

**ATC Trail-Management Policies and Guidelines**  
(listed by chapter)

**Part 1: A.T. Planning and Cooperative Management**

- 1 (A) Policy regarding the Appalachian Trail Experience adopted 1997
- 1 (D) Approval of Management Plans and Project Proposals adopted 2008

**Part 2: The Physical Trail**

- 2 (A) Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance adopted 1983, amended 1995
- 2 (B) Accessibility \*
- 2 (C) Relocations adopted 1976
- 2 (D) Bridges and Stream Crossings adopted 1995
- 2 (E) Trailheads and Parking \*
- 2 (F) Side and Connecting Trails adopted 1988, amended 1995, amended 2008
- 2 (G) Overnight Use Areas adopted 1984
- Locating/Designing A.T. Shelters and Formal Campsites adopted 2007
- 2 (H) Drinking Water Supplies and Water Quality adopted 1989, amended 1993
- 2 (I) Sanitation adopted 1989
- 2 (J) Managing the Trail for a Primitive Experience adopted 1995
- 2 (K) Trail-Crew Safety and Skills Training adopted 1996
- 2 (L) Chain-saw and Crosscut Saw Training and Certification adopted 2003
- 2 (M) Reassignment of Club Maintenance Responsibilities adopted 2001, amended 2008

**Part 3: Public Use, Public Information, and Emergency Response**

- 3 (A) Emergency Planning and Coordination adopted 1984, amended 1987
- 3 (B) Special Events and Large-Group Use adopted 1993
- 3 (C) Public Information, Education, and Outreach Programs \*
- 3 (D) Caretaker and Ridgerunner Programs \*
- 3 (E) Trail Signs adopted 1985, revised 1995
- 3 (F) Minimum Impact Backcountry Use adopted 1998
- 3 (G) Advertising in the A.T. Corridor adopted 2001

**Part 4: Conflicting Use, Competing Use, and Corridor Monitoring**

- 4 (A) Corridor Monitoring endorsed 1981 (Comprehensive Plan)
- 4 (B) Motorized Use \*
- 4 (C) Litter and Graffiti adopted 1984
- 4 (D) Hunting adopted 1985, revised 1993
- 4 (E) Horses and Pack Animals adopted 1985
- 4 (F) Roads adopted 1983
- Roads and Utility Developments adopted 2000
- 4 (G) Wind Energy Facilities adopted 2007
- 4 (H) Road Closures and Access Control \*
- 4 (I) Special Uses adopted 1983
- 4 (J) Structures and Dams adopted 1980, revised 1989
- 4 (K) Military Maneuvers adopted 1989
- 4 (L) Bicycles adopted 1991
- 4 (M) Hang Gliding adopted 1996
- 4 (N) Nonhiking Recreational Uses of Trail Lands adopted 1997
- 4 (O) Impacts of Land Development adopted 2001
- 4 (P) Geocaching adopted 2008

**Part 5: Natural, Cultural, and Scenic Resources**

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| 5 (A) Resource Management                          | adopted 1988                             |
| 5 (B) Climate Change                               | adopted 2008                             |
| 5 (C) Open Areas and Vistas                        | adopted 1985                             |
| 5 (D) Timber Management                            | adopted 1982, amended 1989, amended 2008 |
| 5 (E) Pest Management                              | *  |
| 5 (F) Threatened and Endangered Species            | adopted 1989                             |
| 5 (G) Wildlife Management                          | *  |
| 5 (H) Vegetation Management                        | adopted 1989                             |
| 5 (I) Cultural Resources                           | adopted 1989                             |
| 5 (J) Wilderness                                   | adopted 1991                             |
| 5 (K) Special and Unique Areas                     | *  |
| 5 (L) Agricultural Use                             | adopted 1996                             |
| 5 (M) National Environmental Policy Act Compliance | *  |
| 5 (N) Exotic Species                               | adopted 2002                             |

[\* ATC has not adopted a formal policy for these management issues. However, management guidance for these issues is provided in the *Local Management Planning Guide* and other ATC publications.]