

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN GEORGIA

The Appalachian Trail winds over some of the most rugged and scenic country of Georgia. The establishment of this 83 mile portion of the Trail was the result of the effort and foresight of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club and the Appalachian Trail Conference. With their direction and the help of the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service and numerous individuals, the completion and maintenance of the Trail in its entirety is now a reality.

Georgia's portion of the Trail extends to elevations of over 4,500 feet. One of the many side trails leads to the highest point in the State (4,700 feet plus at Brasstown Bald Mtn.). The Trail offers the hiker a challenge that should not be underestimated. Long steady grades and the natural elements can be formidable obstacles to deal with—requiring advanced planning and physical fitness.

The Appalachian Trail is constructed for travel on foot. It is not suitable for bicycle or horse travel generally. Motor vehicles are prohibited.



More detailed information on Trail directions, maps, and features can be found in the "Guide to the Appalachian Trail in the Great Smokies, the Nantahalas, and Georgia" (Publication No. 23). This may be obtained from the Appalachian Trail Conference, P. O. Box 236, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, 25425.



CAMPING FACILITIES



Shelters have been constructed at various intervals along the main trail. Some are located short distances down side trails. They are there for your convenience, to help keep them clean. Pack out your nondisposable items.



Water is generally located near shelters. However, the water from both designated and undesignated sources should be treated if it is to be used for drinking or cooking. Please be careful not to contaminate water sources.

TRAIL MARKERS



The main trail—marked with white paint blazes, standard Appalachian Trail markers, and signs posted by the Forest Service and State Highway Commission.



Warning of obscure turn and trail-route change direction are signified by two blazes, one above the other.



Side and major approach Trails—are marked with blue paint blazes.

Red and yellow paint blazes delineate Wildlife Management Area boundaries and should not be confused with Trail Markers.

A hiker should not proceed more than 1/4 mile without noticing a Trail marker. Also, always depend on the Trail marking rather than this map. Changes of location often are made in the Trail. Watch for the double blaze and signs.

PRECAUTIONS

1. Do not underestimate the ruggedness of the terrain and the physical exertion it may require.
2. Very heavy rainstorms periodically occur and should be anticipated.
3. Sources of water along the ridges are often limited, and can fail during dry periods—even at recognized stops.
4. Unrecognized water sources along the Trail contain no purity guarantees and should be sufficiently treated by boiling or purifying tablets for human consumption.
5. Poisonous snakes (rattlesnakes and copperheads) though seldom seen do exist along the Trail. A snakebite kit is a safety item for any hiker.
6. There is the ever-present danger of wildfires in the mountains. Special care should be taken of campfires and smoking materials.
7. To reduce the impact of the Trail on the natural environment, "cutting across" switchbacks should be avoided. Otherwise erosion problems may develop.
8. It is wise practice for hikers to give an Appalachian Trail Club member or friend a description of planned itinerary.

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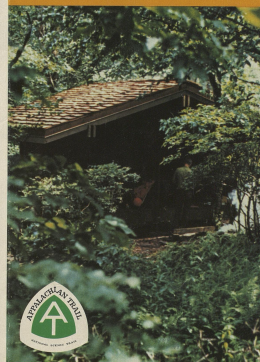


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LEGEND

- Paved Road—Primary
- All Weather or Secondary Road
- Dirt Road
- Primitive Road
- Trail
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Forest Route
- National Forest Land
- Stream



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Pack it out

