

PATH Volunteer Events

are planned around the third Saturday each month, March through October, and held at the USFS Konnarock Center in Sugar Grove, VA [S of Marion off VA16] or at the USFS Stony Fork Camp-ground, [I-77; Exit 47 and left] in Wythe County.

Please feel free to join us for a Volunteer Weekend; come and visit our group, observe what we do, and explore ways

that you might enjoy volunteering with us. There is a wide variety of both on-trail and off-trail tasks available in our organization.

Additional Information:

- You do not have to join PATH to attend a Volunteer Weekend.
- Camping is free at either location above for Volunteers!
- We usually have a potluck-style Fellowship Meal on Saturday Night; we are working toward monthly programs for Saturday Night, maybe Friday Night too!
- PATH hosts a yearly, multi-day, Trail-side event on or near the Appalachian Trail; and
- also a yearly event that focuses on welcoming new members, families, and our youth.



You may join PATH at our Web-site: <http://www.path-at.org> with PayPal or mail the form below with check or money order. **Please, don't mail cash!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual \$20.00 _____

Family \$25.00 _____

Student \$15.00 _____

Donation _____

Total Enclosed _____

Send payment to: PATH Treasurer,
P O Box 4423, Greensboro, NC 27404



Learn about 'PATH's 70-Mile Club' at <http://www.path-at.org/Hikes/70 Mile Hikes Rev1.pdf>

Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers [PATH]

'Come out and play with us in beautiful southwest Virginia! We put our boots on the Trail in Smyth, Wythe, and Bland counties.'



Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that protects and maintains an almost 70 mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail from US52/I-77 near Bland, VA south to VA670 at the South Fork of the Holston River.

PATH members live in VA, NC, KY, FL, TN, and several other states; they assemble almost monthly to volunteer both on and off-trail, to hike or back-pack, and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

The **Appalachian Trail** is 2100+ miles of rugged footpath following the crest of the Appalachian Mountains from Springer Mountain, GA to Mount Katahdin, MA. It was originally constructed by volunteers in the 1920's and 30's; the first A.T. specific segment was in Bear Mountain Park, NY.

The **Appalachian Trail Conservancy [ATC]**, which first convened on March 2, 1925, accepted PATH as a maintaining club in 1965. Read more about **PATH**, the **ATC**, and the work we do to preserve, protect, and manage this portion of footpath entrusted to us. → → → → → → → →

Volunteer Activities

"It's about the Appalachian Trail; the past, the present, the future. It's about preservation, management, and sharing. It's about the land, yet about more than the land. It's about the people that visit the Appalachian Trail, and it's about how they experience it while they are here."
Wyldeflowre's Journal - Spring '99

PATH Volunteer Activities offer many opportunities to serve the Appalachian Trail, the Communities through which it passes, and the wide array of Hikers from near and far that visit our **Appalachian National Scenic Trail**.



Volunteers serve as officers, representatives at regional meetings, board members, advisors, on committees, and in the field as trail maintainers.

Some are working on our History; others on Events and Outings including hikes, special events and community involvement; some Monitor, some Map, and others are Planners... as was Benton MacKaye who first conceived of 'an Appalachian Trail' in 1921.

Each task is important to facilitating the many endeavours and roles that the club fulfills on and off the AT and on its behalf.

PATH has had a rewarding history since 1965 as a maintaining club with the ATC which provides guidance, training, and support to local clubs in numerous ways, interacts with communities near the A.T., and facilitates working relationships with other agencies involved with the care and maintenance of the Appalachian Trail.

Club members range from students to senior citizens; from states along the

Atlantic Coast to Pacific Coast states as well. Some are too far away to participate, but provide financial support through yearly dues or donations; others volunteer on a regular basis; some contribute on a seasonal or intermittent basis. **Each member and volunteer plays a vital role in the success of Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers and the ongoing protection, preservation, and management of the Appalachian Trail!**

