

TATC Land Management Committee

Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of the Land Management Committee is to fulfill the role of [Corridor Stewardship](#)^[pdf] for Virginia Segment 16 of the Appalachian Trail (AT). The AT Corridor consists of federal property surrounding the AT that provides a buffer zone of protected natural lands. In this function we:

- Organize roughly three trips per year to the AT Corridor lands between Reid’s Gap and the Three Ridges Wilderness
- Walk the boundary line to inspect the boundary survey markers and official signage and blazes that divide the Corridor from other public and private lands
- Perform maintenance as needed – including repair of boundary signs, re-blazing, clearing of brush, etc
- Document and appropriately mitigate or report boundary encroachment – such as “annexing” by private parties, trash dumping, signs of illegal hunting or motorized vehicle use, unauthorized access roads into wilderness areas, intentional or accidental relocation of boundary markers from their surveyed locations, etc
- Submit an annual report compiled from our field notes to Tidewater ATC, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the US Forest Service, and the US National Park Service

Secondary Goals

As secondary goals, pursued on a time-available basis, we take a broad view of the term Land Management in relation to the club’s overall goals and interests. We consider the following areas within our secondary scope:

- Studying, discussing, and sharing information on conservation, wildlife, land use, and sustainability issues affecting the club’s region
- Promoting a sustainable relationship with the land, such as through [Leave No Trace](#) principles and ecological stewardship
- Maintaining connection and dialogue with regional partners and stakeholders on the above issues
- Coordinating with other committees of the TATC with the above where our scopes overlap

Get in Touch

To learn more about the TATC Land Management Committee, report information concerning the AT Corridor boundary, or engage with our efforts, please contact the current Chair, **Nalin Ratnayake**, via the email address: landmgt@tidewateratc.com.