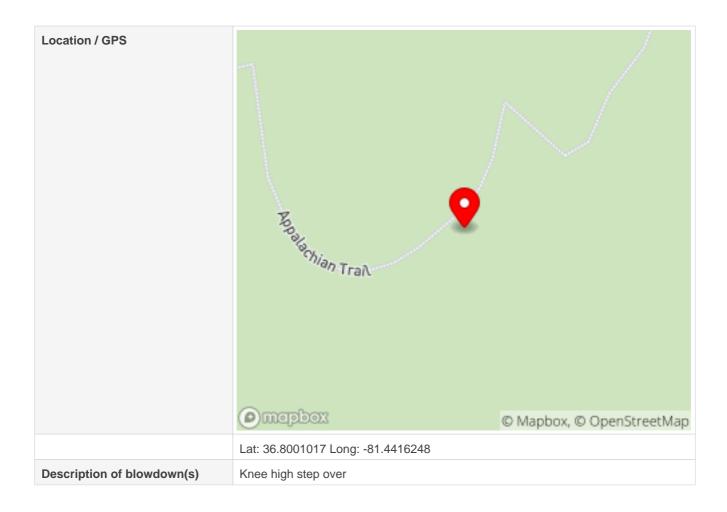


## Blowdown(s) - # 2

### **Section 1**

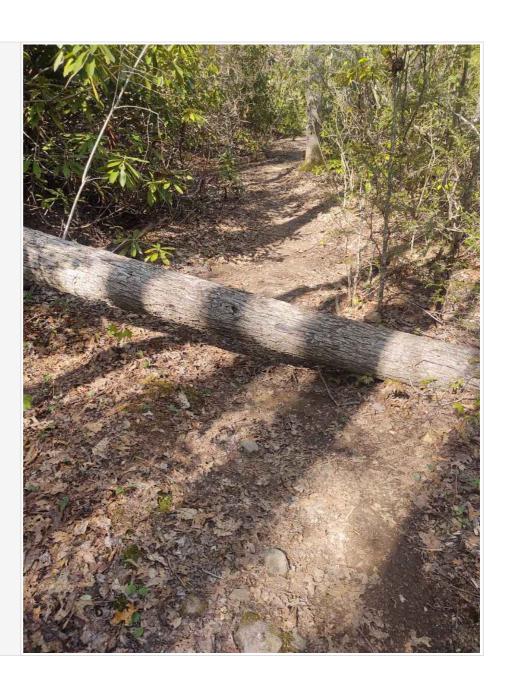
Location of Blowdown	1 mile South of VA 16
	36.80418069, -81.43397651







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### **Form Locations**

