



## 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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## Upcoming Work Trip Opportunities

There are no work trips currently scheduled for September.

### A. T. Work Trip Reports 7-14 to 8-14

#### 8/16 - Ed Peck, Stewart Taylor

##### Clingmans Dome to Goshen Prong Tr

Ed Peck and I cut 2 blow downs and 3 leaners on the AT near the Clingman's Dome Tower. One of the blow downs was 12" and the other was 15". Two of the leaners were 4-6" and the other was 15-18". They were all bunched together. Just as we finished, it started to rain heavily so we went to the car and drove to the Fork Ridge Trail. It was not raining there so we walked to Mt. Collins and cut a 15-18" tree that was across the trail. This was all done using a crosscut saw, small hand saw and axe. Just as we finished the rain started pouring again so we went to the car.

#### 8/19 - T.J. Tolnas, Carl Smith

##### Cody Gap to Brown Fork Gap

Cut brush on a two day trip over to NC

#### 8/23 - Steve Reagan, Stewart Taylor, Ed Peck

##### Rd Prng/Tom Prng Lead to Spruce Fir

Removed three blowdowns--Trimmed weeds

#### 8/24 - Keith Mertz, Pam Reddoch

##### Yellow Creek Gap to Cody Gap

Painted Blazes and did a general walk-through of the trail.

#### 8/26 - Brian Groenhout

##### Lower Mt Cammerer Tr to 1 mi N of Cam (4250' E)

Waterbar cleaned out and vegetation trimmed

#### 8/26 - Charlie Klabunde

##### Lewellyn Branch to Fontana Dam

Clearing and reshaping the 59 waterbars and other water-diversion features.

#### 8/27 - Steve Reagan, Stewart Taylor, Ed Peck

##### Rd Prng/Tom Prng Lead to Spruce Fir

Removed three blowdowns. Removed weeds. Blackberries are ripe and delicious. Section is free of blowdowns

8/28 - Mac McNutt, Tom Howard, Stewart Taylor, Keith Mertz, Steven Epps, Jerry Troxler, Randy Puckett, Ed Peck, Steve Reagan, Franklin LaFond, Marcus Moats  
Clingmans Dome to Goshen Prong Tr  
Cleaned most waterbars

#### 8/30 - Ed Peck, Steve Reagan

##### Rd Prng/Tom Prng Lead to Spruce Fir

Worked on waterbars and steps

#### 8/31 - Stewart Taylor, Jerry Troxler, Mac McNutt

##### Russell Field Shelter

Hiked to Russell Field shelter to get a tool inventory and then to determine what trail work needed to be done during the shelter renovation.

#### 9/1 - Philip Royer

##### Conference

Participated in conference call interview with other Deep South RPC members in order to help ATC Board of Directors determine progress toward goals of ATC's 2005 reorganization.

#### 9/2 - Steve Reagan

##### Other Work

Traveled to Mac's and picked up supplies to be used on Russell rehab project. Purchased rebar for trail work and shelter rehab. Bundled and packaged for air lift. Picked up, sorted and packaged tools for airlift. Batteries are all charged. Dishes, tarps and other items prepared and packaged.

#### 9/4 - Ed Peck

##### Double Springs Gap Shelter

Erased graffiti from rock walls & wood inside shelter using sand paper & wire brush. Brought out small amount of trash.

#### 9/6 - Franklin LaFond

##### Russell Field to Doe Knob

On a two day trip, cleaned all waterbars, brushed, removed 9 blowdowns (6-18 inches) and removed numerous smaller limbs/debris from trail between Russell Field shelter and Gregory Bald Trail junction. Flagged log drop zone near summit of Mt Abrams. Noted areas N. of Mollies where logs will be utilized to get an accurate count to fly in. Dug 3 new reservoir pools below spring at Mollies. Removed approximately 20 lbs of trash from Mollies and Russell Field shelters.

#### 9/7 - Keith Mertz, Pam Reddoch, Hocking College Group

##### Yellow Creek Gap to Cody Gap

Vegetation cut back, several blow downs removed, section of trail was rebuilt from the large blow down that was removed last winter, water bars cleaned, section of trail was trenched so that water flows off the trail during heavy rains, branches and limbs removed from trail

#### 9/10 - Mac McNutt, Steve Reagan, Ed Peck, Jerry Troxler

##### Clingmans Dome to Goshen Prong Tr

Clean remaining waterbars. Dug out bogs and repaired drainage.

#### 9/12 - Phyllis Henry, Steve Reagan

##### Other Work

Shopped for groceries and tools needed. Bundled/Boxed/Prepared them for airlift to Russell Field shelter rehab.

#### 9/14 - Stewart Taylor, Mac McNutt, Andrew Downs, Morgan Summerville

##### Cody Gap to Brown Fork Gap

Checked the trail for work to be performed by the group from Warren Wilson College in October. This work includes installing water bars, steps and sidehill work as well as finishing the relocation on this trail.

#### 9/20 - Steve Reagan

##### Other Work

Received and prepared materials for airlift to Russell Field Shelter rehab.