



### TRAIL ROUTE THROUGH OPEN AREA

How can you help protect the Appalachian Trail and its corridor lands? First, by respecting and following the rules and regulations for all federal, state and local jurisdictions. Second, by reporting violations of the rules and regulations to PATC, ATC or the Appalachian Trail Park Office. You can further help with protecting the trail and corridor by volunteering to help PATC with trail maintenance and corridor monitoring. There are many opportunities to join trail crews or work on individual sections.

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### YOUR LOCAL CORRIDOR MONITOR



## YOUR NEIGHBOR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CORRIDOR





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The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a 2175-mile footpath, runs from Maine to Georgia. Established in the 1920s, it was built and is maintained by volunteers with direction from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. In 1968, the National Trails System Act empowered the National Park Service to ensure that the trail route be protected by placing the trail on publicly owned lands. In 1978, the National Park Service began to acquire land to protect the trail. State and local government agencies also purchased lands to protect the trail. This area of protection is known as the Appalachian Trail Corridor.

The Appalachian Trail Corridor is the protected area surrounding the trail, with an average width of 1,000 feet. National Park Service property boundaries are marked with yellow paint and corners are marked with aluminum monuments. PA state boundaries are marked in white; MD and VA state boundaries are marked in yellow. Volunteers from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club monitor this boundary in conjunction with State and Federal law-enforcement officers. The volunteer corridor monitors look for signs of encroachment, trespass, misuse and damage to resources. Law-enforcement officers from the appropriate agency conduct follow-up investigations.



MONITORS INSPECT THE BOUNDARY



ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE CORRIDOR

The Appalachian Trail and surrounding corridor lands are designated for foot travel only. The following regulations apply to both the trail and corridor.

- No bicycles
- No horses
- No motorized vehicles (includes ATVs, dirt bikes, SUVs and snowmobiles)
- No hunting (except in designated areas of state owned lands)
- Camping only in designated areas
- No wood cutting
- No private structures