

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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Wednesday Work Trip November 7, 2007

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

"Welcome to All" Work Trip Saturday, November 17

Jim Quick and Doris Gove invite anyone, of any skill level to come with them to work from Clingmans Dome to Collins Gap on Saturday, Nov 17th. Contact Doris at 865 522 9896, DorisGove@aol.com or Jim at 865 660 3351, james.quick@tnknox.ang.af.mil

Boy Scouts of America Volunteer at GSMNP and A.T. during Camporee

During the BSA Toqua District's Fall service Camporee the weekend of October 6, 139 scouts and leaders logged 822 hours of service for the park, including hauling bags of mulch to Icewater Springs, Mt. Collins, and Double Springs. The district leaders,

adult volunteers, and most especially, the scouts, are to be commended for this service project.

Derrick Knob Shelter Rehabbed

A demolition crew went up to Derrick Knob on September 19 to tear off the old materials and prepare them for helicopter fly out. The flight day was September 21, and involved crews both in Cades Cove to load, and Derrick Knob and Spence field to receive. Construction started on September 22, and the project was completed September 27.

Those participating in the demolition, helicopter, and/or construction projects were: **Phyllis Henry, Bill Clabough, Jim Mowbray, Todd White, Wayne Williams, George Minnigh** (GSMNP backcountry specialist), **Stewart Taylor, Andrew Downs, Mac McNutt, Tom Howard, Paul Ruble, Terry Elmore, Mike Crabill, James Fondren, Morgan Briggs, Bill Smith, Holly Burcham** (Friends of the Smokies rep), **Jerry Troxler, Mark Rodgers, Dale Ditmanson** (GSMNP superintendent), **Kevin Fitzgerald** (GSMNP assistant superintendent), **Carolyn Williams, Fran Hoffman, Donnie Tomlinson, Pete James, and Barbara Allen**. Great job, everyone.

A.T. Work

9/19/07 George Ritter delivered tools to the tool box behind the shed at the mulch shelter, and delivered 24 bags of mulch and 7 pack frames to McNutt Farms for use in the scout projects.

9/20/07 Jim Quick and Lynda Bryan installed several steps and waterbars and cleaned out a couple dozen waterbars for ¾ mile south of Collins Gap.

9/21/07 Ray Payne painted blazes and did minor pruning from where he had left off (about 2.5 miles North of Fontana Dam) to campsite 113.

9/29/07 Steve Higdon cleared trees between the Mt. Collins shelter and privy, then cut weeds and trimmed brush from Indian Gap to Newfound Gap.

10/6/07 Steve Higdon, Mac McNutt, Ed Peck and Stew Taylor led the three BSA Camporee groups resupplying the mulch bin at Mt. Collins, Icewater Springs and Double Springs shelters. Steve also cleaned waterbars and dug 30 yards of sidehill between Indian Gap and the beech forest enclosure.

10/12&13/07 Terry Elmore, OTTERS Juwan Harris and Wool Wol, and MARYVILLE COLLEGE BONNER SCHOLARS Carolyn Lyne and Steven Bouffieux, (with Phyllis Henry on 12th & Mac McNutt on 13th): cleared waterbars and filled in eroded sections with dirt, starting at Fork Ridge Trail and working one mile north. Then on 13th cleared waterbars and installed two new waterbars starting at Newfound Gap and working north 1.5 miles.