



References

For detailed trail maintenance tasks refer to:

- The *Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club - Trail Maintenance Booklet*, and
- *Appalachian Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*, Second Edition, © 2000 Appalachian Trail Conference, and
- *Appalachian Trail Field Book, Maintenance and Rehabilitation Guidelines for Volunteers*, © 2003 Appalachian Trail Conference

Trails in General

Cutting trailside growth back with swing blades to maintain the trail corridor 4-ft wide by 8-ft high..

Trimming trailside bushes with snippers and loppers to maintain the trail corridor 4-ft wide by 8-ft high.

Repainting blazes (6 per mile).

Installing water drainage to force running water off the trail.

Removing branches and blowdowns from the trail.

Removing fire rings from other than established campsites.

Shelters and SSTs

NOTE: Our A.T. section includes two, three-sided shelters used by overnight hikers, and two SSTs (Sweet Smelling Toilets).

Our responsibilities include:

Keeping shelters and SSTs clean and free of litter.

Keeping shelters painted.

Reroofing as necessary.

Picking up and removing litter in shelters and shelter related camping areas, including that found in fire rings.

Ensuring appropriate signs are posted (water treatment, and etc.)

Maintaining shelters, SSTs and picnic tables in safe condition.

Rebuilding as necessary, including cavern manufacturing under the SST.

Removing advertisements.

Removing litter and ashes from designated fire rings.

Fire Road.

NOTE

Our responsibilities, within capabilities; include:

Water diversion to keep the road passable.

Trimming road side and overhead vegetation.

Removing downed trees and branches.

Low spot fill-in.

Removing litter.

Contacting the US Forest Service to request work that is beyond TATC capabilities. It is a US Forest Service gate at Love Gap.

Signs

Although we do not usually make signs, our responsibilities include:

Monitoring existing signs and requesting replacements for those that are damaged or stolen.

Recommending additional signage as needed.

Education

NOTE

We are not enforcers and have no enforcement authority. We can *only* provide tips and information to those *willing* to listen.

Provide:

Trail and shelter etiquette advice, and Leave No Trace education, as welcomed.

Campsite, water, trail, and related information to hikers and backpackers.

Refer to TATC Educational Handouts titles: "TRAIL MAINTENANCE - AN A.T. OVERVIEW." and "TRAIL MAINTENANCE - PHILOSOPHY."