



Trimpi Shelter, photo by Conner McBane

## Stay Safe: Damaged Structures & Roads

- Always check that you are still on the A.T. and going in the right directions after stopping at a shelter or for a break off-Trail.
- Learn how to safely ford river and streams at [appalachiantrail.org/river-crossings](https://www.appalachiantrail.org/river-crossings). Check bridges for warping, broken decking, and crumbling footings, and do not use bridges if they are damaged.
- Check shelters and privies for structural damage like foundation cracks or leaning walls. If you see anything concerning, tent or dig a cat hole instead. And let us know by emailing [trailconditions@appalachiantrail.org](mailto:trailconditions@appalachiantrail.org).
- Check ahead to make sure roads are open.
- When driving, especially on backroads and dirt roads, try to stick to the middle and avoid pulling off (particularly on the downhill side) except at designated parking lots.