

The Walker

Newsletter of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club

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Trips, Treks, and Talks - Jenni Pendergrass, Contributor

These activities made the deadline for the newsletter. Please remember to check the website calendar frequently for new events and any updates to the activities shown below. Comments and/or pictures from your activities can be posted to the club Facebook page. Found a new restaurant, new piece of gear, favorite trail recipe or website Share it with others through our Facebook page!!

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity leaders may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

Terrain
1 = Very Strenuous
2 = Strenuous
3 = Moderate
4 = Easy

Distance
A = More than 13 miles
B = 9 to 13 miles
C = 5 to 9 miles
D = Under 5 miles

September 8 (Saturday) Fortune's Cove Preserve (C/2)

Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242) we will be hiking in the Nature Conservancy's 29,000-acre Fortune's Cove Preserve, which is located south of Charlottesville near Lovingston, VA. The Preserve's 5.5-mile trail provides a challenging hike with stunning mountain vistas. This hike takes about 6 hours and includes a 1500' climb. Hike limited to 12.

September 8 (Saturday) Trail Maintenance Training Class

Richard Brett (rbrett1154@aol.com or 291-7691)

or Jenni Pendergrass (japendergrass@hanovercounty.gov or 264-1633) Join ODATC Venture Crew 760 for a day of trail maintenance training at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation in Goochland County from 8 am to 3:00 pm. The class is open to all members of Crew 760 and members of ODATC. Michael Lynch, the director of the Arrow Corps Loop Trail Project, will teach this class. The class will cover trail tools, safety, and use of the tools. Then we will do some trail maintenance on the trail system in the camp. You will need to dress in long pants and bring work gloves and bring a bag lunch. Safety helmets and glasses will be provided. Call Richard or Jenni for more information.

September 12 (Wednesday) Maymont Park (D/4)

Suzanne Hallberg (285-8632). This is the first event of the new Wednesday hiking season and we start with Richmond's crown jewel. Meet at 10:00 am at the Spotswood Rd. entrance parking lot (near Dogwood Dell) to enjoy this 4 mile hike around two lakes in Byrd Park and through Richmond's loveliest park, Maymont. The heat should be less in September and the bears are always happy to see us. Optional lunch at a Carytown eatery.

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Oops! Retraction: In the last issue of The Walker, there was a tip about removing ticks with liquid soap. Well sadly, that does not work according to snopes.com. A fellow ODATCer checked and found that trick is an old wives' tale. Sorry!

Greetings!

I heard on the weather update this morning that this weekend (Labor Day) will be the start of meteorological fall. Hey, that works for me! It's past time for the summer heat to be over.

Thinking of fall-like weather, this past Sunday I had the opportunity to assist with some routine maintenance on the northern most piece of our 19.1 miles. Fran Leckie is primary overseer for this stretch and I'm one of her trainees. We thought it was just foggy but the drizzle kept on coming. It was actually cool on the mountain, which was great for swing blading. Another nice aspect of working that stretch is chatting with hikers as they go by. Not once has there been an instance where someone didn't say thank you for the hard work and great shape the trail is in. This time two women from our club came by, a bit wet, but smiling from a dry night in the shelter and away from the city.

We as a club take a break from meetings during the summer and even some hikers switch to other outside activities to avoid the heat. However, our maintenance crews stayed very busy with the monthly work trips plus 2 weeks of Konnarock. Check out Lori's maintenance report to find out just how many club members ventured out to work in all sorts of weather. Then there would be those delicious Saturday night meals prepared for the crew and volunteers. As an ODATC member, you should be proud of the amazing work and activities your fellow club members produce.

Some quick business updates – David Grimes represented the club at the Volunteer Leadership meeting held Aug 10-12. Check out his summary of those events. It sounds like it was a very good and informative event. Another item that occurs every year at this time is a request for nominees for Board positions that are either open or up for re-election at the November club meeting. These positions include the trail maintenance chair, web site chair, outreach chair, and vice president. Elsewhere in the newsletter, there is more detail about each position and the duties. The nominations coordinator is Alice Preston. If you have any interest in learning more about these positions, please contact Alice or me. Please consider getting more involved in the oversight of your club.

Saturday, September 29th, is Public Lands Day as well as the annual AT Family Hike Day. Please check the website, as we get closer to the 29th for information on shorter family oriented hikes along the ODATC section of the AT. If you haven't been out on the trail in a while because your kids aren't interested in hiking or aren't old enough to hike long distances, consider joining us with your family the morning of the 29th. More details will be listed on the website, under activities, as we get closer to the date.

Hope you enjoy this edition of the Walker! Bring on those fall colors and cool weather!

Theresa Duffey
President

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September 13 (Thursday) ODATC Section Hike (B/2)

Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or rjmartinii@yahoo.com) This 12 miler covers part of the 19.1 miles of the AT maintained by our club. Start from Reed's Gap parking lot and end at Humpback Rock parking lot. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Oilville Park & Ride (I-64 West) at 8:30 am. Since car shuttling is involved, contact Jack in advance if you are planning to go.

September 15 (Saturday) AT Trail Maintenance Trip

Join us for our monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT. ODATC Venture Crew 760 will also be helping. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. After we finish, we'll have a picnic to cap off the workday. Dress for weather. Contact Lori (804-397-5306), Fran (804-270-6908) or send an email to odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to register and for additional information.

Sept 17 (Monday) Skyland to Thornton Gap (AT in Shenandoah National Park) (B/2)

Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242) Hike 11 miles over Stone Man Mountain and Mary's Rock with 3000 plus feet of elevation change. This is not an introductory hike. Hike limited to 12.

September 18 (Tuesday) ODATC General Club Meeting

We are kicking off the fall season on a high note (pun intended) as ODATC member Matt Powell presents his recent adventure summiting Mount Kilimanjaro. Matt also plans to present his follow-on safari, which will only add to an already interesting and entertaining event. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church (2315 N. Parham Rd) and will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. However, members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 pm to get their socializing and high jinxing out of the way prior to the meeting. Snacks to share with the group are always welcome and please bring a canned good for the church's food bank.

September 19 (Wednesday) Bryan Park (D/4)

Bill Tennant (Willyten10@aol.com or 282-0590) The Friends of Bryan Park are hard at work to rehab this park and the results are beginning to show. Come see what they have accomplished. Let's walk one of Richmond's oldest historic parks for about 5 miles on nature trails, park roads, waterways and across dams. Includes a visit to the nearby Spring Park Historic Site that honors Gabriel's Rebellion. Meet at 10:00 am at the parking lot adjacent to Shelter No. 1 on Joseph Bryan Lane. Enter from 4308 Hermitage Rd. at I-95.

Sept 22-23 (Sat-Sun) Sky Meadows State Park to Snickers Gap (RT 7) to Sky Meadows State Park (A/2)

Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242) Overnight backpacking on the Appalachian Trail: 19 Miles. Plan to hike 8.5 miles on Saturday and 10.5 on Sunday. Hike limited to eight.

September 26 (Wednesday) Pocahontas State Park - Spillway to Spillway, Five Loop Hike - Chesterfield (B/3)

Jeff Samuels (796-7949) is leading a new 10-mile hike from the spillway at Beaver Lake through the park's densely forested NE corner. After hiking 6 miles on unpaved forest roads, eat lunch on the rocks below the spillway at Swift Creek Lake Dam. Return 4 miles, completing five loops. This hike can be challenging due to distance and hills, and will take about six hours. With over 35 trail junctions to cross, all participants must stay together. Bring lunch and water to last the day. Restrooms are available only near the beginning of the hike. The park entrance is on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of the Chesterfield County Government Center at Rt.10/Ironbridge Road. Travel 1.4 miles beyond the contact station and turn left at the sign for the CCC Museum, Heritage, and Nature Center. Park at the museum and there is a nominal parking fee unless you have a park pass. Hike starts at 9:00 am.

September 27 (Thursday) High Bridge Trail (B/3)

Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or rjmartinii@yahoo.com)

Third leg (9.3 miles) of this 31-mile trail. Tuggle to Farmville. Contact Jack about meet-up location.

September 29 (Saturday) Family Day ODATC Section Hike

Enjoy a family-friendly, 3 to 5 mile hike along a section of the AT that the club maintains. Details are pending so please check the website for specifics. See www.odatc.net.

October 3 (Wednesday) Rural Plains House - Hanover County (D/4)

Jim Hunt (hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com or 730-2364). The hike is in a new national park with new trails added last fall. From I-295 exit Pole Green Road East, go 1/2 mile, left turn into the Food Lion S.C. at 8319 Bell Creek Rd and meet in front of the Subway at 10:00 am. Rural Plains House is where Patrick Henry got married.

October 6 (Saturday) Doyles River - Jones Run Trail SNP (C/3)

Bill Tennant (Willyten10@aol.com or 282-0590). This popular hike is # 26 in the PATC Circuit Hikes in the SNP Guide. The 8.4-mile hike (strenuous) has a shorter 6.6-mile option (moderate) and features many picturesque waterfalls in deep gorges and an 1800-foot elevation change. It may be necessary to ford Jones Run so be prepared and bring an extra pair of socks. Remember to bring your National Park Pass, as there is an entrance fee. Call Bill for time and meeting place.

October 6 – 18 (Saturday –Thursday) AT Section Backpack Trip (A/2)

Dave Wilcox (dwilcox@vims.edu) Join me in October for an AT section hike from Newfound Gap in the Smokies to Iron Mountain in Tennessee. We'll drive down on 10/6 and return on 10/18. It will be mostly less than 15 mile each day.

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CARPPOOLING Please honor the following suggested donations to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes:
\$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.)
\$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles)

Volunteer Leadership Meeting - Shepherdstown, WV

- David Grimes, Contributor

ODATC member David Grimes along with members of ATC's Stewardship Council and Board, and ATC, NPS, and U.S. Forest Service staff members, gathered August 10-12 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV for the Volunteer Leadership Meeting. The meeting, hosted by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the NPS-A.T. Park Office, included workshops and discussions on engaging and working with volunteers of all ages and generations. Other topics covered were club development, community and youth engagement, risk management, planning Trail projects, and the cooperative management of the Trail.

One of the highlights from David's participation was that he was able to obtain two of the new A.T. Leave No Trace signs to share with the ODATC Board to determine how and where to use the signs on our section of trail. The goal is raising awareness among trail users of best practices and improving Trail conditions through outreach. More information about ATC's Leave No Trace Campaign can be found at LeaveNoTrace@appalachiantrail.org.

Another highlight was the Saturday afternoon workshop/seminar on **Capturing the Energy and Expertise of the Intergenerational Volunteer Team** (Andrea Taylor and Scot Martin, Temple University Intergenerational Center). The workshop focused on the changing paradigm of volunteerism and civic engagement. In sum, "The intergenerational reality" in which we find ourselves has important implications for engaging and retaining volunteers and understanding how

to work together effectively." David will be sharing the lessons learned about the five generations that comprise our current volunteer teams and how the club needs to address specific generational values, qualities, and motivations in member recruitment and retention efforts.

The feature breakout session on Sunday was the presentation on **Community and Youth Engagement**, which gave an overview of ATC's initiatives for creating opportunities to Engage Youth, Families, and Communities with the AT. A focal point in these initiatives is the Trail to Every Classroom program (TTEC), which provides middle school and high school teachers with training and resources to use the AT as an environmental education tool. The objective is to get students outdoors, learning about the recreational opportunities offered by the AT, as well as, the resource stewardship issues connected to the trail, and the public lands around it.

With Nelson County's upcoming formal dedication as the ATC's newest AT-Community (October 17), there is an opportunity for ODATC to partner with the ATC, Nelson County and the other AT trail clubs with sections in Nelson County (Tidewater and Natural Bridge) to bring the TTEC program to Nelson County and engage the community with the AT. David has already met with ATC's Community Outreach Director and Nelson County to begin exploring grant opportunities for the program and will be coordinating the outreach initiative with the ODATC board at the September meeting.

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October 10 (Wednesday) Crozier Hike (C/3)

Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or rjmartinii@yahoo.com) Join this five miler and lunch afterwards. Hike through the woodlands of Goochland and enjoy the fall foliage. Meet at Oilville Park & Ride (I-64 West) at 9:30 am. Jack will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Bring a side dish to share with others. Please RSVP to Jack.

October 17 (Wednesday) Spotsylvania National Military Park - Spotsylvania County (C/4)

Bill Tennant (Willyten10@aol.com or 282-0590) Come take a 5.5 loop hike through the woods and fields of the Spotsylvania Civil War Battlefield southwest of Fredericksburg. Civil War stories (of varying veracity) included at no extra charge. Meet at 9:00 am to carpool from the Ashland Hanover S.C. in Ashland and park near the Martin's Food Store (northeast corner of Route 54 and Route 1). Rte. 54 is exit 92 on I-95. Alternatively, meet at the Spotsylvania National Military Park Exhibit Shelter off Brock Road just west of Spotsylvania Courthouse at about 9:45 am. Optional lunch in Spotsylvania Courthouse after the hike.

October 20 (Saturday) AT Trail Maintenance Trip

Join us for our monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT. This is an all day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Contact Lori (804-397-5306), Fran (804-270-6908) or send an email to odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to register and for additional information.

October 22 (Monday) Old Rag Mountain (C/2)

Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242) Classic Day Hike located in the Shenandoah National Park north of Madison, Va. The hike will be 8 miles in length and strenuous enough that you should have some previous hiking experience. Limited to 12.

October 24 (Wednesday) Pocahontas State Park - Bright Hope/Clark Forest/Otter Lick Loop Hike - Chesterfield C/4

Jeff Samuels (796-7949) is leading a second (*see September 26*) new 6-mile hike lasting about 3 hours on unpaved forest roads through hardwood and pine forests in the park's southern section. Hike combines sections of the above-referenced multi-use trails to form a loop. Hike includes stops at the Gill-Dance Cemetery (interpretive) and the small Group Camp 7 Lake. One stream crossing with stepping-stones. Bring snacks and water. Restrooms are available only at the beginning of the hike. Meet at 9:00 am in the Courthouse Commons West Shopping Center at the intersection of Rt.10/Ironbridge Rd and Beach Rd (Rt. 655) in the Food Lion parking lot and behind BB&T Bank. Our carpool will leave at 9am and travel to the Park's equestrian center. There's a nominal parking fee unless you have a park pass.

October 25 (Thursday) High Bridge Trail (B/3)

Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or rjmartinii@yahoo.com) Final leg (10.4 miles) of this 31-mile trail. Pamplin City to Tuggle. Contact Jack about meet-up location.

October 27/28 (Saturday/Sunday) Annul Halloween Hoot at Paul Wolfe Shelter (D/3)

Mike Shelor (264-8308 or trailguymike@aol.com) It's time again for the club's annual Halloween Hoot. Treats or beverages to share are always welcome (costumes optional). Contact Mike if you plan to go and find out about carpools.

October 31 (Wednesday) James River Park and Belle Isle (D/4)

Martha James (883-6252 or marthajames@yahoo.com) Meet at the James River Park-Reedy Creek Access parking lot at 4001 Riverside Dr. (don't cross the tracks) at 10:00 am. Hike four miles along the south bank of the James River and over the emergency access bridge to Belle Isle for a circuit hike of Belle Isle including the hilltop and return. Optional lunch at O'Toole's on Forest Hill Ave. at 48th St.

Upcoming Activity in November:**November 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday) Prince William Forest**

Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242) We will be overnight camping at Oak Ridge Campground. There is a \$5.00 per car entrance fee and \$16.00 per night for Camping. (2 tents - 6 people per site.) Visit to Mall, Arlington Cemetery, or Mount Vernon with Day Hike(s) at Prince William or maybe Great Falls possibilities. Option for Sunday-Monday night camp over if interested.

Board Members Needed (*How important is having an ODATC to you?*)

Nominations are needed for the following positions on the ODATC Board of Directors: **Trail Maintenance Chair**, **Website Chair**, **Vice President**, and **Outreach Chair**. Nominees will be elected at the November 20 club meeting. Each position is for a 2-year term. Board members are expected to attend a minimum of 2/3rds of the monthly board meetings. Please contact Alice Preston at 804-741-0049 to submit your name for a specific position. For more details about the duties of these positions, please contact the current board member or club president.

Primary duties for the Trail Maintenance Chair include scheduling and coordinating maintenance work trips, overseeing purchase and maintenance tools and equipment, coordinating with ATC and agency partners for major trail renovation and relocation projects, and attend spring and fall southern regional partnership meetings. Website chair responsibilities include maintaining and updating content on the club website, maintaining web and domain accounts, and maintain club Facebook page. The Vice President is responsible for assuming the duties of the president in case of latter's absence, coordinating the development of club's

annual budget with president and treasurer, and maintaining overall inventory list of club assets, and other duties as assigned by club president. The Outreach Chair is responsible for coordinating club participation at festivals and events, overseeing the content, reproduction and distribution of club publications (other than Walker) and club display, and coordinating fundraising activities.

As newsletter editor, I'll grovel. Everyone is busy; we all know that. However, every club needs active participation in leadership roles! That means it is time for new folks to step forward. Please, please contact Alice Preston 804-741-0049. Volunteer to keep this club of hikers and maintainers moving ahead!

Making Your Trail a Better Place

- *Lori Ando, Contributor*

We've gone non-stop this summer with a calendar packed with fun filled maintenance activity. From Rockfish Gap to Reeds Gap the efforts to make your trail a better place are never-ending. June brought out the largest number of maintainers with 22 on the crew. Woohoo! This crew tackled such chores as weed whacking and trimming, fallen tree removal, trail rehab, blue blazing and the special event of the month - trash burrito removal. So, what is a trash burrito? It's what is made to haul out 4-5 large bags of rotting trash left at the shelter by rude hikers. Fortunately, that has been the only incident this year and one we are hoping not to repeat.

July brought us the Olympics and the Trail Maintenance Triathlon. ODATC, teaming with Konnarock won gold in all three events, Konnarock #1 – North of Three Ridges Rehab, July Work Trip Freestyle, and Konnarock #2 – Humpback Rocks Rockwork. Adding up all the volunteers, some being repeats and three-peats, 61 people attended these events including the Konnarock crews. The work done was amazing. Check out the numerous improvements on the blue blaze trail up to Humpback Rocks overlook...wow! And, the area north of Three Ridges Overlook, where a new crib wall was added, stairs were repaired along with other work over that rocky stretch...fabulous! Let's not forget the work trip freestyle event where more rockwork, tree removal, white blazing, and weed control was done...terrific! These events took place in either hot and humid, or, rainy conditions. It should also be mentioned that right before Konnarock#1 the derecho ripped through so sawyer crews were out removing some large trees in those hot temps. What dedicated volunteers!

Finally, August. That crew of 14 was out on a very pleasant day tackling a variety of maintenance tasks from weed control, to white blazing, to tree removal, side hilling and waterbar construction. There was some very assiduous activity all over our section of the trail. The weary maintainers then went trail hopping from the AT to the Brew Ridge Trail. The maintenance on the Brew Ridge Trail was not as strenuous but very rewarding.

As you have read, the fun on the trail is never-ending, and, this is just some of the work being done to make your trail a better place. The R2R (Rockfish to Reeds) area is divided into 13 sections that are assigned to individual maintainers or teams. These folks go out over and above the work trips to care for their sections doing the weed control, simple rehab, and reporting downed trees and other large maintenance issues. They are the hidden jewels of the club who seldom received the recognition that they deserve. A standing ovation thank you to these folks.

Help, for the section maintainers, is always welcome and there are a few open sections, so if you're interested, please contact us at the email address below. Remember, it takes a club to maintain a trail. Our work trips are on the third Saturday of every month. You can reserve your spot by emailing odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com. If you can't make a work trip day, you can still help by hiking our section of the trail between Rockfish Gap and Reeds Gap and reporting any downed trees to the same email address. When reporting trees, please note location, diameter and how high it is off the ground.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered this year! Your efforts are appreciated by all who hike the trail.

ODATC General Membership Meeting September 18 (Tuesday) begins promptly at 7:00 PM. Trinity Lutheran Church (2315 N. Parham Rd). Snacks to share with the group are always welcome and please bring a canned good for the church's food bank. (*See September 18 activities listing for details!!*)

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Bush-whacking & Border Monitors - *Karl Huber, Contributor*

Not all hiking on the Blue Ridge takes place on nice trails, or trails of any sort. ODATC members who participate in border monitoring spend many hours each year hiking off-trail along the border between the National Park Service (NPS) lands that are the AT corridor buffer and the private property outside that buffer.

Unlike well laid-out trails, property boundaries do not care how traversable they might be. However, because our border monitors are verifying and remarking these boundaries, we hike those off-trail routes; routes that go over rocks and cliffs, through chasms, up and down steep slopes, through briars, and whatever else the Blue Ridge can throw at you.

Why do we do this? Aside from testing the strength of our ankles, we are fulfilling an obligation to maintain the border demarcation (paint patches, survey tape, signs, and corner monuments) in accordance with our MOU with the NPS and ATC, and to look for and report to them and encroachments to the park and missing or damaged monuments. You can see a map of the border and monuments we monitor in the Lands Management section of our website.

We all know that when you're off-trail you can come upon some interesting and rarely seen scenery, wildlife and landmarks. In our portion of the Blue Ridge many of these landmarks, such as stone dwellings, stonewalls, old roads, and stone terracing are left from the previous inhabitants of these mountains. In addition, we have come upon other fascinating features including a forgotten plane crash, fugitive hideout, Indian rock flaking site, animal skeletons, and previously lost border markers.

Therefore, if you are in good shape and getting tired of doing the same mountain hikes that you've always done then consider joining us for some off-trail trips with a purpose.

Welcome New Members!!
Linda Edwards
Greg and Maggie Geoghegan
April Hooks

The Virginia Wilderness Committee, Wild Virginia, and the USDA Forest Service will host A Celebration of Wilderness at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, at Martin Chapel, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. The events are free and open to the public.

Venture Crew 760 - *Richard Brett, Contributor*

TRAIL MAINTENANCE TRAINING FOR TEENS & ODATC ADULTS

As part of Crew 760's mission with the ODATC, our crew will be helping the club with their trail maintenance program on Saturday, September 15. This will be on their section of the Appalachian Trail from Rockfish Gap to Reeds Gap. There are many different types of jobs to do. Therefore, to get ready, we will be offering a Trail Maintenance Training Class on September 8 at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation in Goochland. This class will be open to all members of Crew 760 and all members of ODATC.

Michael Lynch, the director of the Arrow Corps Loop Trail Project, will teach this class. Mike has led the Order of the Arrow trail crew since 2008 when the Arrow Corps 5 Trail project began in the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson National Forest near Covington, VA. It will cover trail tools, safety, and the use of the tools. Then we will do some trail maintenance on the trail system in the camp. You will need to dress in long pants, bring work gloves, and bring a bag lunch. Safety glasses and helmets will be provided. Confirm your place and get directions and a map by notifying Richard Brett at rbrett1154@aol.com.

Observing the Trail's 75th Anniversary - available on store shelves September 25

The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail

This 332-page hardcover book combines more than 300 stunning images from all parts of the Trail with a survey history dating from Benton MacKaye's imaginings in 1921 up to January 2012. Clubs can purchase at 40% discount. Contact ATC sales manager, Renee Rodgers, at [888-287-8673](tel:888-287-8673) or rrogers@appalachiantrail.org.



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