

Chronological History of Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers

There are many opportunities for additions to this list. If you can supply missing data, please contact PATH President, Jim Houck at houckjw@bellsouth.net.

1965: PATH Founded

1965: 27 miles of AT given to PATH by Roanoke ATC

1966: 11 miles of AT given to PATH by the Reverend Shumate (Rural Retreat)

1968: Relationship with Jefferson National Forest begins

1980: Relocation of trail from Walker Mountain to Garden Mountain

1983: Konnarock Volunteer work and Training Center cosponsored by ATC and the US Forest Service-opened June 9

1984: Davis Path Shelter built

1986: Glade Mountain Shelter dedicated in honor of Louise Chatfield

1987: March 9-Articles of Incorporation by State of NC

8 miles of AT given to PATH by Mt. Rogers ATC

1987-70: Volunteers contributed 3, 079 hours to AT

1989: Dr. Charles E. Davis, Jr. (Norfolk, VA) donated tract of land in Davis Hollow to the National Park Service - to show appreciation PATH put up a split rail fence at Davis Cemetery with the help of Mr. Willie Repass.

1990: Cleanup by PATH members of damage from Hurricane Hugo

1993: Konnarock-Crawfish Valley

1994: Cleanup of damage caused by 2 ice storms in February-Over 1600 man-hours to clean up.

1994: Konnarock project (3 sessions)-Chestnut Knob Shelter reconstructed.

1995: Konnarock-trail relocation at VA 601; Trail Relocation begun at Knot Maul; Steps at O'Lystery completed

1996: Knot Maul Relocation finished; Relocation of trail at VA 610

1997: Trail Relocation begun at Crawfish Valley; Hosted Multi-club Meeting over Labor Day in Rural Retreat, VA; Acquired VA 615 to VA 612 and Trail Boss from VTOC New Bridge at Dry Run--Beaver Dam #1; Chinking on Davis Path Shelter Completed Began work on Partnership Shelter at Mt. Roger's Headquarters (VA 16)

1998: Partnership Shelter Completed-Mt. Roger's Headquarters-Va. 16

1998: **Inaugural Trail DAWG Days Event - Sidehilling on Brushy Mountain between the Trail Boss/AT intersection north toward Crab Orchard Road/USFS262 (now Wyrick Road)**

Note: Marcia has retained Bill Medlin's original Name and Spelling for this Event that was so dear to him.... his vision included children, tomorrow's care-takers. He insisted that Betsy and Worrell give a Fencing Demo for our 'entertainment!

Konnarock-Trail Relocation at Crawfish Valley
New Bridge behind Cumbo's- built by USFS

- 1999:** Radford 99 ATC Biennial at Radford College-Parthena Martin led the Conference
Second Annual Trail DAWG Days Event - sidehilling between VA 222 and Knot Maul Shelter; Controlled Beavers at VA 683-put in walkway from the Bridge (90 feet), added 60 more feet of walkway-total of 150 feet; Rebuilt Abutment to the bridge at Lick Creek; "Conversation Pit" at Davis Path Shelter filled in; Built Beaver Dam #2 behind Cumbo's
- 2000:** **Third Annual Trail DAWG Days Event**-sidehilling on Gullion Mountain - We camped in Crawfish Valley where a cougar crossed the road in front of me going in!
Konnarock-Crawfish Valley Relo and Lynn Camp; Clemson Levelers installed at Beaver Dam #2; Removal of Hawthorns on Chestnut Ridge; Open Walker Mt.(old AT) Trail-yellow blazed for bikes, horses, and hikers-from Crawfish Valley to the Lookout Tower on US 52
- 2001:** **Fourth Annual Trail Dawg Days Event** -sidehilling between VA 222 and Knot Maul Shelter
Konnarock-work on Tilson Gap and Gullion Mountain; Closed the work road to Chestnut Knob-USFS Gate Installed; Cleanup of Flood Damage at Lick Creek Bridge
New work area at USFS-Wytheville begun. Equipment Moved to new location
- 2002:** **Fifth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** –DAWGS first year using Marcia's Orchard as a Campground. Volunteers were shuttled to the sidehilling site, near O'Lystery.
Summerfest I – Chatfield Shelter and Rock work rehab
- 2003:** **Sixth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** – **In loving memory of Bill Medlin** - Early arriving volunteers cleaned out one side of an old car shed to use for the grill and serving table. Sidehilling was near O'Lystery. **'Elixir' was prepared for the last time at Trail DAWG Days.**
Summerfest II - Helical-pier at Cumbo's Gumbo
Rehab trail from Poor Valley to Chestnut Ridge
- 2004:** **Seventh Annual Trail DAWG Days Event:** The remainder of the pavilion was cleaned out by early arrivers; also the fire ring was moved from near the woods to north-west of the Pavilion... a flat area where all could sit around it.
Summerfest III -Rock work and two trail relos at Walker Gap
Continue rehab trail from Poor Valley to Chestnut Ridge
- 2005:** **Eighth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** – Sidehilling was on the Trail Boss Trail.
Summerfest IV - Rock work at Walker Gap
Complete rehab of trail from Poor Valley to Chestnut Ridge
- 2006:** **Ninth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event**- Sidehilling off VA 615 SB.
Summerfest V --Rehab of "New" Green Shed-near Konnarock

- 2007: Tenth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** – After waiting three years for this event, six-year-old Grace Shuping made her debut on the A.T. with her ‘trail buddy’ Betsy. Sidehilling near VA 615. Born into a PATH family on May 8, Hope and Faith Elmiligy, become our youngest DAWGS ever!!!
Summerfest VI -Rehab trail from Chestnut Knob to Lynn Camp (Relo)
- 2008: Eleventh Annual Trail DAWG Days Event- In loving memory of Vaughn Thomas-** Doc Branham came, shared stories of his time with Vaughn, and helped Jim assemble three picnic tables. Sidehilling near O’Lystery; a swim in the river.
Summerfest VII-Va. 644 to VA. 86-rock steps and rehab of the trail.
Removed Davis Path Shelter
- 2009: Twelfth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** – Sidehilling on the Trail Boss Trail
Summerfest VIII - Knot Maul and VA644; Rehab Gullion Mt.
- 2010: Thirteenth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event** - Sidehilling near VA 615
Summerfest IX - at Tilson Farmstead; Hike Coordinator, Diana Billips, led 21 people on a hike on the Plaster Plank Road.
- 2011: Fourteenth Annual Trail DAWG Days Event-** Donalee White and grandson, Steven Wright, complete the first registered Hike of Path’s 70 Miles!
Summerfest X – worked out of Sugar Grove grooming trail for the Biennial