



PIEDMONT

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

HIKERS

PATH maintains sections of the Appalachian Trail in Southwest Virginia

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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 its members had been assisting with the maintenance of the area for many years, assigned the PIEDMONT 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.

#### 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.

## WILDERNESS ALERT

The U.S. Senate is still struggling with the fate of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Park has been recommended for wilderness status, meaning no new roads or development. Two rival bills have emerged in the Senate. Co-sponsored by Sen Terry Sanford-NC, S.693 designates almost 90% of the Park as wilderness. Sen Jesse Helms-NC is sponsoring the other bill which would set aside 65,000 fewer wilderness acres and would authorize the construction of a destructive road to a cemetery on the south side of the Park near Bryson City. Write to Senators Helms and Sanford ( U.S. Senate Washington, D.C 20510) expressing your concerns and thanking them for their support of wilderness.

**Cross Country Skiing:** Contact Doris Haarr 919-698-0705. She will phone you if and when there is snow and she plans to go out.

### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PATH NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 28!!!

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 945, GREENSBORO, NC 27402-0945 OR CALL JIM WOOD 469-0820.

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- DEC 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE PATH BOARD!!
- Jan 1-3 APPALACHIAN TRAIL-ELK GARDEN TO DAMASCUS  
Enjoy the great views from Whitetop then descend down to the Whitetop Laurel Creek gorge. A very nice three day 24.5 mile trip. Leader: Jim Woods 469-0820 Cary
- JAN 9-10 PINE MOUNTAIN BACKPACK  
Journey from Va. 603 to explore the balds of Pine Mountain and beyond. Beautiful panoramic views in a high country setting. This is the trail section around Mt. Rogers area. Plenty of switchbacks. Reserve by Jan 7. Leader: Danny Lineberger 575-4439 Butner
- JAN 16 RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK DAYHIKE  
Escape to the warm south at Raven Rock State Park. (Okay, Maybe it's not much warmer) near Lillington. Leader: Jim Woods 469-0820 Cary
- JAN 23 UWHARRIE TRAIL DAYHIKE  
Eight to ten miles through rolling woods and past old homesteads. A good way to beat cabin fever. Reserve by Jan 20. Leader: Danny Lineberger 575-4439 Butner
- FEB 6-7 THE PRIEST BACKPACK  
No, you don't have to be a member of the order to go. We'll hike up Crabtree Falls (1500 foot drop in five cascades, the highest cascades east of the Miss. River), Camp on top of The Priest, then descend to the Tye River. Leader: Jim Woods 469-0820 Cary
- FEB 13-14 APPALACHIAN TRAIL-VA. 606 TO WAPITI SHELTER AND BEYOND  
A moderate ten-twelve mile trip in Southwest Va. Reserve by Feb 10. Leader: Danny Lineberger 575-4439
- FEB 20-21 APPALACHIAN TRAIL-LOW GAP TO DAMASCUS  
A very easy 14.6 mile backpack trip from Tenn. into Va. Leader: Jim Wood 469-0820 Cary
- FEB 27 PUMP MILL TRAIL DAYHIKE  
An easy ramble through beautiful woods along the Eno River in Durham. We'll see evidence of beaver (but not "the Beaver") on this 4.5 mile trip,. Reserve by Feb 24. Leader: Danny Lineberger 575-4439 Butner

**\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\***

- 3/ 7-10 Trail Assessment Outing. Contact Ken Rose, 299-4046.  
3/19-29 Winter Blowdown Worktrip. Base Camp at Stony Fork FS Campground on Va 717 4 mi west I-77, 8AM departure.  
3/26 So. Regional Management Committee Mtg, Greensboro NC  
3/27 PATH Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC. Bring covered dish.  
5/27-29 Chestnut Ridge Worktrip. See the sicklebar mower in action.  
6/ 3- 5 Spring Growth Worktrip. Base Camp at Stony Fork.

Tentative Konnarock-PATH Work Projects

6/16-20 Trail construction south of US 11.  
 7/ 7-11 Trail relocation near O'Lystry Picnic Pavilion off 42  
 8/ 4- 8 Trail construction north of Va 610.

9/ 2- 5 MULTI-CLUB Meeting hosted by PATH. All able-bodied members are needed to help: from car shuttling or cooking the stew or leading hikes or presiding over the evening programs. There is a job for everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS PATH!!!

PATH was the only out of state recipient of a first place in Virginia Take Pride in America Program, winning the Public/Private Volunteer Organization category. Henry Ford represented PATH at the November 19th ceremony in Richmond, Va.

A SALUTE TO PATH VOLUNTEERS

The 1987 Volunteer in Forests Report shows that 70 PATH members contributed 3,079 volunteer hours working on the PATH section of the Appalachian Trail. Your Board takes their Boots off to you!

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PATH MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 1988

(12/87)

NEW( ), RENEWAL( ), FAMILY-\$10.00, INDIVIDUAL-\$7.50, STUDENT-\$5.00

<u>NAME</u>		<u>ARE YOU AN ATC MEMBER</u>
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		<u>CALL FOR AT MAINTENANCE</u>
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		<u>INTEREST</u>
<u>OCCUPATION</u>		

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS!!  
 PLEASE NOTE!!! CMP above your name means your dues are well past due or you are on our short term N/C mailing list and this may be your last newsletter!! 87 above your name indicates that it is time to renew your membership for the 1988 year.