

This past weekend, the first weekend of July was spent on the Nebo relocation. The Konnarock Crew leader was Fred (Frederica Anne) Lashley. Not knowing what lied ahead, considering all the rocks we ran into last year, I was kind of dreading this weekend. Keeping in mind that there are nine (9) switchbacks from the bridge to the top, and only 3 1/2 switchbacks were completed in two weeks last year. WELL!!! GOOD NEWS!!! In three days, we completed the remaining 5 1/2 switchbacks to get to the top of the mountain. This is truly a beautiful master piece of trail work with: log steps, rock cribbing, punchcons, stiles, wide trail tread and grassy pastureland looking south to Walker Mountain and Garden Mountain to the north of Nebo. And best of all, the trail now goes through the "NEBO WET & WILD WATER PARK". Yes, it's true, you can now meander down the trail to the low water bridge in Nebo and enjoy the Wet & Wild. Fred will even give lessons on shooting the tubes through the 24" conduits under the bridge. Bring a fly rod and cast for the fresh mountain trout in the Holston River. There are just too many possibilities to mention at this time, seeing is believing. We will have smooth sailing in August!!! The first weekend of August we will finish up the small details. So please plan to be on hand to assist. Keep in mind we want a good turn out for our August worktrip and BBQ dinner.

Danny C. Booker  
PATH President

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Dear Dan Booker,

Jeanne and I spent a couple of days in September doing some reblazing and clipping south of the Visitor's Center. While there, we were told Ed Garvey had walked our section, and all he had to say about PATH's countless hours of cleaning up following Hurricane Hugo was that our blazes were not consistently 2 X 6, with sharp corners!

I thought about this again while Jeanne and I were completing the Long Trail in Vermont the last two weeks, and had to chuckle to myself about such criticism. I've seen blazes from Georgia to Maine, and from Canada to Massachusetts, so I think that should qualify me about the subject of blazes in the woods. As I was walking, I put my thoughts about such remarks in a little piece of verse:

#### CRITIC'S CHOICE

Some like them tall and slender,  
Others like them short and stout,  
Some like to see square edges,  
And others curves about.  
But for the mountain wanderer,  
Who's searching out the ways,  
It matters not the size or shape,  
If it's white and it's a blaze.

Dedicated to E. G., Curator of Trail Blazes

Happy Trails,  
Guyon Phillips



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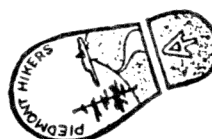
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DATED MATERIAL



Piedmont  
Appalachian Trail  
Hikers



PATH maintains sections of the Appalachian Trail  
in Southwest Virginia

The APPALACHIAN TRAIL is a 2,100 mile footpath along the crest of the Appalachian Mountains from Mount Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia. The Appalachian Trail Conference in 1965, after the Rev. A.J. Shumate from Rural Retreat and ATC members had been assisting with the maintenance of the area for many years, assigned the PIEMONT APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKERS (PATH) maintenance responsibilities on 50 miles of TRAIL from Va. St. Rt. 670 at the south fork of the Holston River north to Va. St. Rt. 623 atop the picturesque Garden Mountain which encircles the entire Burkes Garden area like the rim of a punch bowl.

B-B-Q DINNER!!

Sunday, April 21, 1991

**\*\* PATH OUTINGS AND WORK TRIPS \*\***

Dear PATH,

Today my partners and I hiked the AT from Davis Path shelter to Chestnut Knob Shelter. We noticed very quickly that your crew were just ahead of us working on Spring Clean-up. At some points, the sawdust was so fresh, it seemed we would see the maintainers any minute.

On behalf of myself, my partners and all users of the Appalachian Trail, we would like to thank you for a job well done. Since starting at Springer Mountain six weeks ago, we have come in contact with at least two dozen thru-hikers and all of us have struggled thru the inevitable winter blowdowns. To see your dedicated crew out on the trail so early in the season was a welcomed sight. By far your section of the Trail has been the best maintained trail we have hiked on. Also, we would like to comment on your shelters, the three we have come in contact with today, have been neat, clean and well built. And thank you for the privies, these help keep the shelter areas both clean and sanitary.

Again, on behalf of all the hikers in front and behind us, thank you for keeping-up the trail. It is very apparent that you have a very dedicated group of volunteers and a well organized group.

Please pass this letter along to those persons working on this section.

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR  
1991 MULTI-CLUB MEETING**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB AFFILIATION: PATH (PIEDMONT AT HIKERS)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CAMPING: TENT \_\_\_\_, MOTOR HOME \_\_\_\_, TRAILER \_\_\_\_.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING BARTER THEATER ON SUNDAY EVENING??

YES \_\_\_\_, NO \_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$7/FAMILY OR \$5/PERSON \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To register: Send \$7/family or \$5/person payable to Mount Rogers AT Club. Mail to: Holly Di Flora, 153 Kingsbride, Bristol, Tenn. 37620. If you have any questions, call 615-652-7695. Please register no later than August 20. A vehicle pass and directions to beartree will be mailed to all registrants.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OUTINGS, TRIPS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE LED, TO LEAD OR INFORMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN PATHS NEXT NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND THEM TO PATH, P.O. BOX 4423, GREENSBORO, NC 27404-4423 OR CALL JIM WOOD 469-0820 OR BILL "TOO TALL" SIMS 272-7971.  
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1!!

**\*\* TRIP RESERVATIONS \*\***

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE TRAIL USE DECISION APPROVED BY THE ATC, DAYHIKES ARE LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS AND OVERNIGHTS ARE RESTRICTED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS. IF YOU DECIDE TO GO ON AN OUTING, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADER IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE. BE SURE TO GIVE THE LEADER YOUR PHONE NUMBER, FIND OUT WHERE THE TRIP WILL MEET AND LEAVE FROM. IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL OUT, PLEASE ADVISE YOUR LEADER IN ADVANCE.

UNLESS INDICATED, YOU MAY NEED TO DIAL 919 WHEN CALLING THE LEADER!! ALSO, SEVERAL HIKES LISTED MAY BE THOSE OF OTHER CLUBS WHOSE NEWSLETTERS WE RECEIVE, SUCH AS THE SIERRA CLUB

JUL 13 MT. MITCHELL STATE PARK  
Join Bill Sims as he continues his hiking the state parks series. The trip will carry us to the highest mountain east of the Mississippi. For more info call Sims at 919-272-7971.

JUL 13-14 MOUNT MITCHELL BACKPACKING  
Escape the summer heat on this backpack trip to the Black Mountains. We'll do ten-to-twelve miles of moderate difficulty trail. Great views. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

JULY 19-26, 1991  
CONFERENCE '91, WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS. ALSO ANYONE INTERESTED IN RIDING A CHARTERED BUS TO THE CONFERENCE CALL BILL KEESEE AT 704-298-3937.

JUL 20-21 DEAD AIR CAVE EXPEDITION  
Veteran spelunker Doris Haar leads this trip to one of southwest Virginia's natural wonders. Call Doris at 919-698-0705.

JUL 27 LAKE TOWNSEND TRAIL BUILDING  
Help build and mark 10 miles of hiking around Greensboro's Lake Townsend. The work is easy and fun. Outing begins at 8:30 AM; ends at 12:30. Call Alan Myrick for more details at 274-2999.

AUG 1-5 KONNAROCK/PATH WORK TRIP: COME FOR THE DAY, THE WEEKEND, OR THE WHOLE WEEK. FRED (FREDERICA ANNE) LASHLEY WILL BE OUR CREW LEADER. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST BRING YOUR CAMPING GEAR AND WORK GLOVES. PATH MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST THE KONNAROCK CREW IN THE RELOCATION OF PATH'S LAST 1 1/4 MILE OF ROAD WALK TO THE RIDGE ABOVE THE HOLSTON RIVER. JOIN THE FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CAMARADERIE. PIG-OUT ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!!

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED, YES, CHILDREN TOO! YOUR RESPONSE IS GREATLY NEEDED!!! THE KIDS, AND SOME ADULTS, MAY BE INTERESTED IN SPENDING THE DAY AT THE "NEBO WET & WILD WATER PARK".

ON SAT  
AUG 3  
PIG-OUT!  
PATH AND KONNAROCK WILL CELEBRATE ITS COMPLETING AND OPENING OF THE NEBO - VA 610 RELOCATION. COME AND ENJOY THE KONNAROCK WORK TRIP AND ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON HELP PATH CELEBRATE THIS RELOCATION WITH A PIG-OUT!!! WE WILL START DINNER AT O'LYSTERY COMMUNITY PICNIC SHELTER AROUND 6:00. AFTERWARDS, WE WILL WALK THE NEW RELOCATION. THIS IS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL MASTER PIECE OF TRAIL WORK WITH: LOG STEPS, ROCK CRIBBING, PUNCHEONS, STILES, WIDE TRAIL TREAD AND GRASSY PASTURELAND LOOKING SOUTH TO WALKER MOUNTAIN AND GARDEN MOUNTAIN TO THE NORTH OF NEBO.

ANYWAY, COME WHEN YOU CAN, CAMPING WILL BE AT STONY FORK USFS CAMPGROUND, OR YOU MAY CAMP-OUT AT THE REPASS'S SMOKEHOUSE WITH THE KONNAROCK CREW OR STAY IN A MOTEL IN WYTHEVILLE.

TO RESERVE, USE THE RENEWAL FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER. ALSO INDICATE IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DIET REQUIREMENT, SUCH AS CHICKEN ONLY OR VEGETARIAN. THE COST IS \$5.00/PERSON!!! WITH THE CLUB PAYING THE DIFFERENCE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL KEN ROSE 299-4046, GORDON BURGESS 723-9819, OR DAN BOOKER 349-5893.

\*\* NOTE: THERE WILL BE A BOARD MEETING SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM AT THE REPASS'S RED SMOKEHOUSE PRIOR TO DINNER!!! \*\*

PATH PIG OUT

AUG 10-11 MOUNT ROGERS BACKPACKING  
A twelve-to-fourteen mile backpack on the AT, the Pine Mountain Trail, and another side trail. Good views, a little less summer heat. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

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AUG 11 DOG DAZE BICYCLE TOUR  
Join the Triad Wheelers for annual dog days ride. This is Greensboro's biggest bike ride. There will be rides for everyone and free products from the sponsors. In addition to the 15, 25, 51, 63 and 100 mile rides to choose from, each entry will receive a map, embroidered patch, food, drink and use of a "SAG" wagon!! The tour starts at Hagan Stone Park, just south of Greensboro. Registration 8:00 AM and the rides start at 9:00 AM. Entry fee is \$8.00. If you need more info call 274-5959. No pre-registration necessary. Helmets strongly recommended. Camping available.

AUG 30- SEP 2 1991 MULTI-CLUB MEETING  
The Mount Rogers AT Club and the Mount Rogers Nat. Rec. Area would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us for the 1991 Multi-Club Conference. This year's meeting will be held at the Group Camping Area of Beartree Campground in the Jefferson National forest. Beartree is off Rt. 58, about 17 miles from exit 9 of I-81 near Damascus, Va. In addition to many hiking trails, there is a lake for swimming, fishing and boating. There are eight hikes planned for Saturday which will be repeated on Sunday. There are excursions planned for those not wishing to hike including a trip to see Deathtrap at the Barter Theater in Abington if sufficient interest is expressed. Also planned is an Indian storyteller and square dancing. Trailer and motorhomes are permitted, but there are no hookups. There are flush toilets and showers.

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SEP 8 MORROW MOUNTAIN DAYHIKE  
An eight-to-ten mile dayhike in this state park southwest of Asheville. Good views of Lake Tillery and from the top of Morrow Mountain. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820.

OCT 12-13 MOUNTAIN OUTING WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE SIERRA CLUB.  
The workshop features instruction in topics including: Emergency Survival, First Aid, Knot Tying, Nature Photography, Orienteering, Backpacking, Fire-building, Mountain Biking and Wild Foods. Other activities include star gazing, volleyball and a campfire sing-a-long. Camping available and meals provided. For more info write Terry Davis, Outing Skills Workshop, 13 Warwick Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

OCT 19-20 STANDING INDIAN BACKPACK  
Backpack with Chuck Cotter 656-7360

NOV 16-17 MERCHANTS MILLPOND PADDLE  
Join Bill "TOO TALL" Sims on his almost annual relaxing black water paddle near the Dismal Swamp. For more info and to reserve, call Bill Sims at 272-7971.

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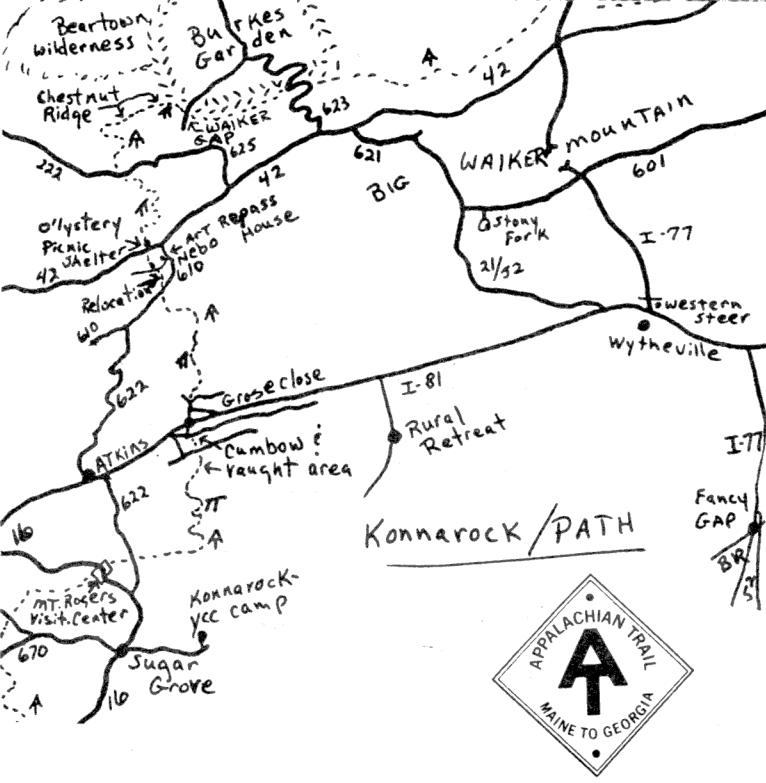
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PLEASE REPORT ALL INCIDENTS PROMPTLY  
TO A CLUB OFFICER OR FIELD REP.  
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ATC BE NOTIFIED PDQ!!!!

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

There are certain risks which are inherent in any hike or other Club activity. Each PATH, INC member, guest or non-member hiker agrees to accept personal responsibility for his or her safety and the safety of minors accompanying such persons. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant on hikes. In participating in Club hikes, each such person agrees to hold harmless and free from blame the hike leaders, and the PATH, INC, its officers and members, for any accident, injury or illness which might be sustained from participation in hikes or other Club activities.



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Thanks again,  
Todd Bosscher  
Steve Visser

Helen Gray  
Michael P. Jones



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### IS IT CHILD ABUSE OR A LABOR OF LOVE??

The Konnarock Crew is always kidding me about child abuse and the child labor laws when my daughters show up to work on the Konnarock and PATH worktrips.

It's great when my two daughters come along on PATH and Konnarock worktrips. Rebecca, the oldest now 8, has been helping on PATH maintenance trips since she was 3. Her duties are the same as the adults, just on a lighter side. Already this summer, she has made all the Konnarock work trips. She has become such a familiar face, the Konnarock Crew wants to make her the Konnarock Poster Child. Until the last trip, when digging sidehill trail, she would use a Pulaski like the grown ups. Now she automatically pack a maddoc for her use. It's lighter and safer. Rebecca will not let me leave home without her!! Honest!!

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### ABOUT THE TRAIL

I am sad to write that PATH has lost two great friends during the past two months. Raymond "R.C." Reece was the Camp Host at Stony Fork. Many of us intrusted Reece with watching over our belongings as we were out on the trail. And while around camp, Reece was always friendly and enjoyed our conversation.

Also, Hazel's husband "H.B." Monroe passed away. Again, most of us relied upon "H.B." while at Stony Fork. He was always the center of attention around the campfire with his flying stories. And he use to love to make us stop and think why we believed so strongly in our commitment to the Appalachian Trail. "H.B." was a past president of a community college near Wadesboro.

Anyone wishing to send a memorial in memory of "H.B." or Reece may want to consider the following memorials:

The Dr. H.B. Monroe Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 95  
Polkton, NC 28135

Wytheville Masonic Lodge No. 82 AF & AM  
Memorial for Raymond B. "R.C." Reece  
Wytheville, Va. 24382

The response for the work trips and Konnarock trips to date have been unreal. As testimony to our work, I hope you read the letter several thru-hikers sent us.

The April worktrip cleared most of what was left of the winter blowdowns. We are also thankful to our ATC Field Rep. Mike Dawson and Konnarock Crew Leader Beth Beary who helped us make up a crew of five people. We were able to clear from I-81 to Va. 610, about 10 miles in one day. To our dismay, we did see where a horse club has blazed along our section of the AT and at times crosses the AT. I have reported this, and feel that this co-use of the AT will not do.

For those hiking North from Davis Path Shelter, about two mile into the hike, you will be pleased to have a vista now. The view looks out over Davis valley towards Glade Mountain.

The May worktrip was spent cutting growth in the meadow north of the old Edmiston house location and south of US 11 to the second power line south of the old one room school house.

The first weekend of June with Konnarocks help under the direction of Beth Beary, we were able to relocate at least 500 feet of trail from the railroad track up to the first meadow. This is in the Cumbow Store area. A long stretch of puncheons were set using old railroad ties through a marsh area. We also relocated probably 300 yards of trail north of the old school house on the Vaught property. Rich was our crew leader for this job.

The second weekend of June with Konnarock on a USFS request, work was done on Chestnut Ridge. There were two Konnarock crews on this trip. The crew leaders were Fred (Frederica Anne) Lashley and Rich. Several PATH members and the BSA Troop 738 from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Reidsville, following the orders of two young ladies, Rebecca 8 and Rachel 5, spent a whole weekend at work. Friday the boys and GIRLS hiked up from Burke's Garden to the Stone Hut. Saturday was spent clearing all the growth around the pond (two miles south of the hut) and completely dismantling its boxed spring. After overhauling the spring and reassembling the structure, several of the boys fished the pond with great success. On the way back to the hut, the seasonal spring just below the hut was boxed and piped. On Sunday, all 75-plus water bars from the Stone Hut to Walker Gap were cleaned out. Many thanks go out to the boys and GIRLS on this trip. Meanwhile, with the help of Gordon and Ken, Konnarock mowed the ridge, cut Hawthorne trees and briar patches.

Please note that another spring has been located on Chestnut Ridge. If you know how to box a spring and would like to handle this one task. Just let me know.

During the week following this trip, PATH was kind of honored by WGHP TV-8. Roy Ackland and his director hiked the two miles UP to Chestnut Ridge and down to its clearing to record a segment on the AT, its hikers and maintainers. It was shown as a two part segment on two nights. Many thanks to Roy and his director. It was a piece well done.