



Appalachian Trail – Scenic Vista Update Form – Version 1.5

The critical information collected in this form will be used to update the Appalachian Trail Inventory of FMSS Locations and Features.

- FMSS Locations are unique segments, sites, or areas, such as AT treadway sections, designated campsites, privies, shelters, parking areas, substantial trail bridges, and scenic vistas.
- FMSS Features are “assets”, such as stairs, handrail, and signs.

Please check the appropriate update box and fill out all of the associated sections below, so that we may accurately document the updates in our system. Remember, if a project added and removed *the same FMSS Feature type* (i.e. *added 10 signs and removed 2*), you should check the “Added Designated Bridge Feature” update box and enter “8 signs”.

IMPORTANT: Only check one box per form. If you have added OR removed more than one FMSS Feature Type (i.e. *add Signs AND Handrails*) you can use the same form. However, if you add AND remove multiple FMSS Locations or Features types in one project (i.e. *add a Sign AND remove a Handrail*) you will need to fill out more than one update form. Please refer to the end of this form for complete contact information and mailing address as to where to send the completed form.

Once you have completed this form, please save it as (Club Acronym) Vista Update Form (Date);
Example: KTA Vista Update Form 03.02.17

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____

FMSS Location (Scenic Vista) Name: _____

FMSS Location ID #: _____ GIS ID #: _____

Removed Scenic Vista Location. *If you check this box, you do NOT have to fill out any of the remaining sections. Simply submit this page (with the above information) to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Park Office.*

Added Scenic Vista Location. *If you check this box, please make sure you fill out ALL of the sections below so that a New Bridge FMSS Location record can be created.*

Removed Scenic Vista Feature (i.e. Stairs, Signs, Handrail). *If you check this box, please make sure you fill out the ASSOCIATED sections below for ALL of the features removed.*

Added Scenic Vista Feature (i.e. Stairs, Signs, Handrail). *If you check this box, please make sure you fill out the ASSOCIATED sections below for ALL of the features added.*

GPS Location (please enter in Decimal Degrees format -- e.g. 43.12345, -77.34567)

Latitude = _____ Longitude = _____

Type of Scenic Vista (please check one below):

- Unimproved Viewpoint Improved/Maintained Viewpoint
- Maintained Open Area Other: _____

View Extent:

Approximate Central Bearing (in degrees, according to magnetic north) =

Left Bearing (in degrees, according to magnetic north) =

Right Bearing (in degrees, according to magnetic north) =

Total Scope (difference in degrees of Left and Right Bearings) =

Maintained Area:

Approximate maintained area (in square feet) to keep vista open =

Constructed Observation Feature:

- None Observation Tower Fire Tower Viewing Platform

If yes, is this structure open to the public: Yes No

Type of Improved Overlook Surface (please check one below):

- None Asphalt Concrete Decking (wood or composite) Gravel
- Pavers (non-native) Stone Paving Other: _____

Associated Railing:

Number of Railings = Total Length (feet) of Railing =

Total Height (feet) of Railing =

Predominant Railing Material (please check one below):

- None Aluminum Block/Brick Cable/Wire Composite Lumber
- Concrete Dimensional Lumber Log Plastic PVC Steel Stone

Other: _____

Associated Retaining Walls:

Number of Retaining Walls =

Total Area (square feet) of Retaining Wall =

Predominant Retaining Wall Material (please check one below):

- None Aluminum Asphalt Block/Brick Composite Lumber Concrete
 Dimensional Lumber Gabion Log Plastic Steel Stone
 Other: _____

Associated Signage (please fill out all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Board / Kiosk | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directional / Wayfinding Signs | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational / Interpretative Signs | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identification / Entrance Signs | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory / Safety Signs | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |

Associated Barriers (please fill out all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bollards | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boulders | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Guard | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gate | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stile | Quantity = | <input type="text"/> |

Associated Fencing

Number of Fences = Total Length (feet) of Fence =

Predominant Fence Material (please check one below):

- None Barbwire/Slip Wire Chain Link Split Rail Wire Mesh
 Other: _____

Photos Taken? Yes No

Please attach any photos to this update form at the time of your submission.

Comments:

Thank you for your update!

This information will be used to update the official A.T. inventory records. Please send all completed forms to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Office, either through email via APPA_Facilities@nps.gov or through mail via Appalachian National Scenic Trail Office, Facility Department, P.O. Box 50, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

If you have any questions about this form, please email APPA_Facilities@nps.gov or call 304-535-5093.