

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club

Appalachian Hiker

Banner Photo by Mark Ferguson

PREZ SEZ

May was a dynamic and event filled month for TATC. June promises to be just as active.

Day-in-the-Park

The National Weather Service delivered a near perfect day for our Day-in-the-Park on May 6th. It was just cool enough for the hikers, led by Michelle Cobb, to enjoy the trail in Newport News Park. The contestants who stayed behind to get their Brunswick stew entries ready were just as comfortable. That is until the competition started. There were so many delicious entries that returning hikers and others had trouble deciding which ones to vote for so the competition was intense--well sort of intense.

I'll leave the announcement of the winner's name to Sharon Salyer, who with her team, organized the entire event. Well done to them all.

Spring Maintenance

TATC's Spring Maintenance Event took place over the May 19 to 21 weekend. More than 45 participants participated including Lauren Yoder, this year's ATC Ridgerunner for our area. Last year's Ridgerunner, Katie Steele, also participated - as a TATC member. Following her stint last year, Katie decided to join our club. We are all pleased that she is now part of our club.

The Spring Maintenance team did a great job which John Sima describes below. The Spring Maintenance culinary team did an equally impressive job feeding our very large turnout, so let me take a moment to thank them for the excellent meal.

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The Who (no, not the rock band) : Pete Burch, Jody Cooper, Allen Crute, Patrick Hayes, Chris Sexton, Lelia Vann, and Greg XXX with encouragement and support from Susan and Norm Colpitts.

The What: Eight gallons of Pasta e Piselli (AKA noodles and peas with Italian seasonings), 12 pounds of Italian meatballs in Marinara sauce, four pounds of non-garlic meatballs in non-garlic sauce, French baguette slices for 50, 28 pounds of black beans and corn salad, condiments and a Italian oil and spices blend for the bread, and 48 slices of cake.

No one left hungry. If you would like to try the bean and corn salad, the recipe is below.

General Membership Meeting

Dr. Holly Gaff, from Old Dominion University, presented a lecture on ticks. She studies tick demographics and disease incidence. Sounds like a snore? Not so. She was funny, brought a good PowerPoint presentation, and had enough data to scare most of the people in the room. The questions from TATC members went on nearly as long as the lecture.

Outreach

John Barnes has a piece below on his two outreach efforts in May at REI and Great Outdoor Provision Company so I won't elaborate. However I'd like to thank those who staffed the tables at both places as in-store outreach has previously produced big returns for the time expended.

And there is more

Tuesday Group events, First Landing State Park maintenance, the Cabin maintenance trip, and a lot of other activities took place in May--too many to detail, really. Check out last month's calendar.

What's Happening in June?

Trail Magic

On June 3rd, Jim Newman and Jim Sexton will stage TATC Trail Magic (AKA feeding hungry hikers, especially thru-hikers). TATC has held TM events pre-COVID so thanks to the two Jim's for getting this restarted. Thanks too, to all the members who contributed supplies or money. See the detailed description below.

Lopperfest

June 16, 17, and 18, John Sima will be managing the next in our series of summertime trail maintenance events. If you haven't been to a Lopperfest before, it's a sort of mini-Spring Maintenance event (without the food). Joining us will be Greg Ritson, a Technical Trail Specialist from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

On Sunday the 18th, Greg Reck will offer a training course entitled, the Essential Trail Maintenance Workshop. Training sessions like this one help TATC members to up their game with new techniques and approaches to trail maintenance. Old-timers and newbies learned much from last year's training session. It was really worth the extra time expended.

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If you are coming to the Lopperfest, please try to stay on Sunday for the training. It should be fun.

General Membership Meeting: June 14th

TATC member John Murray, who arranged Holly Gaff's lecture on ticks, has also arranged a speaker for our June meeting. He's Mike McCarthy, a volunteer at the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program. He'll be discussing why some marine mammals get stranded on Hampton Roads beaches and what his team does to rescue them. It should be a fascinating presentation.

And there is more

Don't forget the always recurring Tuesday Group events and Mike Horrell's Camping Workdays at the Beaverdam Park at 8687 Roaring Springs Rd. near Gloucester Courthouse on June 10th and 11th. And, check out our Facebook page and calendar regularly. Some events pop-up quickly.

Below is the promised recipe.

Happy Trails,

Lee

***Mary Lohman's Black Bean
and Corn Salad***

Open one can of black beans (15oz) and drain
Open equivalent sized can of corn and drain
Dice one red bell pepper
Dice one-half diced onion
Mix corn and beans in mixing bowl
Add two tablespoons of olive oil
Add one tablespoon of vinegar
Add one teaspoon of salt
Mix contents of bowl again
Let rest overnight in the refrigerator if possible

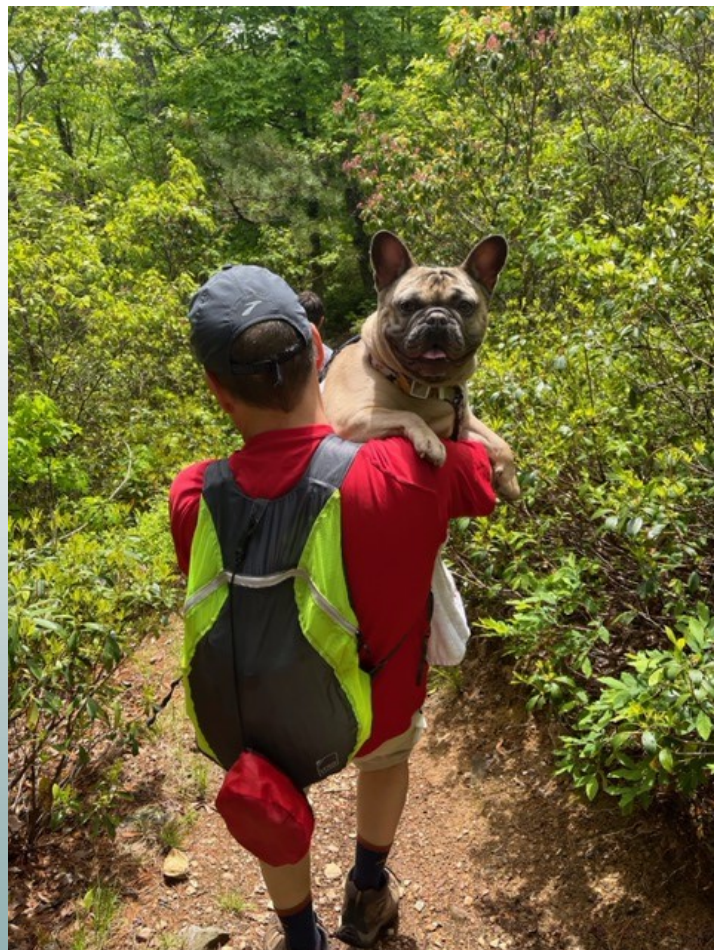
Cabin Reset for the Next Generation

Getting my young adult children a chance to unplug at the TACT cabin weekend of 5/12. We hiked with the dogs the entire White Rock Gap trail. We had to carry the frenchie near the end but he was trooper, as he is not designed for trails. Maggie, my Chesapeake Bay Retriever, loved the waterfall pool. I had to force her to come out. She has her own backpack and carried in the dogs food and bowls. We packed in 3 propane and out 3 empties. Water from the spring was flowing well. I swing bladed the trail while going out to meet up with my daughter and boyfriend later in the day Friday. There were ticks to watch out for. I noticed the cabin upgrades since I was last there: Nice paint job on the windows, doors and trim who ever did that! The bed mattresses were great! I was skeptical when I first heard about this, but it sure made a difference. The mattresses appear to be custom fit to the bed platforms and covered in thick material, that is easy to clean. Should last a long time. We attended a festival late afternoon Saturday at Devils Backbone Brewery. We skirted rain the whole time. Never a problem. Perfect trip for the kids and dogs. They came away saying that wish they could stay longer than two nights. I agree. Three is the minimum, five is best!

Brian Tapajna



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Spring Day in the Park 2023

By Sharon Salyer

On a sunny spring day in May, over 60 Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club members and friends once again gathered for a day of fun and camaraderie at Newport News Park. By 10 o'clock, shelter 10 was buzzing with volunteers setting up tables for the 13 Brunswick Stew chefs who would be vying for the coveted Spoon Award. Outside the shelter, corn hole, darts, and horseshoes were set up just in time for early arriving kids and adults to show off their skills. Near the parking lot, Michelle Cobb gathered an enthusiastic group together for a 3 ½ mile hike through the surrounding woods featuring lake views and plenty of natural beauty in an urban setting.

Soon vehicles began arriving and lining up in the parking lot for the trunk sale, and folks with crock pots galore jockeyed for position at the serving table. Like a well-oiled machine, this seasoned bunch who know how to 'get stuff done' worked together getting everything set up by the time the hikers returned for lunch. As vendors set up their wares in the parking lot, a long queue of hungry folks began moving past the line of Brunswick Stew contestants, sampling as they read ingredient cards and dropping tickets into tip jars to vote for their favorites. At 1:30, votes were counted and the contest winners were announced. With pomp and ceremony the awards were presented to the well deserving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

After cake was served, the well-fed drifted into the parking lot for a shopping spree to benefit the club. An array of items were on display for purchase, including such varied offerings as a bear canister, an air purifier, and a lot of 'well-loved' camping equipment. The feel was lively and jovial as savvy shoppers negotiated favorable deals with vendors eager not to take any leftovers home. New TATC items from the online store were also for sale. While the parking lot was jumping, several volunteers cleaned and broke down tables and dished up leftovers. By the time I got back to the shelter, amazingly, the cleanup process was nearly complete.

There are several ways to weigh the success of an event. As I looked on from the sidelines at the smiles and energy of our group, I happened to notice John Oakes giving lessons in the safe use of a Silky saw to a group of young, future sawyers. There they were amongst a pile of fallen limbs dragged there especially for this purpose. This was an unscheduled activity, a teaching moment, typical of the many caring and dedicated senior members of our club who are working to secure our legacy of active stewardship of the environment. That is success in my book.

Lopperfests!

Join the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club for a single day, or for the weekend, from Friday, June 16-18 or July 14-16 and enjoy helping out with some fun filled and satisfying essential trail maintenance during one of the TATC annual Lopperfest events!

Loppers (also known as trimmers) are a cutting tool that are often used for removing branches from trees and are the quintessential tool for removing overgrown vegetation from the sides of the Trail. This essential work, and so much more, is performed by volunteers and helps to keep the Appalachian Trail alive.

All are welcome to join this event. Enjoy the satisfaction of spending time outdoors alongside experienced volunteers and seeing the positive impact you are making on the Trail right before your eyes. Camping accommodations for Friday and Saturday night can be made available. Participants will need to provide their own camping gear including but not limited to a tent or hammock, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and plenty of food and snacks for the weekend.

Please be sure to wear long pants and sturdy boots. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the day, lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, a rain jacket and personal work gloves.

Lopperfest #1

When: Friday-Sunday, June 16-18, 2023

Location: Meet at Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Contacts: John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Description: Camping out June 16th to the 18th. in the Sherando Lake Recreation Area at the CCC Kitchen. Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free Park entrance; Free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

Lopperfest #2

When: Friday-Sunday, July 14-16, 2023

Location: Meet at Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

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Membership Matters

By Sharon Salyer

June 2023

Hello TATC Friends,

It's gearing up to be a busy and exciting summer! TATC has already sponsored numerous club activities in the past couple of months: the Spring Day in the Park in Newport News; Spring Maintenance at Sherando; cabin work trips; tree planting with Lynnhaven River Now, pub nights at several local brew pubs; as well as outreach activities at Earth Day festivities and local outfitters to introduce the club to potential new members. And, there's plenty more to come.

Our new members are excited to meet current members and to become involved in TATC. With all that we have planned for the summer and beyond, there will be plenty to be excited about. Please welcome some of our newest members.

Susan and Norman Colpitts have been members since 1/12/23

They have been enjoying the outdoors throughout their 40 year marriage. We have lived in Norfolk for 37 years. Susan was a CPA and had a wonderful career in wealth management. Norman was a Montessori teacher. Today we own Ghent Montessori School in Norfolk with a partner. And we spend most weekends on the Eastern Shore at our second home there. In addition, Susan is a meditation teacher and Norman loves to spend time in his woodworking shop.

We started camping with our three daughters when they were young, including a cross country trip in 2004 in a pop-up camper. I'd say more of our experience has been "walking in the woods" as opposed to serious hiking, with several notable exceptions. Norman and our oldest daughter did a 50 mile section of the Appalachian Trail when she was in college. And more recently we did a "robust" 9 days hiking in the Alps, albeit staying in lovely hotels and eating great restaurant food. We have plans to go to northern CA in April to do more hiking...if it hasn't washed away! We love being outside wherever we are. We are excited to help with trail maintenance wherever that takes us and hiking with new friends. We welcome everyone to the Shore and we are happy to pull together a couple of hikes there.

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Dave Bowman “Phantom” has been a member since 1/25/23

I want to thank you for the warm welcome back. It has been at least 15 years since I participated in club activities, but I have fond memories of hiking the AT with Mark Wenger and friends; as well as the freezing nights on the winter hikes in the Adirondacks and Mt. Washington with Mal Higgins, Otey Shelton and others. I apologize for my absences, but I got pulled into Boy Scouts when my grandson came of age to join Cub Scouts and that evolved into a part time job. I currently ride with Peninsula Bicycle Association and have joined a new dive club established here in Hampton "Hampton Roads Divers" and wait for underwater opportunities with them. I am excited to rejoin the members of this club because they love adventure, serve the community, care for the trail and the environment. In fact, before I wrote this, I went through my camping gear and packed my pack. ...so where are you going?

Pax Goodson has been a member since 2/18/23

Hi, TATC! I started backpacking with the Boy Scouts here in Virginia back in the 1960s. I lived in Massachusetts as a young adult and eventually climbed all the 4000' peaks in the White Mountains. After retiring early, I wanted to try a longer trip, and thru-hiked the Long Trail in Vermont. Over the last few years, I've nibbled away at the southern AT. I figured it was time to support the AT as it had given me such much joy.

Welcome new members!



TATC Trail Magic Event
Saturday, June 3, 2023
A.T. Crossing at the Tye River



On this National Trails Day, TATC will continue our tradition of celebrating Thru & Section Hikers with a Trail Magic Event:

Setup will be at the Tye River

Two shifts of 5 persons each will maintain operation

6:00 AM - Noon

Noon - 6:00 PM

Offerings will include usual trail foods goodies plus grilled items, beverages, and dehydrated/ freeze-dried meals to go

Chairs and table space will be provided for hikers

Recharge station for cell phones

How you can help from afar:

Donations can be made through the donation button on TATC's website; <https://tidewateratc.com/Donations>

For questions and comments, contact Jim Newman at jimnewman55@gmail.com



Registration is now open for A.T. Vista 2023

Register

**The Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association and Visit Johnson City
Hosts the Appalachian Trail Vista Event
August 4-7, 2023
Wild & Free in Tennessee**

The Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association and Visit Johnson City - will host the in-person Appalachian Trail Vista 2023 program in the beautiful Johnson City, Tennessee area, with hikes, excursions, workshops and entertainment at the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) campus. The event is four days, Friday through Monday for a gathering with hundreds of hiking and outdoor enthusiasts!

The A.T. Vista is the rebranded ATC Biennial program, somewhat streamlined but keeping most of the exciting activities. It's been since the summer of 2017 that we've been able to gather, spend time on the trail, learn, and socialize. This inaugural A.T. Vista program is being planned to carry on the great camaraderie of kindred spirits that cherish the Appalachian Trail and being outdoors.

***Come to Tennessee!
Mark your calendars for August 4-7, 2023***

Affordable on-campus rooms and delicious and healthy buffet meals will be available onsite. The local Johnson City area offers lots of wonderful dining opportunities including a variety of vegetarian and ethnic options, as well as excellent local breweries. If you opt to reside on campus in the dormitory system, you can arrive as early as Thursday evening and stay through Tuesday morning, as program activities begin on Friday, August 4 and extend through Monday, August 7.

Reservations are available online for dormitory rooms.

Nearby vacation homes, hotels, campgrounds, and RV and camping will also be available.

Programming includes over 40 hikes, of which many will be on the Appalachian Trail, and the remainder using many of the hiking areas that are within an hour's drive from the Johnson City area. There are nearly 35 workshops expected, and over ten exciting excursions. Evening entertainment includes concerts and opportunities to meet other attendees. An opening session and reception are scheduled for Friday night, August 4.

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Registration for the inaugural A.T. Vista program is now open, along with registration for dorm rooms, hikes, excursions and workshops. Visit www.atvista2023.org for the details.

Access to certain activities will have limited spaces, so register early to join the fun!

You can also sign up to get the A.T. Vista monthly newsletter, with the latest information about the event and the programming.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist in implementing many of the 2023 activities. View the various A.T. Vista 2023 volunteer position needs and sign up today. Go to the atvista2023.org website and select the “Volunteer” tab.

Additional volunteer opportunities include **Hike Leaders, Workshop Assistants, and Excursion Chaperones!** We need volunteers to lead or co-lead hikes, chaperone one of the many fun excursions, or provide assistance during a workshop session. (You don't need to be from the area to volunteer in any of these roles!) If any of these opportunities interest you, email us at atvista2023@gmail.com or sign-up online at www.atvista2023.org

This inaugural A. T. Vista program is sponsored by The Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association, Visit Johnson City, and the Committees of the A.T. Vista program representing many A.T. Clubs along the Appalachian Trail. A.T. Vista is a marketing program of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy that provides an opportunity for kindred spirits to come together to hike, learn, and play in local communities near the Appalachian Trail.

Want to be a sponsor or exhibitor?

Are you a business that wants to increase your reach to a targeted audience by being a part of the A.T. Vista 2023 program? Check out our Sponsor and Exhibit program opportunities at www.atvista2023.org.

Note that, based on the conditions of COVID-19 at the time of this program, appropriate CDC, state, and venue guidelines will be in place.

HISTORY of the A.T. Vista

In the past, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) sponsored trail-wide gatherings, known as Biennials; the last one was held at Colby College in Maine during the summer of 2017.

A task force was organized by ATC to review options for future Biennial-like programs based on the new requirements for ATC business meetings and the impact of organizing these events with local trail clubs. The ATC Biennial program was rebranded to A.T. Vista to continue to offer an extended-weekend event to include hikes, workshops, excursions, and entertainment as parts of the program and to expand the event organizing for more collaboration.

During 2021, the A.T. Vista program was initiated as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Benton MacKaye article which involved dispersed hiking trips along the entire Appalachian Trail. For the summer of 2023, we eagerly anticipate your arrival at the inaugural in-person A.T. Vista!

A.T. Vista Committee
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Konnarock Trail Crews 2023

Join the Konnarock Trail Crew for a Week

appalachiantrail.org/konnarock



LEARN MORE & APPLY

Or contact crews@appalachiantrail.org or call 540.904.4393 if you want to help a crew for just a day or two.

Konnarock Schedule 2023

(Click on each crew entry for more information)

Session 5 - June 7 - June 12

[Crew 1: War Spur - Trail Relocation](#)

[Crew 2: Log Cabin - Trail Relocation](#)

Session 6 - June 15 - June 20

[Crew 1: War Spur - Trail Relocation](#)

[Crew 2: Log Cabin - Trail Relocation](#)

Session 7 - June 23 - July 1

[Crew 1: Albert Mountain Restoration](#)

[Crew 2: Fontana Marina - Trail Relocation](#)

Session 8 - July 7 - July 15

[Crew 1: Albert Mountain Restoration](#)

[Crew 2: Fontana Marina - Trail Relocation](#)

Session 9 - July 21 - July 26

[Crew 1: High Country Restoration](#)

[Crew 2: War Spur - Trail Relocation](#)

Session 10 - July 29 - August 3

[Crew 1: High Country Restoration](#)

[Crew 2: War Spur - Trail Relocation](#)

Konnarock is the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's flagship trail crew program, founded in 1983 and named after its original base camp in southwest Virginia. The crew works on the Appalachian Trail from Rockfish Gap, near Waynesboro, Virginia, to the Trail's southern terminus at Springer Mountain in Georgia. The program is a joint venture of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the 12 Southern Trail Clubs, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service.

Please note that there are now three days off between each crew week. Please contact us with any questions about the Konnarock schedule at 540.904.4393 or crews@appalachiantrail.org.

2023 Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The thirteenth class of Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame honorees has been announced by the Appalachian Trail Museum's Hall of Fame selection committee.

The 2023 Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame class honorees are **M.J. Eberhart** of Olean, Missouri; **Lester Kenway** of Bangor, Maine; **Brian King** of Molers Crossroads, West Virginia; and the late **Harry Rentschler** of Reading, Pennsylvania.



Nimblewill Nomad (courtesy AP)

M.J. Eberhart is universally known within the trail community as Nimblewill Nomad. By age 61, M.J. had lived a full life, born in New York State, growing up in the Ozark Highlands of Missouri and setting up a successful practice as an optometrist in Florida. Then one day, he took a walk. And he kept on walking, from the Florida Keys up the eastern seaboard to the northern tip of the Gaspé peninsula in Canada, 4,400 miles. Over the next 15 years, he hiked 34,000 miles including the Triple Crown of long-distance trails (A.T., Pacific Crest and Continental Divide), and the rest of the 11 national scenic trails. Nearing his 75th birthday, he vowed to hang up his hiking boots.

Nimblewill's friends thought this was unlikely to happen. They were right. In 2021, at age 83, the Nomad started the A.T. yet again, for a third time. In November, 2021, he finished the Trail, and became the oldest known person to hike it in one year. It was fitting that Nimblewill was met at the end by his friend, Dale "Greybeard" Sanders, the previous record holder. The two Trail champions toasted each other with glasses of champagne. Is the Nomad done hiking? No one who knows him would bet that he is.

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Lester Kenway (courtesy ATC)

Every hiker who summits Mount Katahdin, the northern terminus of the A.T., knows the iconic sign that graces the mountaintop. Lester Kenway is one of the volunteers who put that sign in place. Although he's climbed Katahdin three times with that sign, it represents just a small part of Lester's volunteer efforts on behalf of the A.T.

Lester's first trail crew experience was in 1972 as a member of the Bates Outing Club. Now a member of ATC and the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (MATC) for more than 45 years, Lester has chaired the sign committee, managed MATC's Trail crew program, built shelters and trails and served as MATC's President. Lester says his goal is to "build things once, and build them to last," primarily using stone. He was a pioneer of using the Griphoist and other methods for moving stone that are now widely used on the A.T. and other trails. The late Bob Proudman called Lester "...the quintessential crew leader, always prepared with decades of trail-building experience". Lester says building and maintaining trails "creates something good for people and something good for the earth."

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Brian King (courtesy ATC)

Brian B. King of Molers Crossroads, W.Va., began work for ATC in June 1987, after eight years working as a volunteer on the Appalachian Trailway News and the board's public-relations committee. For decades, he was responsible for ATC's publications, sales program and the archives. He is the author of the award-winning Trail history, *The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail*. Brian is widely considered to be the Trail's greatest living historian. Brian retired from ATC in 2022.

A native of Washington, D.C., Brian is a graduate of Georgetown University, and previously attended the University of the South and Northwestern University's National Journalism Institute. Prior to joining ATC, Brian worked for the Charleston (S.C.) Evening Post, the Colorado Springs Sun, the Associated Press, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Ford Foundation.

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Harry Rentschler (courtesy A.T. Museum)

Harry Rentschler grew up in southeastern Pennsylvania with a love of the outdoors. A physician practicing in Reading, PA, Dr. Rentschler and some friends founded the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club in 1916. That name came from a trek that Rentschler led up the mountain to find an eagle's nest. A decade later Dr. Rentschler learned of Benton MacKaye's dream to create a trail stretching through the wilderness from Georgia to Maine. Under his leadership, BMECC stepped up to build 102 miles of the A.T. from the Susquehanna to the Lehigh River. Dr. Rentschler led the work trips during the five years that it took to build the Trail, using his 1917 Physician's Memorandum to record notes about these trips.

Rentschler's property in the Reading suburb of Bernville became the headquarters for BMECC's construction of their portion of the A.T. and later maintenance projects. Two A.T. shelters, Eagles Nest and Rausch Gap, were constructed there and then transported to the Trail. Dr. Rentschler willed his property to BMECC and today the Rentschler Arboretum is the headquarters of that club, by far the oldest one based in the Keystone State maintaining the Trail.

Twelve classes have previously been elected to the A.T. Hall of Fame. The Charter Class, elected in 2011, comprised Myron Avery, Gene Espy, Ed Garvey, Benton MacKaye, Arthur Perkins and Earl Shaffer. Members of the 2012 class were Emma Gatewood, David Richie, J. Frank Schairer, Jean Stephenson and William Adams Welch. The 2013 Class was Ruth Blackburn, David Field, David Sherman, David Startzell and Eddie Stone. The 2014 Class was A. Rufus Morgan, Chuck Rinaldi, Clarence Stein and Pamela Underhill. The 2015 Class was Ned Anderson, Margaret Drummond, Stanley Murray and Raymond Torrey. In 2016, Maurice J. Forrester, Jr., Horace Kephart, Larry Luxenberg and Henry Arch Nichols were inducted. The 2017 Class was Harlean James, Charles Parry, Mildred Norman Ryder and Tillie Wood. In 2018, William Kemsley, Jr., Elizabeth Levers, George Masa and Bob Peoples were elected. Members of the 2019 Class were Jean Cashin, Paul Fink, Don King and Bob Proudman. The 2020 Class was Chris Brunton, Thurston Griggs, Warren Doyle and Jim Stoltz. Harvey Broome, Stephen Clark, Thomas Johnson and Marianne Skeen comprised the 2021 class. The 2022 class was Jim & Molly Denton, JoAnn & Paul Dolan, Laurie Potteiger and Tom Speaks.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Class will be honored at the Hall of Fame Induction event on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**. Additional details will be announced soon.

Excerpts from May 26-29, 2023 Tye River Ridgerunner Report

by Lauren Yoder

The complete report can be found at: <https://tidewateratc.com/resources/Ridgerunner%20Reports/2023%20Tye%20River%20Ridgerunner%20Report%20-%2005-26%20-%2005-29.pdf>



I took Thursday off this past week in place of Memorial Day on Monday. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperating Monday, causing me to change my plan for the day, but I tried to make the most of it.

I didn't encounter any major problems on the trail this week. There were a lot of day hikers out enjoying the trail. I didn't hear about any problems on trail from thru hikers, and those I talked to seemed to be in good spirits despite the rain.

5/26/2023

I started off the day at Reid's Gap and hiked south in the AT to the Mau-Har trail. I then took the Mau-Har trail back to Reid's Gap.

Generally, there wasn't a lot of trash throughout the day, but early on I came across an unofficial campsite on the AT that someone left four tarps and some other small tenting gear. Thankfully I was able to fit the tarps in my trash bag. There was another campsite that had a lot of broken glass, which I tried to collect.

The areas of higher elevation on the AT had some overgrown vegetation probably due to the amount of sunlight.

Harpers Creek Shelter was looking good. I know that the club was just there cleaning it up!

Along the Mar-Har trail, I noticed that there were three large fire pits at the campsite by the stream. I didn't feel I had enough time in the day to remove one, but three seemed like overkill for one campsite. I continued on to the Maupin Field Shelter. It was generally in good shape as well.

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5/27/2023

I started off the day at the Humpback Rocks parking area and hiked .25 miles on a blue blaze to the AT. I started hiking south towards Reid's Gap.

I ran into a large number of day hikers on this area. Everyone was out enjoying the beautiful day!

There was a group of three people out identifying native plants, so I was able to learn a new plant.

As I've noted in previous reports, the trail had been widened in some sections in this area. There were two on official tenting sites south of Humpback Rocks that I attempted to cover to allow the ground to recover. I did not find a lot of trash in this section.

There was a handful of small things to cut away from the trail, but nothing major.

I was planning on hiking to Reids Gap, but my knee started bothering me, so I got picked up .7 miles earlier at the Three Ridges Overlook.

5/28/2023

I started the day at Salt Log Gap and headed north to Seeley Woodworth Shelter.

There was almost no trash along the trail. I visited the handful of unofficial campsites along the way. I found more trash than I was expecting at two of them. I removed and covered one fire ring at a campsite that had two rings.

There was some tall grass starting at 820.2. It was not an overwhelming amount.

When I got to the shelter, I combed the surrounding area for trash. There was only small micro trash.

The privy was in good shape. The shelter was in good shape except for the roof.

The plan was to stop by the shelter and continue to Spy Rock, but it started raining in the afternoon, so I hung out in the shelter for a couple hours waiting for it to pass.

While I was there, eight thru hikers showed up to wait out the rain. Some were planning on staying at the shelter, while others were planning on moving on. They were friendly and in good spirits considering the weather. They didn't have any out of the ordinary experiences to share with me, which is good! There was some graffiti in the shelter, but it was full of people, so I wasn't able to address it. Once the rain lightened up, I headed back to Salt Log Gap.

5/29/2023

I ended up changing my plans completely for the day. My intention was to hike from Salt Log Gap to US Route 60. After trying to wait out the rain for a couple of hours, I decided to change plans and head back to Sherando.

When the rain lightened up, I decided to go to Humpback Rocks because I felt given the weather, I had the best chance of seeing/helping people there.

I ran into over 40 people who mostly seemed to be families and friends enjoying their day off. On my way down, it started raining hard, but some people were still headed up the mountain. It was a little slippery, but everyone seemed to be safe and cautious when I was there!

There's one large blowdown, which I know has been there for a while and some smaller ones. As I've documented in previous reports, there's quite a bit of graffiti in this area. There was also a lot of trash, which was expected given how popular of an area it is.

Mount Katahdin 8/7/1997

(From the TATC newsletter archives, Oct-Nov 1997)

[2023 Note by Mal Higgins. Janie Blassingham summited Mt. Katahdin with other TATCers on August 7, 1997. TATC was attending the ATC conference in Bethel, Maine. Summiting were Janie, Pat Strong, Mary Strong, Reese Lukei, his granddaughter Heather Williams, Mal Higgins, his daughter Abigail Higgins, Otey Shelton, Bob Adkisson, and some hikers from Georgia ATC. After summiting, the group split into fast and slow hikers, and some took until about 11:45 p.m. to come off the mountain, "guided" in the dark by Bob and me. Only Bob and I had flashlights and a little remaining water. Reese reached the cars at the trailhead with half the group much earlier, then came back up the trail blowing his whistle and looking for us. We were found! Otey was so stiff, Reese had to drive his car! It was a long day!]



Janie Blassingham

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Poem by Janie Blassingham
with help from Joyce Kilmer

(Fax of poem rediscovered and retyped 4/2023 by Heather (Williams) Miller)

I think that I shall never see
A team as tough as the TATC
'Twas 7 a.m. when 11 brave souls started out
There were 4 guys and 4 gals from TATC, all ready to shout
2 gals from Georgia and 1 Mainer were with us
Cheerful they were and a definite plus
To Baxter Peak on Katahdin was our intent
And made it we did, 'tho our backs were bent
The smell of balsam as we passed through the trees
Brought Christmas to mind, when we fell to our knees
Told the easy way down was Saddle Trail
You know how hikers love to tell tales

'Tis said, the mountains in Maine are uphill both ways
No argument you'll get from us on that fateful day
There were little rocks, loose rocks, big rocks and boulders
The packs on our backs brought pain to our shoulders
"Please stay on the trail" the little signs read
'Tho on the soft dirt we would love to have tread
In sunny weather we started our climb
But along about dark, we had run out of time
A more motley crew you couldn't find
Emerging in the dark – battered, bruised and 'most blind
Poems are made by fools like me
But only GOD was with the TATC



Meet Greg Ritson, Technical Trail Specialist

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is excited to introduce Greg Ritson as ATC's Technical Trail Specialist for the 2023 season. As Technical Trail Specialist, Greg will be traveling along the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) providing a variety of workshops centered around skills needed to care for the Appalachian Trail.

Greg is looking forward to sharing his passion for trail work with others while exploring the beauty of the A.T. this season. Learn more about Greg and his work below and join one of his upcoming training courses near you: <https://www.appalachiantrail.org/waystovolunteer>

Why do you enjoy trail work?

Trail work is active participation in conservation. Trails are resources to the public for recreation in nature. They grant access for people to experience ecosystems and witness views while minimizing the impact of traveling to those places. Aldo Leopold said in *A Sand County Almanac*, "When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." Trails are a way of building kinship with the land; they foster people to become better stewards of the land. I work on trails to facilitate stronger relationships between people and nature. I also do it to remind people they are part of nature, so that it inspires love, responsibility, and stewardship.

What have been some of your most challenging and favorite trail projects?

My favorite trail projects have always taken place in Wilderness. I really enjoy maintaining remote sections of trail, and especially meeting the challenges that come with clearing logs from the treadway with a crosscut saw. The context of Wilderness requires a very methodical, intentional application of diligent work. The result of this work leaves the trail both rustic and timeless. I find it very satisfying to be a part of that tradition.

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What are you looking forward to the most this season as a Technical Trail Specialist with ATC?

I am most looking forward to exploring all the incredible places the Trail winds through as well as meeting some of the volunteers who make the Trail possible.

How has your experience working on trail projects shaped your connection to the outdoors?

Working in the trail industry has granted me the opportunity to live my passion. It has grown my connection to the outdoors immensely. I have been able to participate in active stewardship of natural resources that sustain our planet, while fostering a means for the wider public to witness and enjoy these gifts. This work stimulates the body, mind, and spirit. This work has given me the excuse opportunity to travel to places I have never been. At the same time, it has allowed me to give back and make a positive impact to those same places.

What are you looking forward to the most this season as a Technical Trail Specialist with ATC?

I am most looking forward to exploring all the incredible places the Trail winds through as well as meeting some of the volunteers who make the Trail possible.

If you were to be personified as a trail tool, which do you feel would represent you best and why?

I hope to be personified as a Pulaski. It's a versatile tool that can be used for both digging and cutting. It's light enough to be carried long distances down the trail and tough enough to get the job done. As an individual I strive to be a jack-of-all-trades and place a lot of value on gathering a variety of different experiences. I feel this approach gives one better context for solving problems.

What would you tell someone who is not sure if volunteering on the Trail is right for them?

Trail work is a meaningful way to give back to the Trail. Volunteering gives you a chance to be part of the legacy of the A.T., it will give you appreciation for all the labor involved in keeping the Trail maintained. It takes a diverse array of talents to maintain the Trail. The worst thing that could happen is you spent a whole day outside in nature...with the birds, and the trees, and the views...wait...that doesn't sound so bad! So what do you have to lose? Come on out and give it a try!

A.T. Community Designation Ceremonies

Help celebrate the five towns that are officially joining A.T. Communities™ in June at the following upcoming designation ceremonies:

Boonsboro, Maryland: Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Washington Monument State Park

Brunswick, Maryland: Saturday, June 3, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Brunswick Family Campground

Bluemont, Virginia: Sunday, June 4, 12:30 - 2:15 p.m., Bear's Den

Hillsboro, Virginia: Saturday, June 10, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m., 37098 Charles Town Pike, followed by the A.T. Festival in the Gap (details below)

Lee, Massachusetts: Saturday, June 17, starting at 11 a.m., Lee Town Commons at the Pavilion

Other Celebrations

7th Annual Mason-Dixon A.T. Outdoor Festival

Where: Red Run Park, Waynesboro, PA

When: Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the A.T. as it crosses from Maryland into Pennsylvania. [More info >>>](#)

Waynesboro Hiker Festival

Where: North Wayne Avenue, Downtown Waynesboro, VA

When: Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m. a.m. - 8 p.m.

Come enjoy live music, food, drinks, vendors, and fun! [More info >>>](#)

Bennington Trail Fest

Where: Bennington Community Center, 655 Gage Street, Bennington, VT

When: Saturday, July 29, starting at 11 a.m.

This second annual event will include free food, live entertainment, and trail skill demonstrations. [More info >>>](#)

Round Hill - Hillsboro A.T. Festival in the Gap

Where: 37098 Charles Town Pike, Hillsboro, VA

When: Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Come celebrate the Trail, the partnership of three communities, and stewardship in Loudon County! [More info >>>](#)

Duncannon A.T. Festival

Where: High Street, Duncannon, PA

When: Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. a.m. - 4 p.m.

Featuring live music, food trucks, arts & crafts vendors, and free craft projects for kids! [More info >>>](#)

A.T. Vista 2023

Where: Johnson City, TN

When: August 4-7

Gather with other A.T. Communities™ to learn more about the Trail, clubs, volunteer opportunities, and more. Early bird registration ends on May 31. Various lodging options are available. [More info >>>](#)

Cheers to Many Years!!



Please join us to celebrate
the retirement
of
Cameron Swain!!

We are sad that she is leaving but we are excited for her new beginning! Please join us as we honor Cameron for her many years of outstanding service to False Cape State Park and Virginia State Parks!!

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 4PM – 7PM

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Organized by the Friends of False Cape State Park

A few of us volunteers plan to arrive early to secure some tables - look for Cameron's smiling face surrounded by friends, family, and colleagues! We will order some appetizers to share, but everyone is responsible for their own food and beverage. We hope you will join us for this fun event!!

Please RSVP to Tammy Almeter 757.536.7630 talmeter@nettek.com

Or to Bruce Julian 757.604.3099 julianbm@verizon.net



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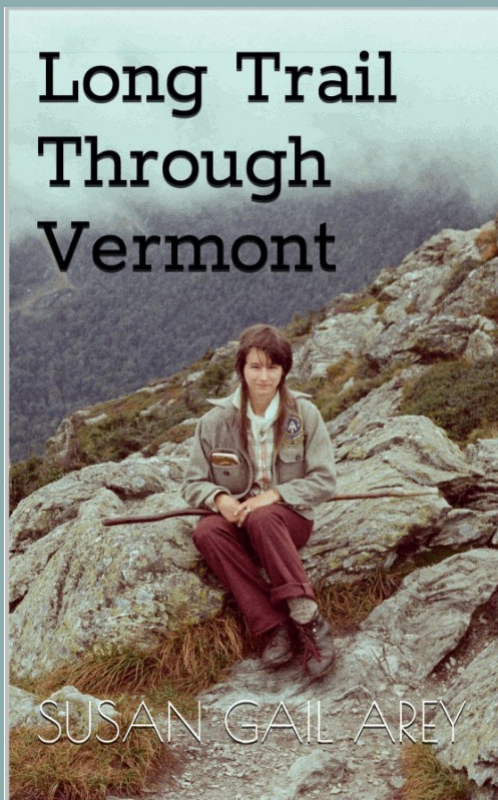
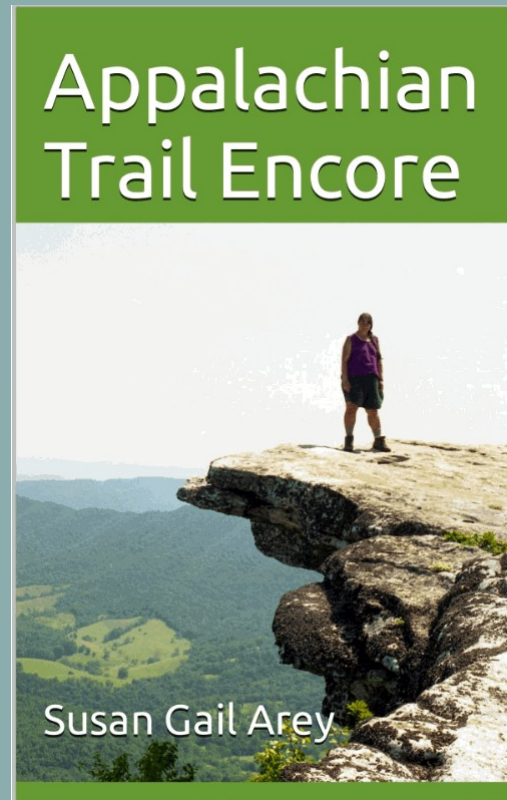
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First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day

When: Friday, June 2, 2023 - 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: First Landing State Park, 2500 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Contact: Paul Heymann at yopch56@gmail.com or localtrails@tidewateratc.com to sign up.

Description: First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance. The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area. At least 3 volunteers are needed.

Trail Magic Day at the Tye River

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Where: Trail Magic Event off of Rte. 56 near the Tye River Bridge.

Contact: Jim Newman at jimnewman55@gmail.com

Description: The club will provide "Trail Magic" to hikers (targeting thru-hikers and serious section hikers) on National Trails Day by surprising them with food and drink. This event will probably be held at the Tye River Bridge area. Jim Newman has agreed to lead this effort,

Full Moon Beach Walk (Virginia Beach)

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023 - 7:30 – 9:00pm

Location: Meet at the 67th street beach access ramp in Virginia Beach

Contact: Lance Deaver (cactuspatch@gmail.com) 757-642-2743 if you plan to participate or if you have questions.

Description: Full Moon Beach Walk (Virginia Beach) What: Local Hike When: Saturday, June 3rd, 2023; Meet at 7:30 PM, hike begins at 7:45 PM. Walk on the north end of Virginia Beach. Meet at the 67th street beach access ramp at 7:30pm for a 7:45 PM departure. We will walk on the beach while the Moon makes a spectacular showing. About 2 miles total hike distance. On-street parking near beach access. There are no restrooms along this hike. We should be returning about 8:45 PM to 9:00 PM

TATC Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 , 7:00pm-9:00pm

Where: The Episcopal Church of the Advent 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Contact: Lee Lohman president@tidewateratc.com

Description: TATC Board Meeting. Guests are always welcome! Please use on-street parking

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Beaverdam Park Camping/Workdays

When: Saturday & Sunday, June 10-11, 2023

Location: Beaverdam Park, 8687 Roaring Springs Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061

Contact: Interested members should contact Michael at stonewall12@verizon.net

Description: Beaverdam Park Camping/Workdays, Gloucester, Virginia. Michael Horrell will be leading a two-day work/camping trip at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester, County. The work includes installing trail blaze markers on the hiking and multiuse trails. The hiking trail is approximately 3 miles from the trail head/Ranger Station to the campground. The multiuse trail is approximately 6.5 miles from the campground to the Route 606 trailhead. Overnight camping is planned so this could be a nice overnight trip with a loop hike. The plan is to meet at the Roaring Springs entrance at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 22. Your camping gear will be transported across the lake to the campground by Park Rangers so you will only need to carry a day pack. 6 to 8 volunteers are needed to complete the trail blazing. On Saturday, the group will break into two teams to hike the parallel 3.0-mile hiking and multiuse trails, installing trail blaze markers along the way. On Sunday, Rangers will transport your gear back across the lake to the Ranger Station while the entire group hikes out to the Route 606 trailhead, installing trail blazes along that trail. After reaching the Route 606 trailhead, the Rangers will transport everyone back to the Ranger Station where you parked your car. You will pick up your camping gear at the Ranger Station. Michael says there is a great ice cream store (Shortlane Ice Cream Shop) on Route 17 just south of the Gloucester Courthouse. In addition to your personal overnight camping equipment and food, the only tools needed are hammers to install trail blazes on trees along the trails. Dress for the weather and enjoy the outdoors on Earth Day weekend!

Shingle Creek / Northwest River Paddle

When: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 12:00am – June 14, 2023, 12:00am

Location: 129 Creekside Dr, Moyock, NC 27958

Contact: Richard: rpt@cox.net (<mailto:rpt@cox.net>)

Description: Paddling through cypress tree forests, Shingle Creek, flows into the Northwest River, which is one of more picturesque rivers in the area. It is not unusual to see deer or a bald eagle, as we paddle. This is a wilderness paddle like some of the small creeks in Florida. I talked to one redneck who was fishing for carp and he claims he saw a two toed Pterodactyl in the nearby swamp when he was possum hunting. Not sure I believe him since they were last here in the Jurassic Period. Launch Site: Shingle Landing Boat Ramp. 129 Creekside Dr, Moyock, NC 27958. Date Tuesday June 13 Launch time 9:30 AM This allows time will those west of Hampton Roads to get on this side of the river Distance: We'll paddle about 5 miles to the Northwest River Park where we can take a break for lunch, use the restroom, then head back. We'll paddle from NC to VA and back for a round trip paddle for about 10-miles. To sign-up email To see who has already signed up click on this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lhZFxtGqvCdba2e6A33nbKlkqbiBqjf8V2xkKk_rqiU/edit?usp=sharing More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - TATC Tuesday Group (<https://sites.google.com/site/tatctuesdaygroup/>)

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Join TATC for Coffee at Café Stella

When: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 at 5:00pm

Where: Café Stella, 1907 Colonial Ave., Norfolk, VA 23517

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/yLwa49TuQK2SqWrz6>

Website: <https://cafestellaroasters.com/>

Contact: Jim Sexton, jtsexton@gmail.com

Description: Join TATC Member at Café Stella in Ghent for coffee, tea, and/or food before the monthly general meeting. No need to sign up; just show up.

TATC General Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: The meeting location has been moved to the Episcopal Church of the Advent.
9629 Norfolk Ave Norfolk, Virginia 23503

Contact: Lee Lohman at president@tidewateratc.com for more details.

Description: TATC General Membership meeting. Please use on-street parking

Program: Mike McCarthy, a volunteer at the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program. He'll be discussing why some marine mammals get stranded on Hampton Roads beaches and what his team does to rescue them.

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Lopperfest #1

When: Friday-Sunday, June 16-18, 2023

Location: Meet at Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Contacts: John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailssupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Description: Camping out June 16th to the 18th. in the Sherando Lake Recreation Area at the CCC Kitchen. Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free Park entrance; Free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

TATC Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 , 7:00pm-9:00pm

Where: The Episcopal Church of the Advent. 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Contact: Lee Lohman president@tidewateratc.com

Description: TATC Board Meeting. Guests are always welcome! Please use on-street parking

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First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day

When: Friday, July 7, 2023 - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: First Landing State Park, 2500 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Contact: Margaret Pisone at vabchvic@hotmail.com or localtrails@tidewateratc.com to sign up.

Description: First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance. The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area. At least 3 volunteers are needed.

TATC General Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: The meeting location has been moved to the Episcopal Church of the Advent.
9629 Norfolk Ave Norfolk, Virginia 23503

Contact: Lee Lohman at president@tidewateratc.com for more details.

Description: TATC General Membership meeting. Please use on-street parking

Program: TBD

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Lopperfest #2

When: Friday-Sunday, July 14-16, 2023

Location: Meet at Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

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Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Description: Camping out June 16th to the 18th. in the Sherando Lake Recreation Area at the CCC Kitchen. Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free Park entrance; Free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

2023 Appalachian Trail Vista

When: Friday-Monday, August 4-7, 2023

Location: Johnson City, TN

Website: <https://www.atvista2023.org>

Description: 2023 Appalachian Trail Vista. Admission to all workshops, hikes, opening dinner, and closing dinner. Full Weekend - \$125. Hike, excursion, and accommodation reservations are now available. Where to Stay: <https://www.atvista2023.org/where-to-stay>

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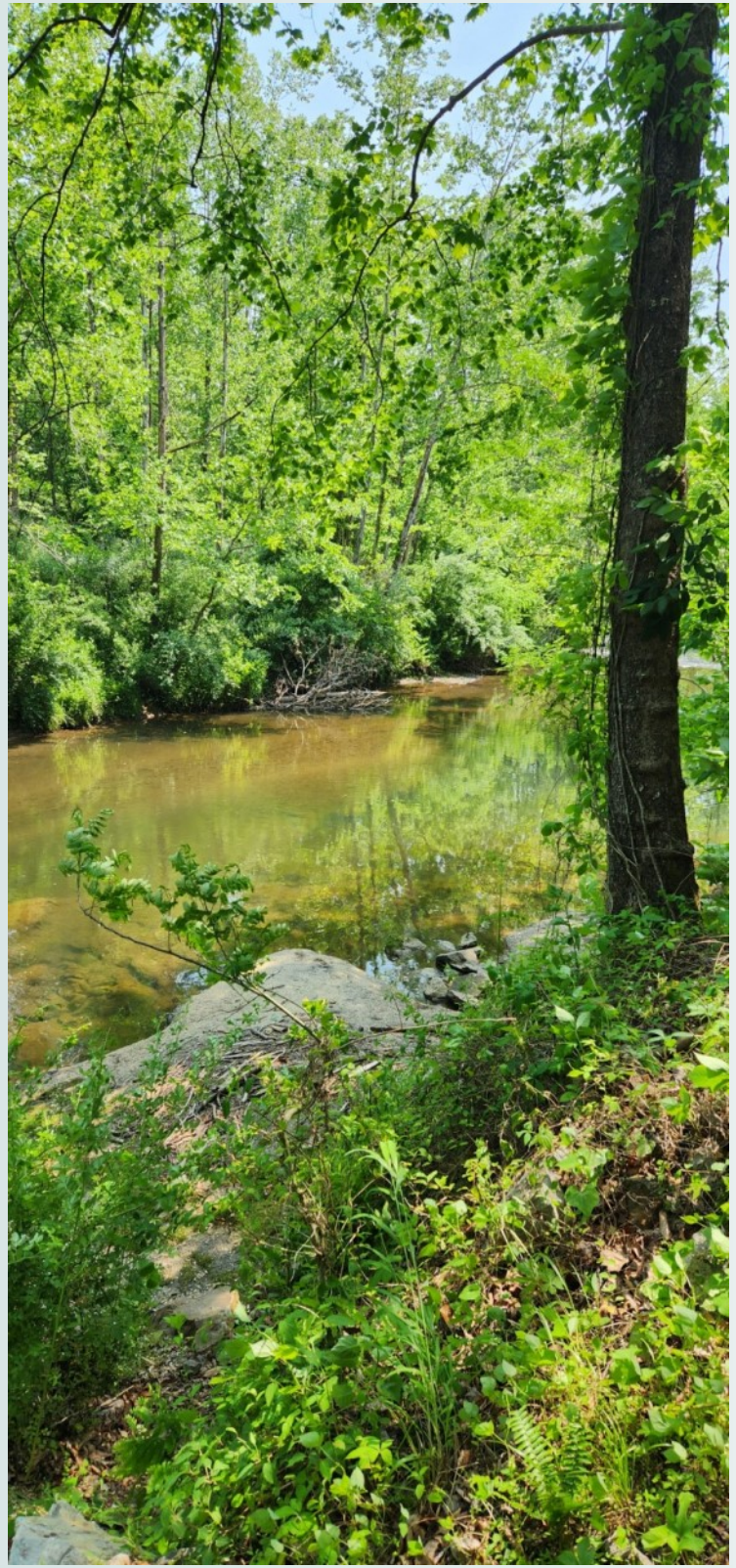
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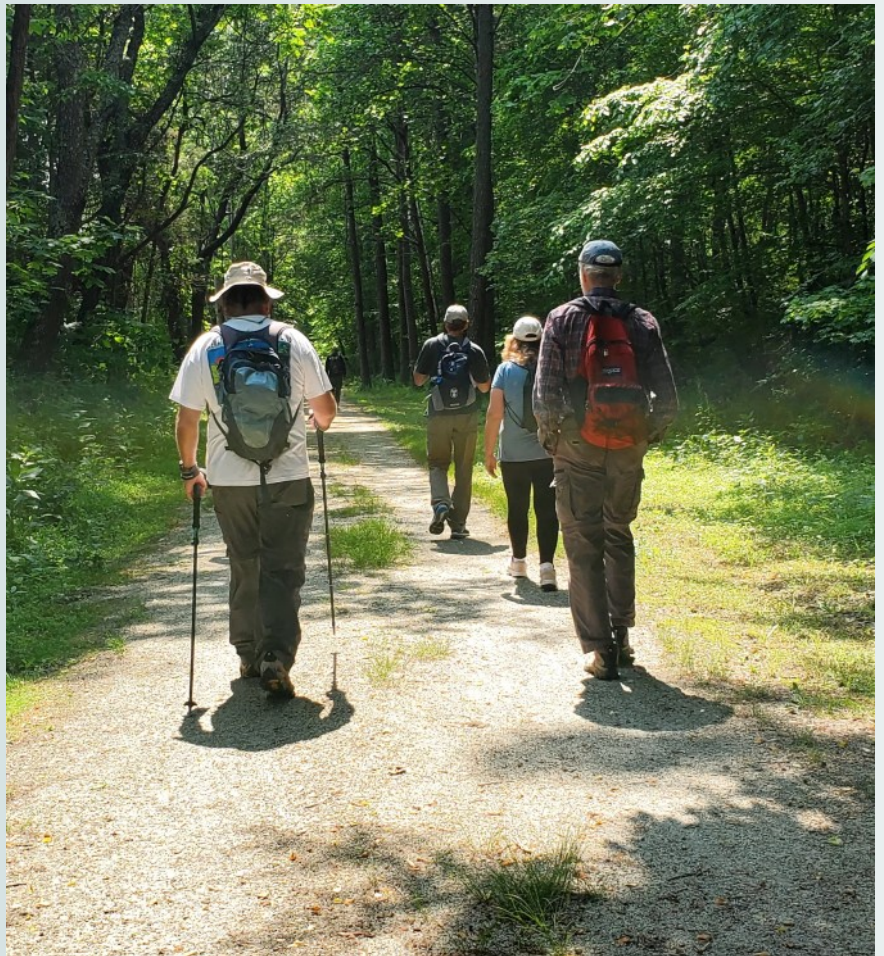
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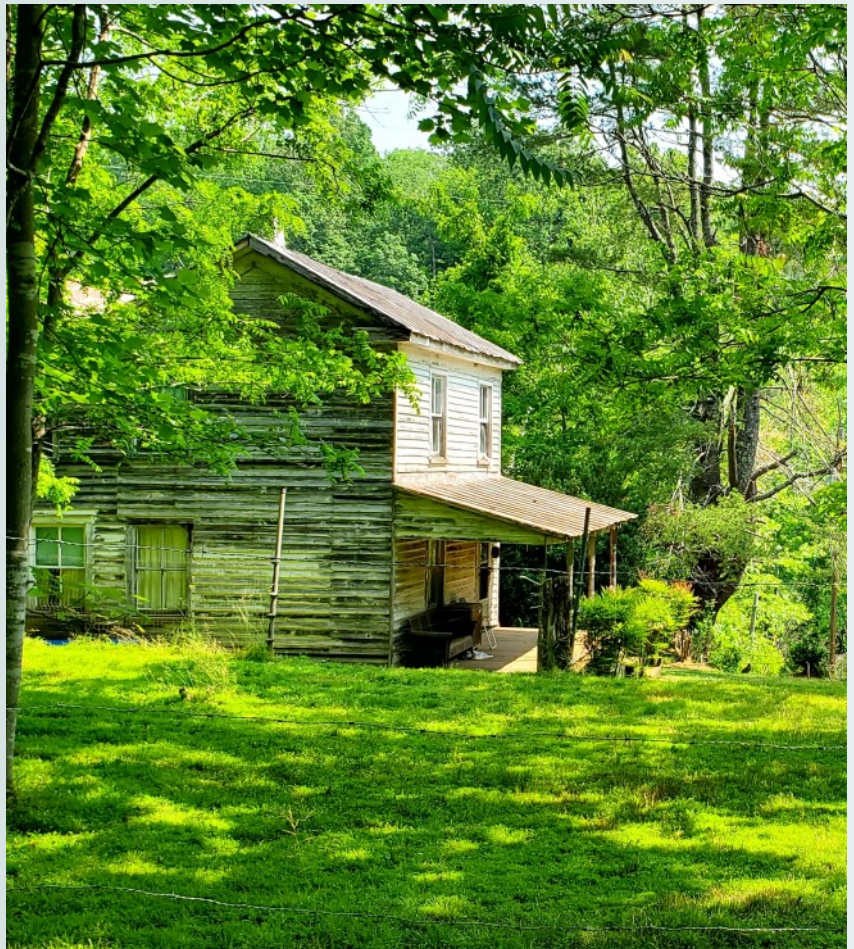
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Dismal Swamp Trail Bike Ride

April 22, 2023

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Spring Maintenance Weekend

May 19 – 21, 2023

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