

Appalachian Trail Maintainers News

Remote for detachment; Narrow for chosen company; Winding for leisure; Lonely for contemplation;

It beckons not merely north and south, but upward to the body, mind and soul of man...Harold Allen



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October Work Trip

There will be no major work trip in October. Instead, it is suggested that Section Leaders visit their own sections to clear waterbars and perform any other maintenance needed before winter.

Training Assistance Needed

There are quite a few new maintainers on our "Extra Crew" list who have not had a chance to work with experienced maintainers and learn how we do things. It would be helpful if Section Leaders would take some of them along on their own maintenance trips and show them the ropes. If you know a few days or more in advance of when you will be going out, and could use some help, please contact George Ritter and he will look for available new people. Call 483-9758 or E-mail geo_ritt@bellsouth.net.

November 7, 2007 - Wednesday

Lucinda Turbeville will lead a work trip to clean waterbars and cut vegetation in the Mt. Collins area. This is a good opportunity for people with limited experience in maintaining, or those who don't feel strong enough for heavy duty work to lend a hand, as both the walking and the maintaining will be on the light side. Lucinda needs to know how many tools to take, so please call her at **865 945 1441** or email at lucindaturbeville@comcast.net

A.T. Work

8/17/2007 Stu Taylor, Mack McNutt, Ed Peck, Jerry Troxler, and Steve Higdon moved the privy at Spence Field, filled the mulch barrel and bucket and cleaned up around the privy. We also picked up trash around both shelters. We checked the A.T. between Spence and Russell for a drop site for locust logs.

8/18/2007 Steve and Donna Higdon cut brush and briars, removed trip hazards, "heel-cleaned" a few waterbars, cleared one blowdown, and trimmed others between Newfound and Indian Gaps. "As we were going up the trail later, we heard a crash ahead of us and we came upon another tree, a twenty-four incher, that had apparently been hung on others and had just fallen across the trail. The limbs were still popping and flexing and dirt was still falling from the rootball as we arrived."

8/22/2007 - Jim Huff - Davenport Gap to Chestnut Br Trail - Cut plant growth and woody growth on treadway. Removed fallen trees and branches from trail.

8/23/07 George Ritter and Betty Glenn filled 38 bags of mulch. Sixteen of them are in burlap bags at 35 pounds each for the park mules to carry to Pecks. Four mules will carry four bags each. The other 22 bags are in plastic bags at 25 pounds each for the boy scouts to carry in their packs at the 10/5/07 jamboree.

8/29/2007 Stu Taylor and Jerry Troxler used the cross cut saw to remove four blow downs north of Indian Gap.

8/31-9/2/2007 Rob Carter replaced rock in waterbars, trimmed vegetation, pulled small blowdowns off the trail, cleaned up trash at illegal campsites near Old Black, downhill of Maddron Bald. and Snake Den Trail junction. Filled mulch buckets at TriCorner Knob and Cosby Knob Shelters.

09/01/07 Ed Fleming and Pam Brown cut vegetation, cleaned waterbars, and picked up litter between Sunup Knob and Mt Cammerer side trail.

9/1 - Mac McNutt, Stewart Taylor, Tom Howard, Brian Groenhout, Terry Elmore, Tim Bigelow, Mindy Fawver, Alishia Henry, Thomas Henry, Tim Ryan, Steve Baffiax, Travis Sisco, Joey Cartney, Luke Lanzoni - Brushed trail from Chestnut Branch Trail to Mt Cammerer. Cleaned waterbars from Davenport Gap to Chestnut Branch Trail.

09/03/07 Mike and Kay Harrington cut vegetation and installed a waterbar between Lewellyn Branch and Sassafras Gap.

09/03/07 Bob Williams cleared a blowdown that blocked the trail about half a mile in from Stecoah Gap, trimmed brush and cleared minors blowdowns from Locust Cove Gap to just short of Cheoah Bald, NC. He reports lots of yellow jacket activity.