

Appalachian Trail Feature Articles

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Benton MacKaye's 1921 article, **An Appalachian Trail: A Project in Regional Planning** (<http://www.atmuseum.org/benton-mackaye.html>), published in the *Journal of the American Institute of Architects* has been credited as the inspiration that brought us the Appalachian Trail. Read the complete article and see what MacKaye's vision was and compare it to the reality we hike today.

Grandma Gatewood (<http://www.atmuseum.org/grandma-gatewood.html>) - A pioneer long-distance hiker, Grandma Gatewood captured the imagination of the hiking community and touched many lives around the country during her travels from coast to coast.

Charter members of the Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame (<http://www.atmuseum.org/hall-of-fame.html>) - On June 17, 2011, The Museum Society hosted its first Hall of Fame Banquet, and inducted six charter members into the newly formed Hall of Fame. Members include (alphabetically) Myron Avery, Gene Espy, Ed Garvey, Benton MacKaye, Arthur Perkins, & Earl Shaffer. Several more "People of the Trail" have been inducted each year since.

Video of The Early Days of the Appalachian Trail (<http://www.atmuseum.org/early-at-videos.html>) - Explore an early documentary film of the building of the Appalachian Trail with new narration to bring everything into perspective.

Yogi-ing Purists, Trail Magic, and Men in Skirts: An Analysis of Appalachian Trail Culture (http://www.atmuseum.org/uploads/5/5/8/1/55813761/yogi-ing_purists_trail_magic_and_men_in_skirts-_an_analysis_of.pdf) - By Shellie L. Andrews. A look at the emergence of trail culture and the culture of thru-hiking since the inception of the idea for the Appalachian Trail.



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History of the Appalachian Trail Conference at 75 years

(<http://www.atmuseum.org/uploads/5/5/8/1/55813761/00-trailyears.pdf>) - Although a history of the organization, included is much information about other aspects as well including the history of the trail, prominent figures in its history, hikers, etc.

August 1928 - The Mentor

(http://www.atmuseum.org/uploads/5/5/8/1/55813761/1928_mentor.pdf) - One of the first magazine articles featuring the Appalachian Trail which points out some of the sights one would expect have access to when the trail was completed.

Folk Trails (<http://www.atmuseum.org/folk-trails.html>) - By André Pronovost. A short recollection of trails from his thru-hike in 1978, by Canadian author André Pronovost, who published his book entitled "Appalaches" in France and Quebec in 1992, and republished in 2011 about the Appalachian Trail experience.

The "Lost" Sections of the Southern Appalachians

(<http://www.atmuseum.org/uploads/5/5/8/1/55813761/shaf-report-509.pdf>) -

According to James W. McNeely, Earl Schaffer may have skipped sections and therefore may not be the first person to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail. In this well researched, informative article written in 2011 McNeely takes you through the Southern Appalachians as he researched what he calls the "lost" sections of the original A.T. through the South. This research, which has been a longtime interest to the author, intersected with Earl Shaffer's hike in 1948, and a comparative study began.



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