

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club (TATC) Local Trails Maintenance

While the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club (TATC) maintains a section of the Appalachian Trail and other trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains, it also assists in the maintenance and construction of trails in the local Tidewater Area. Since 2009, over 300 TATC volunteers have contributed over 5,000 hours working on local trails in the Tidewater Area.

Here are some of the trails that TATC volunteers have helped to maintain in the Tidewater Area:

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Beaverdam Park
Chippokes State Park
False Cape State Park
First Landing State Park
Fishermans Island National Wildlife Refuge
Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve
Merchants Millpond State Park
New Quarter Park
Newport News Park
Noland Trail

Northwest River Park
Pleasure House Point Natural Area
Sandy Bottom Nature Park
West Neck Creek Natural Area
York River State Park
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
Kiptopeke State Park
Chesapeake Arboretum
Waller Mill Park
York River State Park

Local trail maintenance work is diverse and may include trail construction, weed cutting, brush and tree trimming, removal of small blown-down trees, painting trailblazes, and clearing ice/snow/hurricane storm damage. Special projects such as building/repairing benches, beach clean-ups, clearing waterways, planting trees, constructing water bars, building and repairing footbridges and walkways, constructing wildlife habitats, and maintaining or building other structures may also be undertaken.

Tools are provided to volunteers, but if you have your own favorites, by all means, bring them. Please remember to bring work gloves.

When participating in local trail work, it's important to prioritize your health, enjoyment, and safety. Be sure to bring water, a first aid kit, lunch, rain gear, a hat, insect repellent, sun tan lotion, a camera, and anything else you need to stay comfortable and safe during the work.

Remember, in all of TATC's local trail events, "**SAFETY COMES FIRST!**"

You will be given a safety briefing by the trip leader at the start of each local trail event.

You will be asked to sign a TATC Activity Form for each local trail event. This form includes an acknowledgment of the hazards of trail maintenance work and a waiver and release of all claims against TATC.

You can use the following link if you would like to receive e-mail notifications about TATC local trails and other club events:

[TATC \(list-manage.com\)](https://list-manage.com)

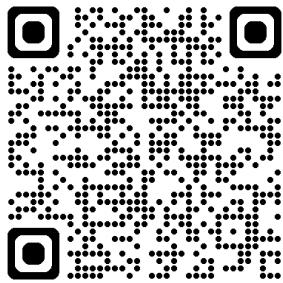
There are many ways to support local trails:

- If you want to sign up to participate in a TATC local trails event, you can find the schedule of club events at <https://tidewateratc.com/Schedule> or at the bottom of our homepage <https://tidewateratc.com>, or you can find events on the TATC Meetup page; <https://www.meetup.com/Tidewater-ATC-MeetUp/>
- If you want to donate money to support trail maintenance tools and materials, you can select to donate to local trails by using this link: <https://tidewateratc.com/Donations/>
- If you would like to schedule or lead a TATC local trails event, you can contact <mailto:localtrails@tidewateratc.com>

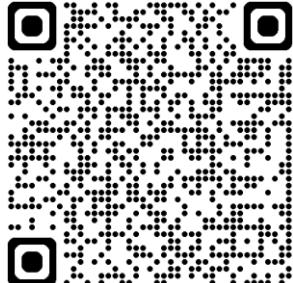
If you sign up for a specific trip but later find you can't attend, please be considerate and contact the Activity Leader to cancel so that another person may take your place.

Helpful Links:

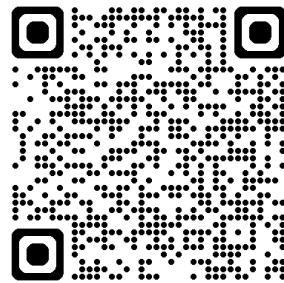
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