



APRIL 27-28

APPALACHIAN TRAIL RESTORATION

Join the Carolina Mountain Club as we restore the A.T. near Hot Springs NC on this weekend overnight. We'll be out rehabbing the trail and making new friends. No experience necessary, experienced CMC trail crews will be on site to supervise and train. If you have always wanted to do trail work to give back, this is your opportunity. A great learning experience awaits!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CMC MEMBER TO COME ON THESE WORK DAYS. We will have release forms you can fill out before we start work. **If you are under 18, you must have a parent or guardian with you.**

Please wear sturdy boots, long pants, work gloves, food, and cool weather camping gear. We will provide tools.

Please contact Paul Curtin at: pmcurtin@hotmail.com with questions

More info, preregistration required, limited to 1st 30 at:

<https://www.carolinamtnclub.org/eventform.cfm>

**Learn Trail
Maintenance Skills**

**Restore the A.T.
in a Sustainable
Way for Future
Generations**

**Hosted by Carolina
Mountain Club**



**Overnight at Spring
Mtn Shelter, 2 m hike
in to work site**

Bring Your Group

**Meet at 8:00 Sat Apr 27
at the Asheville Forest
Service offices on Zillicoa
St to carpool to the site.**

**We will return by 2:00
Sunday.**

Join the Carolina Mountain Club (CMC) as part of the Remote Overnight Crew (ROC) on April 27th and 28th on the Appalachian Trail as we renovate a more remote section of the A.T. This section is near the Spring Mountain shelter, which will be our base for operations. The Carolina Mountain Club Trail Maintenance Crew members and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) are partnering to offer a unique opportunity to spend the weekend assisting in the rehabilitation of the AT as it traverses Spring Mountain in the Cherokee and Pisgah National Forests.

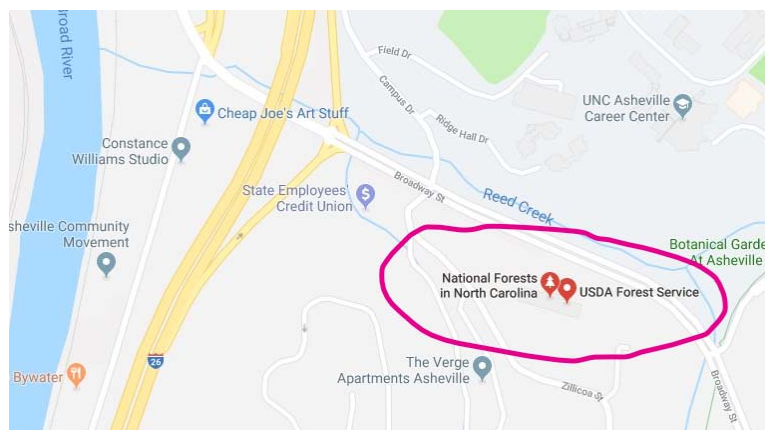
Individuals, groups, and families are welcome to sign up (on a first come basis) and be partnered with veteran Trail Maintainers to spend the day having a hands on experience working to rehabilitate the trail in a sustainable condition for generations to come. No experience necessary! You will be matched with a skilled maintainer according to your interests and abilities. You will spend the weekend on a beautiful section of trail while working on the fabled A.T. The work group will be limited to about 30 participants.

Pre-registration is required by signing up on the below link. Youth of all ages are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. CMC will provide safety instructions, supervision, training, and tools for the tasks you are assigned.

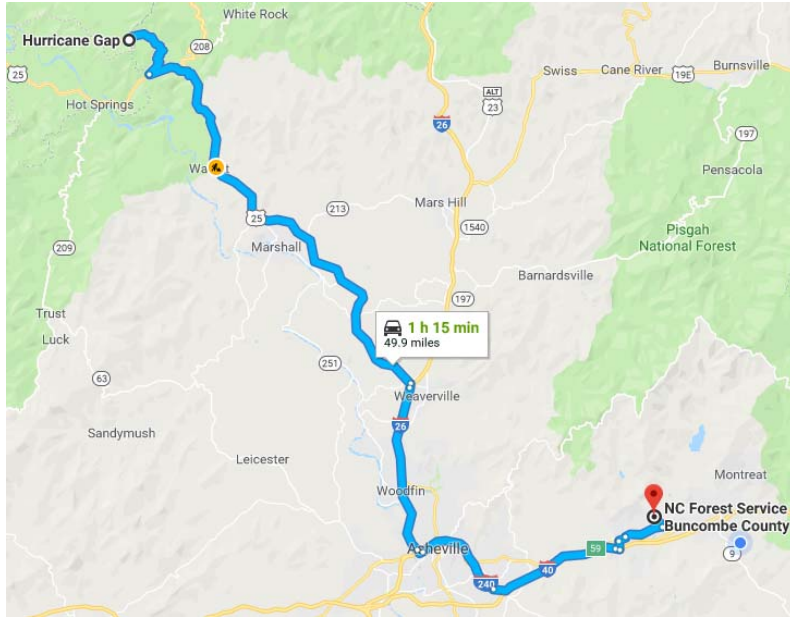
Please contact CMC AT Supervisor Paul Curtin at: pcurtin@hotmail.com for further information or any questions you may have.

Travel Logistics:

We will meet at the USFS National Forests office (Take exit 25 from US 26) at 160 Zillicoa St. in Asheville, NC at 8 am Saturday April 27th, where you will check in and sign a work waiver. All minors must be accompanied by an adult who will sign a waiver for them. After a short safety briefing, introductions, and work details we will group up for car pools to head to the site. We will need some of the volunteers to drive groups to our work site. The parking lot in front of the building is a safe place to leave your car for the weekend.



It takes about 1hr 15 min to travel to the site, which is Hurricane Gap near Hot Springs NC. The last six miles are a gravel road which is in good condition and accessible by personal vehicles.



Work Site Logistics

It is a 1.7 m hike in to the Spring Mountain shelter with 600 ft of elevation gain. We will drop our gear there. Please wear long pants, sturdy boots, work gloves, and bring safety glasses if you have them. No open toed shoes or shorts will be allowed.

Camping

The shelter can sleep only 5 people, and there are many tent and hammock sites available nearby. Our group cannot full occupy the shelter in case of other hikers so all participants should plan to camp outside the shelter. Bring water for hike in and gear to filter/sterilize water. There is a privy and water source close to the shelter. Bring normal backpacking gear needed for a cool weather overnight, including a head lamp. Typical day time highs around 55 and night time lows around 35, but it could be colder of course. Bring food for 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, snacks, and dinner. Bring a change of clothes to sleep in since your work clothes will be dirty! We will eat lunch on trail Sunday and then head back, arriving at the car pool location around 2pm Sunday. Bring a change of shoes for the ride back.

Work Plan

- Replace several boards in shelter floor, carry in wood and tools
- Install steps/check dams on trail to water source
- Install log water bars between Hurricane Gap and shelter as needed
- Repair tread in area of steep bypass on trail about a mile nb from shelter
- Cut back rhododendron on trail between shelter and road
- General tread rehab nb from shelter as time allows
- Tools needed: hazelhoes, loppers, chain saw, drill, pulaskis

To Sign up [click here](#)

Plan on a rewarding and satisfying volunteer experience!