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APPALACHIAN TRAIL

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PATH maintains sections of the Appalachian Trail in Southwest Virginia

Spring Schedule-1977

Please make reservations early with the leader or contact person so that adequate plans can be made. Circumstances such as weather sometimes alter plans and schedules.

February 26--Pilot Corridor. Leader: Roger Holtom, phone Greens-
Saturday boro 292-7213. A good winter hike for everybody,
this 8-miler is mostly on flat ground through the
woods. Meet at Randleman Road K-Mart (220N off I-85 in Greensboro
at 9:00 or take Pinnacle exit from 52 and meet in parking lot
near gas station on right at 10:00 with your trail lunch and water.
You may want to have supper at the Pollyrosa farmhouse buffet
nearby.

March 5--Piedmont Trails Task Force, Winston-Salem. If you'd like
Saturday to help this new group inventory and promote foot,
bike, horse, and canoe trails in N. C., call Louise
Chatfield at Greensboro 272-8965 or Harriet Mattes at High Point
883-1930.

March 6--HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PATH! We've completed ten years and
Sunday Hank Lautz, Executive Director of the Appalachian
Trail Conference, will help us celebrate at Muir's
Chapel Methodist Church (Muir's Chapel Rd. at Guilford College).
Come at 2:30 to visit, see equipment and literature displays,
share pictures and slides from trips, and trade any clothes and
equipment you no longer use. Our meeting will begin at 4:00.
Bring a covered dish, plates, cups, and utensils (we're conserv-
ing kitchen electricity as well as room heat!) for your family--
beverages will be available. If you have any suggestions for
club officers, call Bob Conner, Nominating Chairman, at High
Point 887-1142 (business) or 885-4249 (home).

✓ March 12-13--Lumber River Float. Leader: Louise Chatfield, phone Greensboro 272-8965. A beginner's overnight canoe trip. Provide your equipment, food and shelter, appropriately waterproofed!

✓ March 20--Rock Castle Gorge ("Bear Den" to Oldtimers). Leader: Harriet Mattes Sunday phone High Point 883-1930. Depending on participation, we'll have an easy 7-mile downhill stroll or more ambitious offerings. You can camp the night before at Rocky Knob on the Parkway (and eat country ham breakfast at Mabry's Mill!) or just meet at 9:00 a.m. at Dan Atkins General Store in Woolwine on Virginia 8 (2 hours from Greensboro) with a trail lunch, jackets, bird and flower (maybe?) books.

March 26-27--Mt. Rogers. Leader: Richard Lawrence, phone 704-249-1114 Lexington. This easy backpack trip on the AT (near highest point in Virginia) into Old Orchard Shelter is fine for beginners and intermediate hikers. Snow is possible.

✓ April 2-3--Bennett's Creek Canoe Trip. Leaders: Bob Stehling, phone 919-748-7402 Winston-Salem and Moulton Avery, phone 919-274-1033 Greensboro. This overnight float is in the new Merchant's Millpond State Park. Bring your own waterproofed equipment, food, and shelter for an exciting weekend.

✓ April 8-10--Easter Backpacking Trip from Spivey's Gap to Erwin, Tenn., on the AT. Leaders: Doris and Henry Ford, phone 919-993-4697 Colfax. This is the trip that deer, bear, and turkey shooting season scared us off from at Thanksgiving! Spend Friday night in Erwin (about \$3.00 plus sleeping bag), stroll a leisurely three miles to No-Nonsense shelter, seven miles out to cars on Sunday while overlooking Nolichucky River and Unaka Springs.

April 15-17--Annual N.C. Wildfoods Weekend at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center above Reidsville. Identify, find, prepare, and consume all sorts of goodies under the guidance of experts. This fills up fast, so call now for details: Rockingham Community College, Wentworth, N. C.

April 22-24--State Trails Workshop at Umstead State Park, Raleigh. Lots of opportunity for your input. For information call Louise Chatfield at 919-272-8965.

April 24--Bird Identification with experts at Hagan Stone Park, Greensboro.
Sunday Meet at first parking lot inside gates at 2:00 p.m. Contact Louise Chatfield at 919-272-8965 before April 22.

— April 29-May 1--Spring Meeting of Conservation Council of N.C. at Atlantic Beach. Camping at Emerald Isle. For information call Bill Noonan at 704-246-2657 in Lexington.

May 1--Oak Hollow Lake, High Point. Bring your binoculars and bird books
Sunday or just enjoy a leisurely hike around the bridge trail. Meet at College Village Shopping Center on Lexington Ave. in High Point at 2:00 p.m. Contact Harriet Mattes at 919-883-1930 before April 29.

— May 7-8--South Mountain. Leader: Ruth Noonan at 704-246-2657 Lexington.
This is a backpack trip. Meet at Randleman Rd. K-Mart at 7:30 am.

— May 15--Belew's Creek. Leader: Louise Chatfield, phone 919-272-8965. Meet
Sunday Randleman Rd. K-Mart at 1:00. Duke Power wants us to tell them where trails should be, so plan to hike all afternoon.

7 May 21--Stone Mountain. Leader: Hazel Monroe. Register-Blackwood-292-5863.
Saturday Leave Randleman Rd. K-Mart at 7:00 a.m. or meet at Stone Mt. parking lot at 9:30. Bring trail lunch and canteens. Hike over Stone Mt., by Beauty Falls, and through valley to watch rock climbers and mountain goats(!).

May 22--Wildflower and Tree Identification and Geology Explanations with
Sunday experts at Stone Mountain State Park. Camp here night before or after day hike or meet at parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Contact Hollyce Highfill, phone 919-273-7055.

— May 28-30--Appalachian Trail Conference--Shepherdstown, W. Va. near Harper's Ferry. You're a club member through PATH and you should support the AT with your individual membership. Anyway, set this weekend aside to attend the Triennial meeting. Details will be in next schedule.

When you're making your summer plans, pick a weekend to take your family and be "trail hosts" at one of our shelters. And get your "working muscles" in shape for a big worktrip on our section in June.

— May 14--Hagan Stone - 2:00 p.m. - until! TRAINING AND PLANNING SESSION
Saturday ON TRAIL "HOSTING". If you are interested in serving as a "host" on our section of AT, please attend this Planning and Training session. A weekend on the trail combines interesting fellowship, an opportunity for trail maintenance, and the weekend in which you set the pace. At Hagan Stone we will set up the schedule and discuss being a good "trail host", and then share our picnic baskets.

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