

TATC Fall Trail Maintenance

October 16-18, 2020

Message from Jim Newman

Number of participants

After the recent summer maintenance of September 4-6 and the previous independent work of Paul Dickens, Randy Smith & son Evan, our trail is clear for passage. Further maintenance needs, as of now, are reduced to the point that additional work can be handled by up to **30 people**. This number is what I feel TATC can prudently sustain in these Covid-19 times.

How to be included

Participants must first complete two homework requirements involving the reading of Covid-19 Job Hazard Analysis material and viewing an ATC video; then certify such by contacting me (jimnewman55@cox.net) as well as sending the required notice of video viewing to ATC. These requirements and directions are found at the link below. If your name does not appear on both lists, you are ineligible (ATC rules) to participate.

[https://tidewateratc.com/resources/Maintenance/Requirements for Returning to Work on the A.T. as a Member of TATC.pdf](https://tidewateratc.com/resources/Maintenance/Requirements%20for%20Returning%20to%20Work%20on%20the%20A.T.%20as%20a%20Member%20of%20TATC.pdf)

The roster of participants will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Camping arrangements

TATC has reserved the group camping area that is uphill from the CCC kitchen. There are 28 widely spaced camping sites on grass with a picnic table at each place. The new bath house has 4 restrooms with showers, and TATC will have exclusive use of the group site. The group camping area is open, bright and spacious unlike the dismal Williams Branch area. Participants might want to bring some type of tarp shelter. We are a friendly, happy, social-loving group! It will be a joy to be together again; however, there must be strict attention given at all times to keeping true to CDC, ATC, and state pandemic guidelines. Masking, social distancing, hand washing, and avoidance of carpooling (other than family units) will be required.

Work crews

1. Maupin shelter outlying camping area: Two crews of 4 each to rehab camping pads. This involves fixing log borders and installation of fire rings
2. Drainage work: Four crews of 3 each dispersed over sections of AT
3. Harpers Creek Shelter clean-up **excluding privy & shelter itself**. Crew of 2.
4. Blazing: Two crews of 3.
5. Reserve: 2