

## **{CLUB}: {SECTION GENERAL LOCATION}**

{SECTION DESCRIPTION (Between x and y)}

{Length and special needs (overnight sites, etc). (Are there additional maintainers on the section?)}

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is cared for by thousands of people, hundreds of organizations/agencies, and passes through a variety of diverse landscapes. Volunteers, coordinated in large part through A.T. Clubs, provide on-the-ground knowledge, experience, and operational capacity. Alongside a variety of partners, volunteers work together to manage and protect a long-distance hiking trail that connects a patchwork of conserved lands and communities along a massive migration corridor that exits along the spine of the ancient Appalachian Mountain range.

As an A.T. Section Maintainer working under the {CLUB} your primary responsibility is to make sure the Trail remains open and in good standing. A.T. Section Monitor and Maintainer roles may vary slightly by the organization hosting the volunteer role. It is typical for each maintainer to care for one-mile of Trail; sometimes a set of people are assigned a section to share. A rule of thumb is at least four person-days per year, per mile. Schedules for the work may vary depending on the conditions of a particular section, but generally follow the seasonal approach for performing essential trail maintenance that is described below.

### **Responsibilities:**

- [Perform Essential Trail Maintenance](#) following defined standards for the A.T.

<b>Early Spring</b> (1 trip)	<b>Summer</b> (1- 2 trips)	<b>Fall</b> (1 trip, ideally after leaves have fallen)
Open drains from winter.	Reset Sidehill / de berm	
Monitor for blowdowns (report and/or return to remove if certified A.T. Sawyer)	Brushing vegetation	maintain drains by removing fallen leaves.
Facility inspections	Inspection of trail features, along with improvements or reporting	Facility inspections
Cut woody uphill growth; remove saplings	Refresh blazes	
	Maintain drains	

Any trip above may include: overnight site maintenance, privy maintenance, eliminating user-created campsites, litter clean-up, documenting & reporting obvious risk trees, monitoring for blowdowns (report and/or return to remove if certified A.T. Sawyer)

- Visit the assigned section of Trail, at a minimum of 3-4 times per year to perform essential trail maintenance, either individually or in collaboration/with a team/group.

- Walking the length of a project area before beginning any physical work provides big-picture perspective on all trail conditions, which situations pose safety risks or resource damage, and how to prioritize work, needed tools, knowledge/skills.
- Utilize club's check-in, check-out procedure before and after workday.
- Report volunteer time and accomplishments to the Club.
- Monitoring the Trail for and reporting any significant damage, erosion, large trees down etc. promptly to your supervisor/district coordinator (titles vary within each club).
- Other responsibilities as needed.

**Term:**

This is a 2-3 year position with the option to extend the position duration if desired. Approximately this position will require at least four-days of work per year for every mile of Trail within responsibility.

**Benefits:**

- Flexible schedule
- Time in nature
- Pride in being an essential part of the work that keeps the A.T. alive.

**Available Training & Resources:**

- Trail Maintenance 101 Training
- Opportunity to attend Field (Crew) Leader Training.
- Opportunity to attend intermediate and advanced trail skill training opportunities, including saw safety training.
- [Safety and Training Resources](#)

**Qualifications:**

- Must be self-motivated and responsible
- Comfortable working without direct supervision in the outdoors
- Ability to learn and follow work standards, techniques, and safe working procedures.
- Familiarity with trail maintenance standards and techniques for the A.T. (training available)

**Requirements:**

- Carry personal gear required for the specific activity in a backpack and in your hand(s).
- Carry a personal pack which includes necessary hiking items and tools, and could weigh anywhere between 20-60 lbs. for the intended duration of the activity.
- Previous hiking experience and capable of hiking over variable terrain, in changing weather conditions
- Work in sometimes cold, muddy, and remote locations.
- Perform manual labor tasks including but not limited to lifting 50 lbs. of weight, swinging hand tools repetitively, cleaning out water bars, building new trail

structures, cutting back vegetation overgrowth, operating trail maintenance equipment.

- Must have reliable transportation to work sections.

If interested in this volunteer position, please contact the {{Club Name}} for more information. Feel free to reach out to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy at [volunteer@appalachiantrail.org](mailto:volunteer@appalachiantrail.org) for assistance with connecting to the club.