



The May Meeting

May 18, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church,
2315 N. Parham Rd., Richmond, VA 23229

Come join us for our annual Pot Luck Dinner at our new venue. As a member you are asked to provide a salad and/or a side-dish to serve 6-8 people. The club will provide the meat, dinnerware, drinks, and dessert. Dinner will begin at **6:30 pm** after the blessing by Hank Harmon. We will show slides of past maintenance and Konnarock work trips, trail hiking trips from across the U.S. and internationally. Look for these activities at the meeting:

- Members can “sock it to the boot” by donating a dollar to offset the cost of the chicken.
- Starting May 1, record your hiking mileage & submit the total at the meetings. A clipboard will be available.
- Blue Ridge Mountain Sports is our May vendor! Nick Orrell will set up about 6:00 p.m. to talk with early birds and will give a short presentation about the Blue Ridge Mountain Sports discount policy.
- Buy/Sell/Trade Table:
A table will be available for club members who wish to buy/sell/trade merchandise.
- Author book signing:
Emily Kimball will be presenting and signing copies of her latest book.

Speakers & Booth Workers Needed

Throughout the year we have requests for speakers as well as club representatives to work at booths for conservation events. If interested, please volunteer to help the club.

Emily Kimball Book Signings

Emily Kimball, author of *Appalachian Trail Stories and Other Adventures*, will hold book signings on May 12th at the Blue Ridge Mountain Sports on W. Broad St. and on May 17th at their store at Chesterfield Towne Center. On May 12th she will also present her AT Thru-hike Slide Show and on May 17th she will present her Bicycle Trip Across America slide show.

Konnarock

July 22-July 26 & July 29-August 2

Every year ATC recruits trail crews to work from late spring to fall on various trail programs. The Konnarock Crew works from May to mid-August and will be working with ODATC on the dates above. We will work with rocks, dirt, tree roots, yellow jackets, hot weather, rain, and lots of great folks and have fun working on the trail! You might be trimming, cutting, raking, digging, collecting, crushing, stacking, etc. You don't need experience to volunteer, but a great sense of humor is helpful. If you plan to participate, free camping is available at Sherando Lake (you can take a swim after a long hot day.) You can work as many days as you like. Look forward to a great meal on Saturday night! Call Fran Leckie at 270-6908. (She car pools every day if you need a ride.)

Love Mountain Festival

The first Annual Love Mountain Festival at Royal Oaks will be held on June 12 & 13, 2010. Royal Oaks is an upscale Wedding & Cabin Rental Resort located on 17 acres of mountain top paradise in the hamlet of Love, VA. This event will coincide with the **75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway**, and is included in the Nelson County Loop Events planned for June 12th. The festival will include Mountain Music, Educational Programs, Demonstrations and Arts & Crafts. The hours are from 1-7 PM. To access Royal Oaks take I64 (between Waynesboro & Charlottesville) & exit 99 South on the Blue Ridge Parkway. South of mp 16, turn right on Love Rd. (Rt. 814) & go 500 ft.

Appalachian Trail License Plate

The ATC is on the cusp of having 1,000 license plates on the road! With this milestone, ATC will start receiving its share of the profits from the state, per the legislation. This will catapult ATC into a new era for funding AT programs in Virginia. By getting your tag today you'll help the ATC protect and maintain 550 miles of the iconic Trail through Virginia. The fee for having an AT specialty plate is \$25 in addition to your regular vehicle registration fees. The ATC will receive \$15 annually for each AT plate purchased or renewed!

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ODATC MISSION

- The construction & maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap
- The provision of excursions on such trails or in other areas
- The offering of educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors

Dear Members,

So why do you belong to ODATC?!?

I first discovered the club at the Lynchburg 1987 biennial conference, similar to the Virginia Journeys 2011 for which preparations are now underway. Attending as a state park employee, I had been living in Richmond for only a few months and knew almost no one in the area. The club members at that conference welcomed me with open arms and I joined that fall. Wanting to know what the club was all about, I started attending board meetings, participating in work trips, hikes and other activities, and was quickly lured into serving on the board. My interests in the out of doors clicked with the purposes of the club. I maintained my membership but as is the case with many of us, life led me away from the club for a few years with family and work obligations. As my daughter is preparing to head off to college, I have jokingly told my AT friends "Watch out, I'm back!!"

So why did you join ODATC? Do those reasons still hold true? Did you join to repay for the opportunity to enjoy hiking on well maintained trails or perhaps the camaraderie of those who like doing the same thing as you? Have you too moved away but are now in a position to get back into those things you set aside? I hope that is the case because we could really use you. I suppose I could be greedy and say we really want your dues but the reality is we need your capabilities. We can never have too many trail maintainers or hike leaders. Perhaps digging rock is not your thing or your knees are just not up to a 10 mile hike, but there are so many ways you can give to the club. Let me give you a few examples where your skills might be of service.

Our club display which is used at various events or festivals is in need of a face lift. The same holds true for our club brochure. Are you into graphic design, photography, a writer, or develop promotional materials for your company or for others? Would you be willing to donate those skills to the club? We have several events, starting with the Richmond Earth Day Festival on April 25th, that need volunteers to man our booth and share info about the club. We would love your assistance. We are always looking for articles to put in the Walker or on the website. Why not write about a favorite hike or experience that you have had, some tidbit about wildlife or flowers along the trail, or maybe even hiking tips you have learned the hard way so others don't make the same mistakes. I mentioned in the previous newsletter that we are looking to expand our outreach program to youth groups in our area. Do you like teaching families and children about the value and wonders of the out of doors, how to hike safely, or even build a section of trail? Consider participating on a committee being formed to expand our outreach opportunities.

I am not asking everyone to join the Board or adopt a section of the AT to maintain, but please consider participating in one of the many activities or committees being formed to implement the goals of the club. You might not know it but you need us just like we need you!! And we would like for you to renew and pay your membership dues.

Come on out to our May 18th pot luck dinner-meeting!!

Theresa Duffey

Virginia Greenways and Trails Task Force Report

The Greenways and Trails Task Force has completed their report on Virginia's Long Distance Trail Network, an overall strategy for the creation of an interconnected system of long-distance trails in the state. This report includes an inventory of existing conditions, a vision for the network, and a focused list of nine actions needed to accomplish the vision and link regional and community trail systems throughout the Commonwealth. The full report is available online at www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/documents/grtrfrep.pdf A four-color summary is available online at www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/documents/trailstrat.pdf

Chesterfield County Budget Results in Funding

Good news of the day was the budget Chesterfield County adopted. Apparently leadership was able to restore funding for Parks and Recreation, restoring outdoor programming that had been slated to be cut completely!! Thanks for your letters and calls that may have impacted this decision!

May1-2 (Friday evening–Sunday) Variations on Wild Oak/Ramsey Draft Trails.....A/2
 Mark J. Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) markwenger@cox.net We will leave from Williamsburg at 5:00PM Friday and pick up anyone in Richmond at the commuter parking lot at exit 173 on I-64 on the way. We will eat a quick supper on the road and drive to the trail head at Wild Oak Trail on Forest Roads 95 and 101 and camp at the trailhead. On Saturday we will shuttle the cars and hike 12 miles Forest Road 101 to Grooms Ridge Trail to Wild Oak Trail to Hiner Springs in the Ramsey’s Draft wilderness area and camp. For those who might want a shorter trip they can hike in from Shenandoah Trail. On Sunday we will hike 11 miles of either Ramsey Draft Trail and Bridge Hollow Trail to Bald Ridge Trail or Bald Ridge Trail the whole way to Braley’s Pond and the cars. By weaving these trails together we can enjoy the very best of both.

May 2 (Sunday) Kayaking: Dragon Run Tour with Teta Kaine.....(N/A)
 Brian Townsend (btowns9414@aol.com) Join our hosts, The Friends of Dragon Run and our wonderful guide Teta Kain to paddle Dragon Run. You may have heard Teta give a talk a while ago about Dragon Run, “... a unique ecosystem which has been ranked second in ecological significance among 232 areas investigated in a Smithsonian Institution study which covered 12,600 square miles of the Chesapeake Bay region.” Expect 3-4 hours of paddling. Fees/Donation to FODR: Minimum of \$25 per person. Please, no children and no pets.

May 3 (Monday) Old Rag.....C/1
 Barbara Stewart (271 4631 or bleafstewart@gmail.com) and Jim Hunt will lead this popular 8 mile hike, one of the best in Virginia. Experienced hikers only and group size limited to 12.

May 4 (Tuesday) ODATC Board Meeting.....N/A
 Contact Theresa Duffey for details.

May 4th (Tuesday) Devil's Marblyard in James River Face Wilderness.....C/2
 Ted Nelson (mtnclimber_98@yahoo.com) or 804-530-0666) One of the largest boulder fields in the east. We will hike to the toe of the rock fall and scramble 800 feet up the boulder field for a lunch with great views. Then, we will bushwhack off the top and continue on the loop hike back to the car. Total distance of approximately 7 miles with 1,000+ feet of elevation gain. A meeting place will be arranged for carpools as necessary. Expect to eat on the way home. May 6th is a rain date.

May 5 (Wednesday) James River Loop.....C/4
 Jim Hunt (730-2364) Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot just west of Tredegar Iron Works under the Lee Bridge. Hike the north bank trail from Tredegar to Boulevard Bridge, the Buttermilk Trail on the south bank, and return crossing Belle Isle and the Pedestrian Bridge. The planned hike is about 8 miles and will take over 3 hours to hike. Bring water and a lunch.

May 12 (Wednesday) Buttermilk Trail West.....D/4
 Jim Hunt (730-2364) This is a nice hike in the woods and along the James River. We will hike to the end of the Buttermilk, about a 5 miles long hike. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Forest Hill Park. Turn off Forest Hill Avenue on West 41st Street, enter Forest Hill Park and park at the circle by the old stone house.

May 15 (Saturday) Work Trip.....N/A
 Fran Leckie (270-6908) Come and join us for a day in the woods. Newcomers always welcome. Bring lunch, work gloves, water and money for car pool and eating out. Please call closer to date as to what we will be doing.

May 14 - 16 (Friday - Sunday) Appalachian Trail Days Festival.....N/A
 Ken Baker at 804-749-3625 or lightfoot230@juno.com. The annual Trails Days Festival is held in Damascus, VA to honor hikers of the Appalachian Trail. Major events include a high-spirited hiker’s parade, a hiker’s talent show, a variety of live entertainment, presentations on various hiking topics, and displays by many gear manufacturers (including cutting edge lightweight gear), outfitters and other vendors. I plan to hike the “AT” - Iron Mountain Trail loop (about 63 miles) before the festival.

May 18 (Tuesday) ODATC General Club Meeting.....N/A

The annual pot-luck will be at our new meeting place, Trinity Lutheran Church, at 2315 N. Parham Road near the Park and Ride. Meal begins at 6:30 p.m. but come early to greet fellow club members. The club will be providing the main course. Bring a side dish or dessert. Check the newsletter for more details.

May 19 (Wednesday) Poor Farm County Park.....D/4

Jim Bryant (804-798-6223 jeb23005@verizon.net.) This will be an easy 4 mile hike that follows a stream part of the way. The park is off Rt. 54 about 8 miles west of the town of Ashland. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Poor Farm Park in the back parking lot near the pavilions and toilets. Please call me if you are going & leave a contact number so you can be reached if necessary. Lunch at Suzanne's in Ashland to follow for those who so desire.

May 20 - 23 (Thursday - Sunday) North Mountain Trail and Shenandoah Mountain Trail - South Loop Hike.....A/1

Ken Baker (804-749-3625 or lightfoot230@juno.com.) These trails provide a challenging hike and an opportunity for solitude as they wind through the ridges of the Shenandoah Mountain Range and cross near the highest point within George Washington National Forest - Elliott Knob, which is 4,463 feet high with an open panoramic view of the valley below. Trails are located off U.S. 250 south of Ramsey's Draft Wilderness. Total distance is about 64 miles averaging 16 miles per day.

May 21-23 (Friday - Sunday) Spruce Knob and Judy SpringsD/3

John Farmer/Mike Shelor (contact Mike at 264-8308 or trailguymike@aol.com.) Visit a touch of Canada at West Virginia's highest peak then camp out by beautiful Seneca Creek. Day hikes on Saturday. Lunch on Sunday at scenic Seneca Rocks. Previous overnight backpacking experience required. Rain date is June 4-6. Limit 8 hikers.

May 22 (Saturday), Shenandoah National Park, North District C/3

This second of Hank Harman's traverse of the entire Park will be six miles between the sag of North & South Marshalls & Compton Gap. Elevation change will be 900' up & 1600' down. We leave Richmond at 7:30 a.m.; lunch on the trail & dinner on the way home. Hank Harman, 804-347-3744 or hharman8@verizon.net.

May 22 (Saturday) SNP - Piney Ridge - Little Devil's Staircase.....B/2

David Olli (864-1461 or dolli@smv.org) See *Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park* for a more detailed description of this fairly rigorous trek just outside Sperryville, VA. The 11 to 12 mile hike features a steep, boulder-strewn climb up Keyser Run, beautifully wooded trail, a few small creek crossings and a rest stop at an old family cemetery. I'll take the first 12 responders, no children or pets please.

May 23 (Sunday) Doyles River Trail.....C2/3

Karen Mark (rivermountain@comcast.net) Join me as we descend 1330 ft past waterfalls (depending in water level) on Jones Run to Doyles River, and then climb back up the steep and narrow trail along Doyles River, past two more waterfalls. Distance is 8.4 miles. Meet at Rockville-Manakin exit off of I64 at 8:00 a.m.

May 26 (Wednesday) Ashland Area Woods.....D/4

Martha James (marthajames@yahoo.com or 804-883-6252). Join me for a special walk through the woods of Hanover County on private property. We'll meet at my house, 15067 Horseshoe Bridge Road, Doswell at 10:00. Directions from I 95. Take the Ashland exit (Rt. 54). Go through Ashland about 4 miles. When you see the sign for Poor Farm Park, take the next right. That's Horseshoe Bridge Rd. (Rt. 686). Go about 2 1/2 miles. The driveway is on the left across from Rehoboth Rd. Look for an ODATC sign. Optional lunch at Suzanne's afterwards.

May 28 - 31 (Friday evening - Monday) Appalachian Trail in New York.....A/2

Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) markwenger@cox.net) We will leave from Williamsburg at 5:00 PM Friday & pick up anyone in Richmond at the Walmart parking lot off I-95 in Ashland on the way. We will eat a quick supper on the road and drive to New York staying at a motel or camp near the trail head. Saturday we will shuttle the vehicles & begin the hike at Bear Mountain Bridge on the Hudson & hike north on the Appalachian Trail 13 miles north to Fahnestock State Park where we have paid for a camping site for the evening. On Sunday we will hike north 17 miles to New York 55 and the cars & stay at a motel that night. We will drive home that Monday morning. A beautiful section of New York with great views of the Hudson Valley.

May 29 (Saturday) The Priest.....C/1

Ted Nelson (mtnclimber_98@yahoo.com or 804-530-0666). Hike The Priest, the biggest hike in the Religious Range. If the rhododendrons, mountain laurel & azaleas are in full bloom this should be a pretty hike. If they are not, well, it will be a good workout. It is an out and back hike of approximately 8 miles with 3,200 feet of elevation gain and 15% grade at its toughest.

June 1 (Tuesday) Pole Green Park.....D/4

Jim Hunt (730-2364) Hanover County has done well with this 4 mile well maintained trail in the woods. Take the Pole Green exit off I-295, go three and one half miles and turn left into the park. Take the first right (the sign points to the horse show ring) and meet at 9:30.

June 5 (Saturday) National Trails Day Work on the James River Park System. Basic tools, lunch & drinks provided. See more information on page 6 under REI.

June 5 - 6 (Sat.-Sun.) Moorman's River Backpack Trip.....A/3

Aseeyah Abdul-Karim 382-6186 or solitude1957@hotmail.com. Call for more info on this last minute entry to the newsletter.

June 9 (Wednesday) Gochland Hike.....D4

Jack Martin (784-1979 or rjmartinii@yahoo.com) Meet at 9:45 at Oilville Park & Ride lot off the Oilville exit (next exit after Rockville exit on I-64 West). This will be a 2 hour hike on old fox hunting trails along Buffalo Creek and several farm ponds. End with lunch (hamburgers and drinks provided, bring a side dish). Please RSVP by June 8 in order to provide enough hamburgers and drinks.

June 9 (Wednesday) Pocosin Hollow Cemetery Hike.....B/2

Ted Nelson (mtnclimber_98@yahoo.com) or 804-530-0666. Visit three cemeteries, one being the largest in the SNP, the second one at the Pocosin Mission and the third has the famous headstone carved with a lamb for a young child named Christina Lam. This is a 10 mile hike with some off-trail bushwhacking.

June 12 (Saturday) Riprap Hollow Day Hike B/2

Randy Wendell (r.s.wendell@att.net; 794-7833) This is one of the more popular hikes in the southern section of the SNP and offers some nice ridgeline views and one particularly nice overlook at Chimney Rock. Also, the scenery along Riprap Hollow is particularly nice. This 9.5 mile hike is moderately strenuous because of its 2,200 foot elevation gain, but it is still very doable to most hikers.

June 19-26 (Saturday- Saturday) James River Batteau Festival.....N/A

I am planning a self-supported canoe trip down the James River during the Batteau Festival. I plan to start in Lynchburg on June 19 and finish at Brems Bluff about 4 or 5 days later - a distance of about 82 miles. I have a friend who lives near Brems who can drop me off at Lynchburg and leave my van at his house for pick up at end of trip. For information about the Festival google "James River Batteau Festival". If you are interested in joining me on this trip, contact Ken Baker at 804-749-3625 or lightfoot230@juno.com.

June 19 (Saturday) Work Trip.....N/A

Fran Leckie (270-6908) Join us for a fun-filled day involving dirt and teamwork. Bring water, lunch, work gloves, carpool and eat out money.

June 26 (Saturday) Rivanna River Paddle.....N/A

John Festa (804-273-2107 or johnfesta@comcast.net) This will be a 3-4 hour beginner's paddle along with the Coastals Club on the scenic Rivanna River between Crofton and Palmyra with a lunch stop. Crofton is about one hour west of Richmond. You must provide your own boat and equipment including PFD's. Email is best in contacting John for information.

June 26 (Saturday), Shenandoah National Park, North DistrictC/3

The third of Hank Harman's traverse of the entire Park will be six miles between Rattlesnake Point and the North - South Marshall sag. Elevation change will be 1100' up and 1100' down. While hikers can come just for the day we may be able to rent a PATC cabin for Friday and Saturday nights. Hank Harman, (804)347-3744 or hharman8@verizon.net.

June 26 - 27 (Saturday - Sunday) Patterson Ridge Backpacking.....B/3

Jenni Pendergrass (264-1633 or japendergrass@co.hanover.va.us) Starting from the Ivy Creek Overlook with a detour to the Loft Mountain Wayside for a nice lunch stop. After lunch we pick up the Patterson Ridge Trail down to our streamside campsite. Should be about 6 miles total for the day. Plenty of time for setting up camp, wading in the creek, more hiking or just chilling out. Sunday morning we will pick up the Rocky Mountain Run trail back to the Brown Mountain Overlook. A short walk on the parkway takes us back to our cars. Meet at the Park & Ride at the I-64 Rockville/Manakin Exit at 8:00 a.m.

June 28 - August 30 Appalachian Trail Long DistanceA/1

Contact Ken Baker (804-749-3625 or lightfoot230@juno.com.) A challenging 2-month long distance hike along the Appalachian Trail from Harpers Ferry, WV north to Gorham, NH - traversing 9 states for a distance of about 867 miles or 1,831,104 steps.

Future Activities

July 22-26 (Thurs. - Mon.) Konnarock Work Trip.....N/A
 See article on first page. Contact Fran Leckie (270-6908) for more details. .

July 29 – Aug 2 (Thur.– Mon.) Konnarock Work Trip.....N/A
 See article on first page. Contact Fran Leckie (270-6908) for more details.

September 17–19 (Friday evening–Sunday) Gauley River Marathon.....Moderate/Strenuous
 Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) markwenger@cox.net. This is the rafting trip you have waited for all year. The top white water in the America and one of the top in the world. We will leave Williamsburg on Friday and drive to Oak Hill, West Virginia, and camp at the outfitter ACE Adventure. On Saturday we will raft all 23 miles and 110 rapids. Of course you can also take other rafting trips on parts of the Gauley or on the New River. In 2009 the cost for the marathon was \$230 while parts of the Gauley or New were in the \$165 range. You must be at least 16 to do this trip. The camping fee in 2009 was \$12 a night. On Saturday evening we will celebrate and drive home on Sunday. If interested please let me know by the end of June.

Upcoming Clinics and Workshops

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports: (Contact Nick Orrell or Percy Blackburn at norrell@brms.com or pblackburn@brms.com)
 June 12, July 10 and August 14 Kayak Demos and Kayak Day Trips

REI (Contact: Christine Wrublesky at cwruble@rei.com)

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| May 2 Columbia Muddy Buddy Ride & Run Series | May 15 Paddle Fest |
| May 4 Bike Commuting Basics | May 23 GroundForcePower Sprint Triathlon |
| May 6 Bike Maintenance Basics | May 29 Chickahominy Water Trail Festival |
| May 8 Capital to Capital Ride | June 5 National Trails Day |
| May 15 James River Scramble | |

Join REI Richmond for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 5, 2010 to work on the trails of the James River Park System. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to give back, as this will be REI Richmond's largest service project of the year! Basic tools, lunch and drinks will be provided.

 **Virginia Journeys 2011**

Next year the Virginia Region of ATC (Appalachian Trail Conservancy) will be in charge of the biennial ATC Conference, titled "Virginia Journeys 2011" (VJ-2011). It will be held July 1-8, 2011, at Emory & Henry College, located in Emory, Virginia, off I-81, exit 26.

VIRGINIA JOURNEY 2011 UPDATE: The VJ2011 Steering Committee held a day long meeting April 9, 2010, at Mountain Lake Lodge in Virginia. It was a full day of planning and decision-making by members of the seven AT maintaining clubs of Central and Southwest Virginia. The July, 2011 event will include over 100 hikes, workshops, and excursions. Watch for the new JV2011 webpage soon to be released on the Appalachian Trail website, www.appalachiantrail.org.

ODATC will be providing volunteers to work the registration desk, solicit and support exhibitors, and man the information/welcoming desk. Work on each of these areas has begun. We have some wonderful volunteers who are already making great progress in each of these areas. However, as we continue to move closer to the conference date, we will need more volunteers to help in these areas. What a wonderful way to spend a week in the mountains, by hiking, meeting other interesting hikers and volunteering a few hours to help make this event a success. Please consider donating some of your time to VJ2011. If you are interested in joining this elite group of AT volunteers, contact Sue Kropp at freshair82@comcast.net.

Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary

As many of you already know, our section of the Appalachian Trail crosses over the Blue Ridge Parkway many times! This year they are having their 75th Anniversary. You too can join the "Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Inc." to support FRIENDS and save parkway views. (800-228-PARK) / www.blueridgefriends.org

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

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

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

Reminder

Did you pay your dues for 2010?

Please send your renewal to
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Please send your fabulous photos of your hiking adventures to our webmaster, Cynthia Brown, cpascals@hotmail.com.

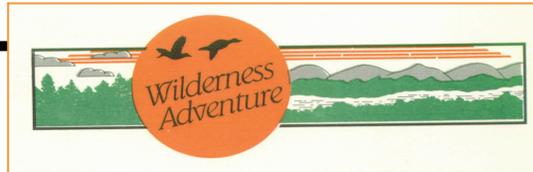
Discounts

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Appomattox River Company, Rockfish Gap Outfitters and Wilderness Adventure are big supporters of ODATC.

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports stores are located on West Broad St. and at Chesterfield Town Ctr. The Chesterfield Town Ctr. store offers a Trail Talks series.

Appomattox River Company extends a discount on all merchandise except boats and has locations in Farmville, Midlothian and Yorktown. Browse their website at www.paddleva.com or call 800-442-4837 for details.

Rockfish Gap Outfitters is on Route 250 in Waynesboro. They offer assistance with questions on hiking equipment.



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ODATC and ATC

ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual ODATC dues are \$15 for individuals & \$20 for families. Lifetime membership is \$250. Renewals are due in January; forms can be found online. **The Walker** is published bi-monthly with submission deadlines by the 15th of the publication month.

Club Meetings

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- ★ Take time to be properly fitted for boots
- ★ Need to gear up for that thru-hike? Give us a call.

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