

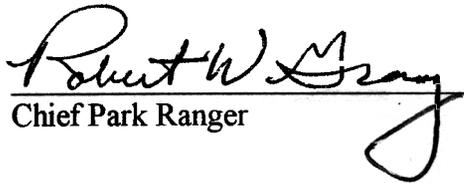
# COMPENDIUM OF ORDERS

## Appalachian National Scenic Trail

A compendium of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority

In accordance with regulations and delegated authority provided in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government, and public use of National Park Service lands administered by the Appalachian Trail Park Office. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply *in addition to* the provisions contained in Title 36 CFR, Parts 1 through 7.

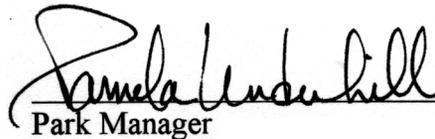
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Chief Park Ranger

DATE

11/6/02

APPROVED

  
Park Manager

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These regulations provide for the maintenance of public health and safety, the protection of scenic or environmental values, the protection of natural or cultural resources and aid in scientific research. They provide for the implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities and reduction of conflict among visitor use activities.

Visitors may obtain additional information or permit applications by contacting: Park Manager, Appalachian Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425, phone number (304) 535-6278, and <http://www.nps.gov/appa/>

In addition, a copy of this compendium is available for public review at the following locations:

Appalachian Trail Conference Headquarters, 709 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425, (304) 535-6331.

New England Regional Office, Appalachian Trail Conference, One Lyme Common, Lyme, New Hampshire 03768, (603) 795-4935.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, Appalachian Trail Conference, 4 East First Street, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania 17007, (717) 258-5771.

Central and Southwest Virginia Regional Office, Appalachian Trail Conference, Newport Hotel, Suite 4, Newport, Virginia 24128, (540) 544-7388.

Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia Regional Office, Appalachian Trail Conference, 160 A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, (826) 254-3708.

## **COMPENDIUM OF ORDERS**

### **What are the regulations that affect the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and its users?**

There is no one set of regulations that apply to the entire A.T. Park and forest regulations differ by local management needs. Trail users who wish to learn about the regulations that apply to the section of trail that they will be hiking should contact the land management agency for that particular section of trail. State law generally applies on Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail goes through parts of fourteen states from Maine to Georgia. It goes through eight national forests and six national park units and about sixty-seven state and local park, forest, and game units. The overall direction for the trail is provided by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is considered a unit of the National Park System and is administered by a Park Manager stationed at the Appalachian Trail Park Office in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The Appalachian Trail Park Office works cooperatively with the Appalachian Trail Conference and all the other local, state, and federal partners to administer the trail.

### **What is a Compendium of Orders?**

General regulations for national park areas are published in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR). Each park unit is to “compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. This compilation shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request.” [36 CFR 1.7 (b)].

This Compendium of Orders only affects lands directly managed by the Appalachian Trail Park Office. It does not apply to lands managed by other local, state, or federal parks and forests. Although the regulations may be similar, users of the trail should consult the appropriate land managing agency for regulations specific to that area.

### **To what lands does the Compendium of Orders apply?**

The Appalachian Trail Park Office manages Appalachian National Scenic Trail corridor lands that connect existing park and forest units and other lands that are interspersed with state lands. These orders and regulations apply to the entire federally owned trail corridor, not just the trail footpath. Maps showing the land ownership are available for viewing at Appalachian Trail Conference offices and the Appalachian Trail Park Office. You can obtain information and maps by writing to Appalachian Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 24525 or calling (304) 535-6278.

When possible, the Compendium of Orders adopts designations, closures, and other restrictions developed by Appalachian Trail Conference trail maintaining clubs for their section of trail. See Attachment B for a table of information on the thirty-one trail maintaining clubs, the section of trail they manage, and any designations, closures or restrictions found in their Local Management Plan.

We also have adopted the Blue Ridge Parkway Compendium of Orders for all Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands adjacent to the parkway from Rockfish Gap to Fulhardt Knob. For further information, contact the Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, 199 Hemphill Road, Asheville, NC 28803, (828) 271-4779.

**What are the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions affecting lands administered by the Appalachian Trail Park Office?**

The designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions are found in the following sections. For ease of reference, we have followed the order of regulations found in the 36 Code of Federal Regulations. General regulations affecting all national park service units are found in 36 CFR. This compendium of orders provides for specific designations called for in the general regulations. The Compendium of Orders fine tunes the general regulations for the management needs of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The CFR can be viewed at [www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr)

**What areas of the trail are closed to use [36 CFR 1.5 (a) (1)]?**

The trailhead parking lot on the old railroad bed at Lehigh Gap and off PA Route 248 is closed to public use from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Persons may still leave their vehicles overnight in the parking area.

**Are there any limits on the number of persons using the trail [36 CFR 1.5(a)(2)]?**

Yes, groups should not exceed ten persons for overnight trips and twenty-five persons for day hikes.

**For what events or activities do I need a permit [36 CFR 1.6 (c)]?**

The following are events or activities for which a permit is required. The permit must be approved before the event or activity. Applications for permits can be obtained by contacting the Park Manager, Appalachian Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 25411, telephone (304) 535-6278.

Event/Activity	36 CFR
Specimen Collection	2.5(a)
Special Events	2.50(a)

Public Assemblies	2.51(a)
Sale/Distribution of Printed Matter	2.52(a)
Agricultural/Grazing	2.60(b)
Memorialization (Scattering ashes)	2.62(b)
Business Operations	5.3
Commercial Photography	5.5

**Can I collect wood for a campfire [36 CFR 2.1(a)(4)]?**

Yes, dead wood may be collected for use for campfires at those campsites or shelters specified in the applicable local management plan endorsed by the ATC Board of Managers.

**Can I pick edible berries, fruits, and nuts along the trail [36 CFR 2.1(c)(2)(i)]?**

Yes, edible berries, fruits and nuts found along the Appalachian Trail footpath may be gathered by hand for personal consumption.

**Where can I camp along the trail [36 CFR 2.10(a)]?**

Overnight stays at camping and/or shelter sites shall be limited to the maximum number of nights specified in the applicable local management plan endorsed by the ATC Board of Managers, or no more than two consecutive nights where a local management plan has not been endorsed by the ATC Board of Managers.

Camping shall follow policies established in the applicable local management plan endorsed by the ATC Board of Managers, or shall be limited to established overnight shelters and tenting areas.

**Can I play an audio device on the trail [36 CFR 2.12(a)(1)(ii)]?**

Yes, however, any noise level from a radio, tape deck, compact disk or other mechanical device, which is more audible than conversational voice at a distance of 50 feet from the source, is prohibited.

**Where can I have a campfire on the trail [36 CFR 2.13(a)(1) and 2.13(b)]?**

Campfires are prohibited except at those locations in the applicable local management plan endorsed by the ATC Board of Managers. All fires shall be completely extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the site.

**How should human waste be disposed of while on the trail [36 CFR 2.14(a)(8) and 2.14(a)(9)]?**

Disposal of human bodily waste shall be accomplished only at sanitary facilities within the park or must be buried four (4) to six (6) inches deep in an area not frequented by the public, not visible from trails, campsites or developed areas, and at least 100 feet from any water source.

**What are considered pack animals [36 CFR 21.6(a)]?**

For the purposes of the regulation, horses, mules, burros, goats, and llamas are designated as pack animals.

**Are pack animals allowed on the trail [36 CFR 2.16(b)]?**

No, we have not designated any portion of the trail or trail corridor for pack animal use.

**What locations on the trail are designated as First Amendment areas [36CFR 2.51(e)]?**

We have not formally designated any first amendment areas. Permits for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and other public expressions of views can be obtained at no cost by contacting the Park Manager, Appalachian Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 25411, telephone (304) 535-6278.

**Where can I distribute printed matters with a First Amendment permit [36 CFR 2.52(e)]?**

We have not formally designated any areas for distribution of printed matters. Permits for distributing printed matters can be obtained at no cost by contacting the Park Manager, Appalachian Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 25411, telephone (304) 535-6278.

**Can I ride my bicycle on the trail [36 CFR 4.30(a)]?**

No, we have not designated any portions of the trail or trail corridor for bicycle use.

**Attachments:**

- A. Determination for the Compendium of Orders for Lands Managed by the Appalachian Trail Park Office.**
- B. Summary of Local Management Plan Designations**

## Attachment A

### **DETERMINATION FOR THE COMPENDIUM OF ORDERS FOR LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE APPLACHIAN TRAIL PARK OFFICE**

#### Background

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to “make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the National Park Service...” (16 U.S.C. § 3). These rules and regulations are codified at Title 36- Parks, Forests, and Public Property.

The National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. § 1241 et seq.) that established the Appalachian National Scenic Trail further specified that the Secretary may utilize authorities related to components of the national park system to carry out his administrative responsibilities.

In 1982 the Department of the Interior’s Assistant Solicitor for Parks and Recreation confirmed that National Park Service (NPS) regulations apply to Appalachian Trail lands provided; (1) the area is Federally owned, (2) the area is administered by the NPS, and (3) the area is within a NPS boundary. (Watt Memorandum, November 3, 1982).

The regulations at 36 CFR are usually very specific and leave little room for interpretation. There are, however, several discretionary regulations meant to allow the manager room to exercise judgement or determine and set limits to the activity described. The Park Manager “shall compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. This compilation shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request” (36 CFR § 1.7 (b)).

The guiding document for the management of the Appalachian Trail is the *Comprehensive Plan for the Protection, Management, Development and Use of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail*. Addressing regulations for the Trail, the *Comprehensive Plan* states that “Managers will foster an unregimented atmosphere and otherwise encourage self-reliance and respect for Trail values by users.” “Hiker regulations will be kept as unrestrictive as possible, and should be developed only to the extent they are proven necessary to protect the physical trail, its environment, and the interests of adjacent landowners.” The *Comprehensive Plan* also states that “Incompatible activities will be controlled by educational efforts and, failing this, by enforcement of laws and Trail regulations.”

Following adoption of the *Comprehensive Plan*, the NPS signed a cooperative agreement with the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC), officially authorizing the Conference’s traditional stewardship of the A.T. The ATC is responsible for ensuring the adequate maintenance and management of the Appalachian Trail and its corridor lands through oversight and support of its member organizations, the A.T.-maintaining clubs. Most of the responsibilities delegated by the NPS to the ATC in the cooperative agreement have been sub-assigned by ATC to its member clubs.

A primary component of the cooperative management of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail is the Local Management Plan (LMP). The LMP, prepared by the local trail-maintaining club, provides on-the-ground guidance for managing various sections of the Appalachian Trail. In these plans, local clubs designate restrictions or conditions of use on lands managed by the club. For example, LMPs specify where camping is allowed or not allowed and where fires are allowed or not allowed among many other management considerations. Upon review by staff and management partners, the ATC Board of Managers must officially endorse the LMP before it can be implemented.

The Appalachian Trail Park Office has chosen to incorporate into the Compendium of Orders the restrictions, conditions, public use limits or closures identified in ATC Board of Managers endorsed LMPs. This incorporation affirms the nature of the cooperative management of the Appalachian Trail.

### Reasons for Restrictions, Conditions, Public Use Limits, and/or Closures

#### 36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits:

(a)(1)- This order closes the trailhead parking lot on the old railroad bed at Lehigh Gap and off PA Route 248 from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. but still allows persons to leave a vehicle there overnight. Vandalism and parties have adversely affected the site and trail club managers requested a closure. Township police officers will see that persons do not remain in the parking lot during those hours. A sign will be posted at the entrance to the trailhead notifying persons of the closure.

(a)(2)- This order establishes a limit on the number of overnight and day users. Its purpose is to minimize effects on trail resources, such as shelters, privies, and the trail tread itself. This order adopts as regulation Appalachian Trail Conference group-use policy that has been in effect for many years.

#### 36 CFR 1.6- Permits:

(c)- This order permits certain defined activities to take place on NPS lands, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Special Use Permit, and subject to applicable legislation, Federal regulations and administrative policies, and based upon a determination that public health and safety, environmental or scenic values, natural or cultural resources, scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, proper allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor activities will not be adversely impacted. The determination will be made on a case-by-case basis as part of the permit application process.

#### 36 CFR 2.1- Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources:

(a)(4)- This order permits dead wood to be used for traditional campfires only at campsites or shelters identified in a LMP. Persons would not be permitted to cut live trees or take wood for use outside of the NPS boundary. Collection of wood for such a limited purpose will not adversely affect park resources.

(c)(2)(i)- This order permits edible berries, fruits and nuts to be gathered for personal consumption. This will prohibit the gathering of berries, fruits and nuts for commercial purposes. Collection for personal consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife or the reproductive potential of a plant species or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

#### 36 CFR 2.10(a) – Camping:

(a)(9)- This order limits the overnight stay to the maximum number of nights specified in the LMP or a maximum of two nights where there is no LMP. This will permit legitimate and reasonable use of campsites and shelters while barring long-term and inappropriate use.

(a)(10)- This order adopts the camping policy established by the LMP and/or restricts camping to established overnight shelters and tenting areas. Where dispersed camping is appropriate to an area, it will be allowed, and where it is necessary to restrict camping to established shelters and tenting areas, that will be the requirement.

#### 36 CFR 2.12- Audio Disturbances:

(a)(1)(ii)- This order sets a reasonable and easily measurable level at which radios, tape decks, compact disks or other mechanical devices can be operated in a backcountry setting.

#### 36 CFR 2.13- Fires:

(a)(1)- This order prohibits campfires except at campsites and shelters specified in the LMP. Campfires will not be permitted in other locations, although portable stoves and other cooking devices could be used. This will reduce wildfire hazards associated with open campfires as well as reduce the number of unsightly fire rings.

(b)- This order places the burden on the user to ensure that their campfire is extinguished and does not pose a fire hazard.

36 CFR 2.14- Sanitation and Refuse:

(a)(8)- This order requires that visitors use a sanitary facility if one is provided.

(a)(9)- This order sets conditions for proper disposing of human bodily waste when a sanitary facility is not available. These requirements help to safeguard public health as well as protect natural features.

36 CFR 2.16- Horses and Pack Animals

(a)- Pack animals for the purposes of transporting equipment are defined.

(b)- This order emphasizes that no portions of the trail have been designated for pack animal use.

36 CFR 2.51- Public Assemblies, Meetings:

(e) Locations for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views will be designated on a case-by-case basis.

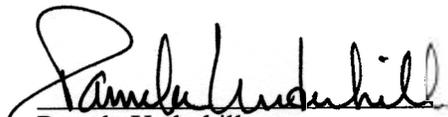
36 CFR 2.52- Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter:

(e) Locations for the sale or distribution of printed matter will be designated on a case-by-case basis.

36 CFR 4.30- Bicycles

(a) This order emphasizes that no portions of the trail have been designated for bicycle use.

I have determined that the restrictions, conditions, public use limits or closures established in the Compendium of Orders for National Park Service lands administered by the Appalachian Trail Park Office are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, and the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities.

  
Pamela Underhill  
Park Manager

11/7/02  
Date

**Attachment B**

**LOCAL MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATIONS**

The following designations for overnight camping, group use, and fires are found in each trail maintaining club's Local Management Plan. *Designations adopted by the Park Manager's Compendium of Orders apply only to those National Park Service lands administered by the Appalachian Trail Park Office.*

<b>Local Club</b>	<b>Overnight Camping</b>	<b>Group Use</b>	<b>Fires</b>
<b>Maine Appalachian Trail Club Grafton Notch, N.H. to Katahdin, Maine</b>	Prohibited above timberline adjacent to alpine zones and shoreline at Crawford Pond. Dispersed camping permitted unless specifically prohibited. Permitted only at designated sites at Nahmakanta Lake. Maximum of 3 nights in a 30-day period at all sites.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Permitted in accordance with Maine Forest Service regulations.
<b>Appalachian Mountain Club- New Hampshire Chapter Kinsman Notch, N.H. to Grafton Notch, N.H.</b>	Permitted at designated sites or in accordance with USDA Forest Service or Maine Bureau of Public Lands Policy.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Dartmouth Outing Club Vt. 12 to Kinsman Notch, N.H.</b>	Permitted only at designated overnight sites. Use is limited to 2 consecutive nights or 3 nights in a 30-day period.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Green Mountain Club Vt./Mass. Border to Vt. 12</b>	Permitted only at designated overnight sites	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Permitted at designated overnight facilities only

<b>Appalachian Mountain Club- Berkshire Chapter Sages Ravine (Conn/Mass) to Vt./Mass. Border</b>	Permitted only at designated shelters, camping areas, and dispersed camping areas. At dispersed areas, camping must be 200 feet from trail. Use is limited to 2 consecutive nights at an overnight location	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Fires are permitted only at designated areas (fire receptacles) Fires are not allowed in dispersed areas.
<b>Appalachian Mountain Club- Connecticut Chapter Conn./N.Y. border to Sages Ravine (Conn/Mass)</b>	Camping is permitted only at designated areas	When applicable overnight groups should use designated group sites	<b>No fires permitted at any trail location</b>
<b>NY-NJ Trail Conference Dutchess/ Putnam Bear Mountain Bridge to Sages Ravine (Conn/Mass)</b>	Camping is permitted only at designated sites. Use is limited to 3 consecutive nights and no individual may use a site more than 7 nights in any 12 month period	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Permitted at designated overnight use areas only.
<b>NY-NJ Trail Conference Orange/ Rockland N.Y./N.J. border to Bear Mountain Bridge</b>	The maximum number allowed for at designated overnight sites is 10	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Fires are permitted at designated sites only. Only downed, dead wood may be used.

<b>NY-NJ Trail Conference New Jersey A.T. Management Committee Delaware River, Pa. To N.J./N.Y. border</b>	Camping along AT is permitted not less than 50, but no more than 100 feet from the trail, and not less than 200 feet from other campsites and not less than 100 feet from any water source. Must camp at least ½ mile from road accesses.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	<b>No fires permitted at any trail location</b>
<b>Wilmington Trail Club Fox Gap to Delaware River, Pa.</b>		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Batona Hiking Club Wind Gap to Fox Gap</b>	Discourages camping along their section of trail. No overnight facilities exist.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	No open fires during times of fire hazard.
<b>Appalachian Mountain Club- Delaware Valley Chapter Little Gap to Wind Gap</b>		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Philadelphia Trail Club Lehigh Furnace Gap to Little Gap</b>	Camp within 200 feet of the trail, camp one night only at a given spot (includes shelter). Do not camp within 500 feet of a water source or public access.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	No open fires during times of fire hazard.

<b>Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club</b> Rausch Creek to Tri-County Corner and Bake Oven Knob to Lehigh Furnace Gap	Dispersed campsites will be allowed along the trail at a safe and reasonable distance from water sources, roads, and the trail.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	No open fires during times of fire hazard.
<b>Allentown Hiking Club</b> Tri-County Corner to Bake Oven Knob		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Brandywine Valley Outing Club</b> Clarks Valley to Rausch Creek		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club</b> Pa. 225 to Clarks Valley	Camp within 200 feet of the trail, camp one night only at a given spot (includes shelter). Do not camp within 500 feet of a water source or public access.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	No open fires during times of fire hazard.
<b>York Hiking Club</b> Susquehanna River to Pa. 225	Permitted only at designated sites.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Cumberland Valley A.T. Club</b> Center Point Knob to Darlington Trail	Permitted only at the Sunday Farm campsite.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	

<b>Mountain Club of Maryland</b> Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Pa. To Center Point Knob and Darlington Trail to Susquehanna River		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Potomac Appalachian Trail Club</b> Rockfish Gap, Va. To Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Pa.	Overnight stay is limited to 3 nights at designated overnight sites or in accordance with Shenandoah National Park regulations.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club</b> Reeds Gap to Rockfish Gap		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club</b> Tye River to Reeds Gap	Unrestricted camping is allowed along entire section.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club</b> Black Horse Gap to Tye River	Camping is allowed at designated locations only or in accordance with U.S. Forest Service regulations.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Fires allowed at designated locations only or in accordance with U.S. Forest Service regulations.

<b>Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club</b> Va. 608 to Black Horse Gap and Va. 611 to Va. 608 temporarily	Camping is allowed at designated locations only. Consecutive stays over 3 nights are prohibited unless written permission is obtained from an elected club officer.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	Fires allowed at designated locations only
<b>Outing Club of Virginia Tech</b> Va. 623 to Va. 615 and Va. 612 to Va. 611 temporarily	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations
<b>Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers</b> Va. 670 to Va. 623 and Va. 615 north to Va. 612 temporarily	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations
<b>Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club</b> Damascus, Va. To Va. 670	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations
<b>Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club</b> Spivey Gap, N.C. to Damascus, VA.		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	

<b>Carolina Mountain Club</b> Davenport Gap, Tenn./N.C. to Spivey Gap, N.C.	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations
<b>Smoky Mountains Hiking Club</b> Wesser, N.C. to Davenport Gap, Tenn./N.C.		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Nantahala Hiking Club</b> Bly Gap, N.C. to Wesser, N.C.		Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	
<b>Georgia Appalachian Trail Club</b> Springer Mountain, Ga. To Bly Gap, N.C.	All camping within sight of the trail is discouraged. USFS regulations apply in designated areas.	Overnight groups should not exceed 10 and day use groups should not exceed 25	In accordance with U.S. Forest Service Regulations