

PATH WAYS

Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers

February 2007

Path Worktrips and Events

Forest Service Meeting - March 16 - In conjunction with the March worktrip, PATH members will meet with the Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy at Konnarock to discuss upcoming projects.

Worktrip - March 17 - Forest Service Work Camp (Konnarock facility) near Sugar Grove, Va. Pods and tent space available. Come up Friday night or early Saturday morning. There will be a group dinner Saturday night and all are welcome to stay until Sunday. We will probably be clearing blowdowns and repairing storm damage.

Worktrip - April 21 - Same location and arrangements as March.

Worktrip - May 19 - Stony Fork Forest Service Campground, on SR 717 between Interstate 77 and US 52.

Summerfest/Konnarock Week 1 - June 14-18 - Poor Valley - We will sickle bar mow the area from Chestnut Ridge to Poor Valley. We will also work in the area of Lynn Camp Mountain and finish up the project started in 2006.

Konnarock Week 2 - July 19-23 - We will be doing the I-77 Relocation. This will be a blue blazed trail until the bridge is made over I-77. We will stay at a campsite off US 52 or at Marcia Cope's Hacienda.

Dawg Days - August 3-6 - As always, this is the kid-friendly event held at Marcia Cope's mountain house. We will work somewhere close by and leave plenty of time for playing in the creek.

Worktrips September 15 and October 20 - Locations to be determined. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Some tips about PATH Worktrips - More information is available through the PATH email list - you can sign up from the club website, www.path-at.org. The club has plenty of tools, so all you need for equipment is a pair of gloves and sturdy boots. There is plenty of work to be done, but it is entirely up to you as to what work you want to do and for how long - in other words, if you hear anything about a slave-driving trail boss called Atilla, take it with a grain of salt.

If you can, please let Bill Boudman know you are coming to the worktrip so he can make plans for where we will work and what tools are needed - bilboudman@aol.com.

Other Organizations

The Great Southeastern Hiking Festival May 3-6, 2007. Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. A fun-filled weekend in the beautiful Black Mountains of North Carolina. Activities include:

Hikes for all ages and skill levels (more than 20 scheduled).

Educational seminars covering hiking safety, conservation issues, and much more!

Inspirational Keynote Speakers.

Great local entertainment including live music!

For more information - www.greatsehikingfestival.org.

Trail Days 2007 - Damascus, Virginia - May 19-20 - The granddaddy of all the trail events, held annually in "The Friendliest Town on the Trail".

For more information - www.traildays.info/

The Southern Regional Partnership meeting is March 30 to April 1 in Boone NC.

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Path Leadership - 2007

President - Paul Haag
Vice-President - Keith Morgan
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Treasurer - Renee Haag

Special Appointments
Trail Supervisor - Bill Boudman—
Assistant - Jim Houck
Trail Monitor Coordinators - Barry
Hester and Chris Bracknell
Time Keeper - Paul Clayton
PATH Website - Tony Roberts and
Michael Mitchell

Board Members -
2005-2007 - Valerie Hurt, Karl Kunkel
and Steve Yonts
2006-2008 - Will Burke, Eliot Haag, Ken
Pugh, and Jeff Tysinger
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There is a lot of good information at the
club website: www.path-at.org

Dear PATH-
The enclosed gift is a small token of
appreciation for all the work that your
club has done and continues to do on the
AT.

My wife and I are 60 miles short of
completing the southern half of the AT in
sections over the last 10 years and
deeply savor the effort that went into
our walking on graded trails with
minimal erosion and maximum
sustainability. And as life members of
the ATC, we recognize where the rubber
meets the road -- at the local level with
volunteers.

Sincerely,
Bennett Cowan
Bristol, Tenn.

