

**Yes, I want to be part of the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*(Yearly membership is from March 1st – February 28th.)*

Enclosed are my membership dues in the amount of:

**New Members (Signing up March 1– August 31)**

- \$20 (Single)       \$30 (Family)

**New Members (Signing up September 1- February 28)**

- \$13 (Single)       \$20 (Family)

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club Waiver and Release of All Claims:

I know that outdoor activities conducted by the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, a Virginia nonprofit corporation, are potentially hazardous. I should not participate unless I am medically able and properly trained and properly equipped. I agree to abide by any decision of an activity leader relative to my ability to safely complete the activity. I assume all risks associated with participating in any activity, including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effects of the weather; including heat, humidity, traffic and road conditions, trail and river conditions, and all other risks; known or unknown. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of participating in an activity, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, its officers and directors, volunteers, and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in an activity. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of an activity for any legitimate purpose.

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Participant's Signature      Date

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**TATC** Was founded in 1972 and is an adventure oriented group involved in a variety outdoor activities. Members come from all walks of life, from all age groups, and include singles, couples, and families. The club's primary purpose is to maintain a 10.7 mile section of the 2,178 mile Appalachian Trail located Southwest of Charlottesville, VA. The TATC section, most of which is in the Three Ridges Wilderness Area, winds south from Reed's Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Tye River on Route 56. The trail meanders through mainly hardwood forest, climbing the 3,970-foot Three Ridges Mountain and reaching overlooks with outstanding views of the Tye River Valley and the Priest Mountain. It descends quickly and ends at a suspension bridge over the crystal-clear Tye River. Typical plant and animal life spotted include flame azalea, mountain laurel, rhododendron, bear, deer, grouse, and turkey.

TATC maintains 17 miles of other trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains. TATC constructed and maintains the 3-mile Mau-Har Trail. This blue-blazed trail descends from the Maupin Fields shelter through wooded forest to a 15-foot waterfall on Campbell Creek, then connects back to the AT south of Harpers Creek shelter. TATC also maintains the 2.5-mile White Rock Falls Trail just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, and four trails in the St. Mary's Wilderness; the Saint Mary's Trail, the Saint Mary's Falls Trail, the Mine Bank Trail, and the Bald Mt. Trail. TATC maintains a number of local trails in the Tidewater Area.

TATC holds monthly membership meetings (except in December), publishes the *Tidewater Appalachian Hiker*, a bi-monthly newsletter, and the club website ([www.tidewateratc.com](http://www.tidewateratc.com)) which contains schedules of hikes, activities, and other club information.



**Join Us!**



**TIDEWATER**

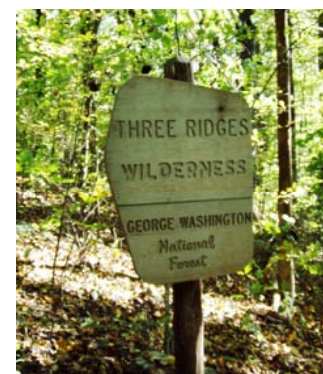
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AND MORE**

# WELCOME TO THE TIDEWATER APPALCHIAN TRAIL CLUB



## MEETINGS

General membership meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, except for the month of December. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the new Pretlow Library, 111 West Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503. An updated listing of the club's activities is provided at each meeting and it is also updated on our website. Club members are mailed a copy of our bi-monthly newsletter; the *Tidewater Appalachian Hiker*. Visitors are welcome at our meetings and on our hikes and other activities, provided the activity leader's permission has been obtained in advance. Your membership supports trail maintenance projects, public education, club publicity, and endangered species protection.

***Join Today!***

**“Remote for detachment, narrow for chosen company, winding for leisure, lonely for contemplation, the Appalachian Trail beckons not merely north and south, but upwards to the body, mind, and soul of man.”**

**- Harold Allen**

## APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Completed in 1937, the AT winds 2,170 miles from Maine to Georgia through 14 states, eight national forests, and six national parks. Its route lies within a day's drive of two-thirds of the population of the United States. Enjoyed by backpackers and day hikers alike, the AT provides access to some of the best natural scenery in the East. TATC is one of the 30 member trail clubs of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and maintains a 10.7 mile section of the AT.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

In addition to its primary purpose of maintaining the AT and helping manage the surrounding land that protects it, TATC offers a variety of exciting outdoor adventures. Club members lead day hikes, camping, backpacking trips, bike trips, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, rappelling, and nature trips. TATC will help improve your outdoor skills with regular Beginner's Backpacker seminars, classes on land navigation (map & compass), Leave No Trace camping, and trail maintenance skills, such as crosscut sawing and trail construction. Monthly meetings often feature speakers on outdoor topics that range from education to entertainment.

## LOCAL TRAILS

TATC hikes, bikes and paddles in the Tidewater area. TATC volunteers also maintain local trails and wildlife areas at First Landing State Park, False Cape State Park, Merchants Millpond State Park, Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Sandy Bottom Nature Park, and New Quarter Park.



**TATC built and maintains the Douglas Putman Memorial Cabin which is about a one-half mile stroll from the Blue Ridge Parkway. This rustic yet cozy structure is available for rent by club members and their guests.**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$23 for a family (additional initiation fee applies to new members). Lifetime memberships are \$300 for individuals and \$460 for families.

To become a member or renew your membership:  
Fill out the form on the back and mail to:

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club  
Po. Box 8246, Norfolk, VA 23503

or

Visit the club's website at [www.tidewateratc.com](http://www.tidewateratc.com) to print out a mail-in application.

