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Carolina Mountain Club eNews



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Opinion: Some trails around here are still a huge mess — making the woods a fire danger

Carolina Mountain Club is doing yeoman's work to make them passable



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Extra Mile Crew

Saturday, March 21

The Extra Milers, the Wilderness Crew, and anyone from CMC willing and able to help, are invited to do a long and strenuous day on the Art Loeb up from Camp Daniel Boone to the Narrows, cutting and trimming overgrowth on the way. This section is in Wilderness so no mechanized tools are allowed.

We **highly recommend** that only hikers and runners who feel very comfortable hiking 2 miles per hour to cover 13 miles with over 3000ft of elevation gain sign up for this work day. Are you training for Hellbender or Seven Sisters? This work day is for you. With the amount of distance we need to cover, we will only have an hour or two, at best, to try to clear the remaining section of the Narrows that has not yet been touched by our crew. It will be a long day. No prior trail maintenance experience is necessary.

[Email for details](#)



CMC–SAR in Burke County “God’s Country”: When the Terrain Is the Test

Story by Nicolas Nouvel

Burke County doesn’t allow a casual training day. It demands one. In a recent full-scale SAR exercise in “God’s Country,” CMC–SAR members—integrated into Haywood County SAR—joined a multi-agency response scenario where the terrain itself was a primary training objective.

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GATHERING OF FRIENDS 2026 Asheville

Have you registered for the 2026 Gathering of Friends yet?

Come join us in Asheville April 10-12 for all things Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

We have so much lined up throughout the weekend: Guided Tours, Excursions and Hikes, an awesome Opening Reception and Dinner at Highland Brewing, Volunteer and Completer Recognition, our Annual Saturday Meeting, and quite a few more Surprises!

The only thing missing that would make this weekend absolutely perfect is YOU! Spots are filling up so don't wait until the last minute to fill out that registration form!

[Learn more](#)

Shout-out!

Sarah Jones Decker's photography was featured in the Fall 2024 issue of A.T. Journeys.

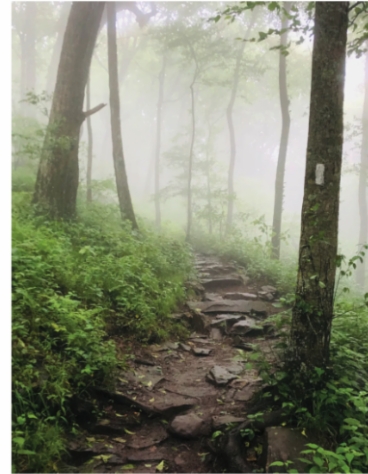
*"**THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL** and its remarkable hiking community have shaped my creative life for more than three decades. I began hiking the A.T. in high school, practicing photography and chasing sunsets at Bears Den in Bluemont, Virginia, after class. I could never have imagined that narrow, white-blazed path would become such a constant in my life."*



Foggy Ridge, Virginia



Over 140 tunnel, Maryland



Springer Mountain, Georgia.

[See her work here](#)

Congratulations!

Amber Gibbs on your award winning photo featuring CMC volunteers in action on the Art Loeb Trail!



2025 Winning Photo

Photo Category: Youth and Volunteers

Photographer: Amber Gibbs

Trail: [Art Loeb Trail](#)



Associate Editor for eNews

Join the Carolina Mountain Club communications team and help keep our members informed and connected.

We are looking for an Associate Editor for eNews. This role is well suited for someone who enjoys organizing content, editing, and working from home. It is a meaningful way to volunteer with the club.

To learn more or express interest, email **David Huff**

Save the Dates

Saturday, May 23rd - Spring Social

Saturday, September 12th - Maintainers Picnic

Saturday, November 14th - Annual Meeting and Dinner

Quarterly Workdays

Saturday, April 25th - Pisgah Project Day

Saturday, June 6th - National Trails Day

Saturday, August 15th - TBD

Saturday, September 26th - National Public Lands Day

Remote Overnight Crews

April 18/19 - Appalachian Trail

June 27/28 - Shining Rock Wilderness

October 10/11 - Appalachian Trail

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club is currently seeking both section maintainers and members for our weekly trail crews.

Section Maintainers "adopt" a portion of trail and are responsible for tasks such as quarterly walk-throughs, routine maintenance (including tread work, trimming, and clearing water diversions), and reporting any downed trees or other trail obstructions.

Weekly crew members join scheduled group outings to help with a variety of trail maintenance projects. It's a great way to learn trail skills, meet other volunteers, and make a meaningful impact.

Like to join a weekly crew or become a section maintainer? Like more information? Click the **Volunteer** link below.

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Carolina Mountain Club is the oldest and largest hiking and trail maintenance organization in the Southeastern United States. As a member-run volunteer organization, we embody the spirit of community and shared passion for the outdoors, welcoming everyone who wishes to participate in its activities.

Leading over 200 hikes per year, the club maintains more than 440 miles of trails in Western North Carolina, including 94 miles of the Appalachian Trail and 150 miles of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

Questions or feedback on the CMC eNewsletter and content can be directed to David Huff at communications@carolinamountainclub.org



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