

## Meeting - May 17th

Our **May general membership meeting** features our annual **potluck dinner**. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm following grace. The club will provide the meat, drink, bread and dessert. Club members with last names A thru M are asked to bring salads & names beginning with N thru Z are asked to bring veggies. Don't miss this fun, social event! Please remember to bring you donation of canned food for the church's food pantry.

## The Love Mountain Festival

Last year representatives of the club found a new & fun event to attend in the mountains! The musical event at Royal Oaks in Nelson County, located on beautiful Love Mtn. is just a few short miles from our section of the trail. The owner of the Royal Oaks Cabins has built a new stage & put in a professional sound system to ring the countryside with bluegrass & gospel music on **June 25th & 26th**. There will be a fee this year & primitive camping spots will be available. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, you may be able to get free camping in exchange for work. For more information please contact Keith at 540-943-7625 or visit the website at [www.vacabins.com](http://www.vacabins.com)

## The Wilderness First Responder Course

This course is the recognized industry standard for those who work as backcountry trip leaders, camp counselors, mountain guides, river guides, and ski patrollers. WFR is the perfect course for anyone working in a position of leadership in an outdoor setting or individuals who want a high level of wilderness medical training for extended personal backcountry trips or expeditions.

**Cost:** \$475 - \$690 (tuition varies depending upon lodging & other options)

### Location:

Camp William B. Snyder , Haymarket, VA 20169 6100 Antioch Road

**To register** contact Megan Cady at (888) 945-3402 or Online: <http://www.wildsafe.org/wfr>.

Registration deadline:

Friday, May 13, 2011

## Thanks to Trail Angels

We extend special thanks to **Walt and Pat Radney**, trail angels who live along the Appalachian Trail near Rockfish Gap. On March 8th and 9th, Ken Baker and Mike Shelor worked on the AT Corridor Boundary Monitoring Project bushwhacking through areas to mark AT boundaries. The Radneys graciously provided hospitality and support (lodging, meals, shuttling, etc.) Walt and Pat have hiked the Pacific Crest Trail and sections of the Appalachian and Continental Divide Trails. They frequently provide assistance to AT thru-hikers. We greatly appreciate their kindness!

## The Digital Divide & Change

During the past year , ODATC's Board has taken strides to bring the management of the affairs of the club into a 21st century format which included moving to online resources. The current website hosted by Wild Apricot was selected to allow individual membership management, online payment and registration for events, access to an online newsletter, a forum for communication among members and access to other members.

As with any transition, it takes time, effort and positive vibes to make a change that will eventually serve to make us a better and stronger club. Yes, there are some functionalities that need improvement. We all want the website to work smoothly and to provide us with up-to-date information that is helpful in participating in all the wonderful activities that we have to offer. We also have a talented membership base that provides leadership to hikers and trail maintainers as well as a strong network of friendships.

We appreciate the feedback we have received and are working to resolve kinks that have emerged. If you would like to help with any of these changes, please contact a board member. Your expertise, feedback and positive attitude are always an asset to the club.

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## ODATC MISSION

- The construction & maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap
- The provision of excursions on such trails or in other areas
- The offering of educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors

**P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R**

Greetings!

It is a beautiful day as I attempt to write this message. Might be better if it was raining, so that I could stay more focused. However, this is the kind of day that makes everyone want to get outside and just do something, whether it be trail work, hiking, kayaking, or just sitting on one's porch listening to the birds chirp. If you think about it, our club's purpose is to help facilitate getting folks outside. The maintenance we provide on our AT section and on other area trails provides a place for people to hike. The activities sponsored by our club give those folks not comfortable getting out on their own a choice of outdoor options.

The article on page 1 about the "Digital Divide & Change" touches on a quandary we are having as a club. I feel as though we are going through growing pains but we are not really growing in numbers. As with many of the AT affiliated clubs, the membership tends to be older, as in over 30, 40 or even 50. If you are a member of other organizations, as holds true for our club, you have noticed that most of the 'doers' are the same people year after year. We are in need of some additional 'doers' in several areas of the club management and activities. I would really appreciate receiving feedback from our membership as to how you think things are going, or suggestions for how we might better serve the needs of the membership. Please keep in mind as you contemplate your feedback as to how it will help promote the club's mission. You can share your thoughts directly to me via email, phone, or perhaps we could get some dialog going by using the members-only blog or forum feature on our website. I welcome your suggestions.

Anyone have a talent for designing displays? We have been awarded a \$750 grant from ATC, funded by LL Bean. This grant is specifically for use in updating our club display with the goal of increasing our club outreach efforts. It would be so great if we could have an updated display for the June 25<sup>th</sup> Love Mountain Festival. We definitely need to have it ready by July 1 for Virginia Journeys 2011. If you have a talent for such things, please, please contact me a.s.a.p.!!

Right now, we have pretty good participation on our monthly maintenance trips but we are in need of additional section overseers. These folks have designated sections of our 19.1 miles of AT that they maintain primarily during late spring, summer and early fall. Their work typically deals with trimming limbs, brush and weeds. The more intense maintenance is usually handled on the monthly maintenance trips. Also in late July, we will have the Konnarock crew which is another opportunity to get out and work on the trail. It can be great fun to work with these folks and the Saturday evening dinner provided by the club is great. If you would like to learn more about any of these opportunities, please contact Lori Ando for more information.

One last item before I close, we could use more hike leaders. We have a lot of great folks now and an amazing group who participate in the Wednesday hikes. However, we need some folks willing to coordinate shorter (less than 8 miles) and perhaps closer to Richmond hikes, similar to the Wednesday hikes but on Saturday or Sunday for folks who aren't able to participate on Wednesday or quite ready for the 10+ milers. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Jenni Pendergrass.

Don't forget our May 17<sup>th</sup> Potluck Dinner. There will be great food, drawings, and maybe some special recognitions. Hope to see you there!!

Oh yeah, it's not too late to sign up for Virginia Journeys 2011. Check the link on our website.

See you outside!!

Theresa

**Want to know who's hiking on ODATC trips?**

For January 1 through April 17, the following mileage has been hiked by ODATC members & only for ODATC sponsored events:

**Beth Kirwin** has the most mileage - 83, followed by **Mark Dimmick** with 76.

**Bill Tennent** and **Jim Hunt** have done the most ODATC hikes - 12 each.

And **Matt Powell** has the highest mileage per hike at 16.

So far this year we've had 79 members participate on at least 1 hike for a total of **2,061 miles**.

This list of activities was current at the time *The Walker* was published. The **full description** of all events may be found at [www.odatc.net](http://www.odatc.net). **Check the website** for additional events such as films, lectures, workshops, etc. that may be of interest. Also, frequently refer to the **Events** page on the website for changes to events or to see new activities posted after *The Walker* publication deadline. At any time, events may be closed or canceled while others may be updated with important information. Please remember the suggested guidelines for carpool donations: (Charlottesville area - \$10 and beyond \$75 miles - \$15).

**May 3 (Tuesday) ODATC Board Meeting**

Contact Theresa Duffey ([taduffey2054@comcast.net](mailto:taduffey2054@comcast.net)) for more details.

**May 4 (Wednesday) The Avenues of Libbie and Grove – Not a Shopping Trip (D-4)**

Bill Tennant ([willyten10@aol.com](mailto:willyten10@aol.com) or 282-0590). Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot behind the Westhampton Theater on Grove near Libbie. Optional lunch on “the Avenues” to follow the 5 mile loop through the residential community featuring the campuses of Episcopal and Catholic Schools, Protestant and Catholic Churches and The Country Club of Virginia

**May 6 – 8 (Friday/Sunday) Hike Big Schloss and Little Schloss Backpack Trip (A2)**

Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) [markwenger@cox.net](mailto:markwenger@cox.net) Meet Mark at the Ashland Wal-Mart at approx. 6 p.m. off I-95 (Exit 92). Camping at Van Buren Furnace on Friday night. On Saturday - Tuscarora Trail, Big Mountain Trail, Big Schloss, then backtrack to Big Schloss Cut Off trail to Little Stony Creek trail and camp. On Sunday - Little Sluice trail over Little Schloss to Bread Road trail to Cedar Creek trail to the car. Total distance is 21 miles. This has some big ups each day but it is worth it to do both Schlosses in one weekend.

**May 11 (Wednesday) Ashland Area Woods - Springtime (D-4)**

Martha James ([marthajames@yahoo.com](mailto:marthajames@yahoo.com) or 883-6252). Meet at 10:00 AM at my house 15067 Horseshoe Bridge Road, Doswell. Hike 5 miles followed by optional lunch in Ashland. Look for ODATC sign. You joined me in the snow, now come see spring in the deep woods on private property. Directions from I-95: Take the Ashland exit (VA 54), go through Ashland. In about 4 miles you will see the sign for Poor Farm Park, take the next right, Horseshoe Bridge Road (Rte. 686). If you pass Patrick Henry H.S., turn around. Go about 2.5 miles. The driveway is on the left across from Rehoboth Rd.

**May 14-15 (Saturday –Sunday) Beginner’s Backpacking Trip (D/3)**

Bob Bendl/Mike Shelor (contact Mike at 337-7076 or [trailguymike@aol.com](mailto:trailguymike@aol.com).) “Intro to Backpacking” field practical to the Paul Wolfe Shelter. We will have several “seasoned” instructors along. The number of attendees will be limited so call Mike early to reserve your spot and for answers to any questions on gear, preparation, etc.

**May 17 (Tuesday) Poor Farm Park, Ashland D-4**

Jim Bryant ([jeb23005@verizon.net](mailto:jeb23005@verizon.net) or 798-6223). Meet at 10 am at the park picnic area for an easy 4 mile hike, finish with optional lunch at Suzanne’s. Take I-95 to Ashland Exit 92, travel VA 54 west thru Ashland, travel about 5 miles. Look for the brown park sign and turn left on Liberty School Road. Go to the end. If you pass Patrick Henry H.S., turn around.

**May 17 (Tuesday) General Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner**

6:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church – 2315 N. Parham Rd. Main courses provided by the club.

**May 21 (Saturday) AT Work Trip (N/A)**

Trail maintenance on the ODATC section of the AT. Please wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and gloves. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. (You may also want to bring clean clothes for the ride home.) Meet at 7:30 at the Parham Road Park and Ride. Call Lori (397-5306) or Fran (270-6908) if you plan to go.

**May 25 (Wednesday) Mid-Lothian Mines Park and Robious Landing Park, Midlothian D-4**

Ted McGarry (218-1238) Two new hikes, meet at 9:30 am at the **Mid-Lothian Mines Park**. 13301 N. Woolridge Rd. Midlothian, caravan next to Robious Landing Park with restrooms. Optional lunch. The first hike follows an old railroad bed to the main coal mine shaft ruins and other stone structures with abundant historical markers on the Richmond Coal Basin. Take Midlothian Tnpk. (US 60 or VA 288) to the village of Midlothian, turn south on N. Woolridge Rd. opposite street side from the Village Marketplace S.C. Travel ½ mile, entrance on left. Caravan next to Robious Landing Park on the James River in Midlothian. Hike easy woodland trails and extensively along the south bank of the James.

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**May 27 – 30 (Friday/Monday) Tuscarora Trail Gore, Virginia to Hancock, Maryland (A/1)**

Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) [markwenger@cox.net](mailto:markwenger@cox.net) Meet Mark at the Ashland Wal-Mart parking lot off I-95 (Exit 92). Camping near Gore on Friday. On Saturday we will shuttle the vehicles or arrange a shuttle and begin the hike trying to cover at least 20 miles that day. Sunday and Monday will be 10 miles and 20 miles respectively. This is 50 miles in three days with camping and water few and far between. However, if you are up for adventure this is the hike for you.

**June 4 (Saturday) Big Meadows to Bootens Gap via Hoover Camp, 7.5 miles B/3**

Hank Harman (804-347-3744 or [hharman8@verizon.net](mailto:hharman8@verizon.net)) Instead of following the A. T. all the way, we will take Mill Prong Trail to the famous Hoover Camp and then continue on the Laurel Prong Trail. Total distance 7.5 miles. Contact Hank for details and car pooling.

**June 4 (Saturday) Rivanna Trail Hike (A/3)**

Ken Baker (804-749-3625 or [lightfoot230@juno.com](mailto:lightfoot230@juno.com)) Loop hike along the Rivanna Trail encircling Charlottesville generally following the Rivanna River and other streams and joining various city parks and neighborhoods. Total distance is about 19.5 miles. This is a long but fairly easy hike; don't let the distance scare you - doable by anyone in reasonable good physical condition.

**Sunday, June 5 (Sunday) Cap to Cap Trail Ride (Moderate)**

Emily Kimball (358-4959 or [EtKimball@aol.com](mailto:EtKimball@aol.com)) Ride the finished parts of the Cap to Cap trail between Richmond and Jamestown. Meet at 10 a.m. at Chichahominy Riverfront Park on Route 5 eight miles east of Jamestown. Ride the 8 mile trail to Jamestown and back (about 16 miles round trip). Return to your car and drive 13 miles to the next completed section of the trail at Charles City Courthouse where we will stop for lunch at the newly opened cafe catering to bikers. After lunch bike 7 miles west towards Richmond and back (approx 14 miles round trip). Total distance will be about 30 miles. You can also shorten the ride by returning home after lunch.

**June 8 (Wednesday) Lake Anna State Park – Spotsylvania County D-4**

Jim Hunt (730-2364). Meet at 9:30 am at Oilville Park and Ride Exit 167 off I-64 to carpool as there is a car entrance fee. Bring bathing suit for the lake beach after the 5 mile hike, followed by lunch in Mineral. Hike mostly hardwood forest with views of the fingers of Lake Anna and creeks in the park's interior. The Park is about one hour northwest of Richmond.

**June 18 (Saturday) VJ2011 Registration Packet Stuffing Party**

Barbara Stewart ([804-271-4631](tel:804-271-4631) or [blearstewart@gmail.com](mailto:blearstewart@gmail.com)) Come join in the fun and earn a few volunteer hours by stuffing the registration packets for the 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial AT Conference, VJ2011. We need volunteers to help fill 850 registration packets and gift bags. Light lunch will be provided. Stuffing will take place at Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church at 5900 Hull Street Road in Richmond at 10:00 am until 4 p.m. Limited to 20.

**June 18 (Saturday) AT Work Trip (N/A)**

Trail maintenance on the ODTC section of the AT. Please wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and gloves. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. (You may also want to bring clean clothes for the ride home.) Meet at 7:30 at the Parham Road Park and Ride. Call Lori (397-5306) or Fran (270-6908) if you plan to go.

**June 18 - 25 (Saturday - Saturday) 26th Annual James River Batteau Festival (N/A)**

A fleet of replica batteau and various canoes and kayaks navigate the James for a week from Lynchburg to Maidens Landing in Goochland. Camping is available at stops along the way. For information about the Festival check the web. I am planning a self-supported canoe trip down the James during the Festival starting in Lynchburg and finishing a few days later probably at Scottsville. If you are interested in joining me on this trip, contact Ken Baker at 804-749-3625 or [lightfoot230@juno.com](mailto:lightfoot230@juno.com).

**June 24 (Friday) Richmond Squirrels Baseball Game (N/A)**

Come join other club members for a night of baseball. A special rate for outdoor groups at The Diamond will be available to see our local baseball team. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$10. Call Jenni Pendergrass at 221-3226 if interested.

**June 24 – 26 (Friday/Sunday) St. Mary's Wilderness Backpack Trip (A/2)**

Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) [markwenger@cox.net](mailto:markwenger@cox.net) Meet Mark at exit 173 on I-64 commuter lot. Camping near Cellar Mountain trail head. On Saturday we will hike Cellar Mountain trail to the forest road to Bald Mountain trail to Mine Bank trail to St. Mary's trail and camp there at the ore processing site. For those who do not want to hike 14 mile and cut it to 8 can take the St. Mary's trail straight down the from the forest road. On Sunday we will hike the St. Mary's trail up to the forest road back to Cellar Mountain and the cars. This is one of my favorite areas. The trails are unmarked and water is thin in parts but camping by the St. Mary's River is great and if we get there early on Saturday we can play in the falls.

**June 25 (Saturday) The Larry Murtaugh Memorial Hike and Swim (B/2)**

Randy Wendell ([randy.wendell@verizon.net](mailto:randy.wendell@verizon.net); 794-7833) We'll actually be honoring Larry's memory by doing the 10-mile Rip Rap Hollow day hike. This is a scenic hike, but the highlight of the day will be taking a dip in a classic swim hole - just as Larry would have done. So do bring your water shoes and a towel! After the hike, for anyone interested, we'll dine on Mexican food (and brew) at one of Larry's favorite spots in Charlottesville.

**June 25 – 26 (Saturday-Sunday) Love Mountain Festival (N/A)**

Bluegrass, gospel, and a chance to advertise the club at the Love Mountain Festival at Royal Oaks. Primitive camping available and possibly a cabin. This is a two day music festival near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Check back for more details closer to the event. We will be looking for several volunteers to assist.

**Future Activity****September 23 - 25 (Friday/Sunday) Rafting the Gauley River (Moderate/Strenuous)**

Mark J Wenger (Animal) 757-253-0056 (H) [markwenger@cox.net](mailto:markwenger@cox.net) We will leave from Williamsburg at 12 noon on Friday and pick up anyone in Richmond at exit 173 commuter lot on I-64 on the way. We will take I-64 west to Beckley, West Virginia then 19 north to Oak Hill, West Virginia. We will be camping Friday & Saturday night at ACE Adventures we will also be booking our rafting trip through them. There are several trips available but most of us book the marathon which is 23 miles, 110 rapids and both the upper and lower Gauley all in one day. I will be making the reservation June 1st at which time you can make your payment. Go to their web site for more details. The trip is not cheap but this is one of the top white water rivers in the world!

**Virginia Journeys 2011 Biennial Conference**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Appalachian Trail Conference, Virginia Journeys 2011, is now accepting registration reservations. VJ2011 will be held **July 1-8** at Emory & Henry University in the beautiful southwest mountains of Emory, Virginia.

Conference participants can sample the richness of the area by enjoying a hike, attending a workshop, planning their own self-guided adventure, enjoying the evening entertainment offered by the conference or by joining one of the many group excursions.

Over 60 different guided hikes to a variety of interesting and scenic areas in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia & Tennessee will be available to choose from. One of the primary activities of interest is the opportunity to attend over 85 workshops covering a wide variety of outdoor & ATC related subject matter in eight tracks. All of the tracks offer information for everyone interested in hiking, backpacking, & Appalachian Trail management. There is something for everyone!

There will be local entertainment every night & even an opportunity to catch some fireworks on July 4th! [Wayne Henderson](#), a master guitar builder and musician who plays "authentic mountain music" will be one of the performers providing entertainment.

Volunteer opportunities will be abundant as well. Volunteer at the conference & receive a Volunteer T-shirt along with other special appreciation gifts or volunteer to help stuff Registration packets right here in Richmond on June 18.

Register online at [www.Virginia2011.org](http://www.Virginia2011.org). Mark the date on your calendar now and plan to attend.

**Activity Coordinators Needed:****October 7-9 (Friday – Sunday) False Cape State Park**

The weekend is reserved, BUT, **we need someone to coordinate the trip** this year. Jane and Lee Hessler have led this trip for several years but are looking for that special person to take that responsibility. If we can't find someone to lead, the trip will have to be canceled. Lee and Jane can tell you everything you need to know about organizing the event. Usual activities include kayaking, bike riding, beach walking and special park ranger led activities. Accommodations will be at the Wash Woods Environmental Center (noon Friday until noon Sunday). If you are interested in leading this trip, please call Jenni Pendergrass at 264-1633.

Have a favorite hike, bike ride, paddle trip, camping spot, or walk in a local park? Chances are, other ODATC members will also be interested in coming along. We are in need of more event coordinators, especially for weekend events. All paces, distances and locations are welcome. Please consider leading an event. Seasoned coordinators are more than happy to "co-lead" an event if you're nervous about taking the plunge. Contact Jenni Pendergrass at 264-1633 for more information.

## Trail Maintenance "March Madness"



March Madness doesn't apply just to basketball! The maintainers went mad with two work trips in one month. Missed out on the fun? Here's the Reader's Digest condensed version, and, as an added bonus, February's work trip.

Two work trips in March would not have been possible without the February warm-up. It was a warm beautiful Saturday morning when nine adventuring individuals wandered to **Cumberland State Forest** in search of the Willis River Trail. After stopping for breakfast biscuit sandwiches, to power up for the challenge, three crews set out on their journeys. Around noon the work was completed and over that mile section of trail over 20 fallen trees were removed, three sections were relocated near the river and areas of the trail were further defined thanks to the hard work and dedication of Fran, Karen, Bob, Eric, Len, Will, Ed, Lori and Richard.

On March 5, the maintainers faced their next challenge at the **James River National Wildlife Refuge**. This time 18 avid outdoors people headed east near Hopewell. Cyrus lead the way dispersing five crews to various points in the refuge to clear fire roads, set new trail and pick up trash along the main road. The crews creatively added their own techniques to what could have been considered 'routine' maintenance. The folks clearing fire roads made good use of 'tailgating' (riding on the tailgate until a road obstruction was encountered) while having the thrill of close encounters of the muddy kind as they splashed through some pretty deep mud holes. The three Ravishing Rubbish/Recycling Rockettes, picked up more than a few bags of debris along the road to return it to its pristine state. It's a shame people throw items out the car windows. The other teams worked on new trails, clearing branches & small trees.

These will be very scenic trails when all the work is finally done. The workday ended at lunchtime. Cyrus treated us to Brunswick stew, crackers, cookies and Fran brought pecan pie. Cyrus relies on volunteers to help out at the refuge & really appreciates our efforts. Thanks to Bob, Karen, Fran, Janet, Ken, Claudia, Greg, Tom, Richard, Jim, Theresa, Ed, Caroline, Ted, Dennis, Lori and Karl.

Two weeks later we headed to the **AT**. The trips to the mountains start at 7:30 AM at the Parham Park-n-Ride, where maintainers did a meet 'n greet before carpooling to our section of the trail.

At the Humpback Visitors Center, 15 people arrived & formed five crews to tackle our section of the trail between Rockfish Gap & Reeds Gap. This was a spring cleaning trip. Three sawyer crews cleared 23 downed trees along the trail, walking long distances to reach their goal. One crew cleaned waterbars & picked up trash along the road.

The final crew included folks on their first work trip & new to the trail maintenance experience. It did not take long for the 'new' to wear off! With some training regarding proper maintenance of waterbars, this hard-working crew quickly became very proficient in getting all the waterbars they encountered in great shape.

Around 4:30, work ended & while some exhausted team members went home, others went to Devil's Backbone & enjoyed a wonderful dinner on the patio. Thanks to Dave, Ed, Fran, Jim, Karen, Will, Claudia, Greg, Len, Chris, Eric, Betty Jane, Richard, Maggie & Bob for all their help on a long rewarding day.

Does all this sound like fun? The ODATC website is the place to go for trail maintenance dates & contact information. Crews will be going to the AT the third Saturday of every month through November. Also remember, you don't have to be on a work trip to help out. You can be our eyes on the trail by reporting fallen trees or other areas of improvement. By the time you read this, "March Madness" will be last month's memory, but the future holds endless possibilities for enjoying the 19 beautiful miles between Rockfish Gap & Reed's Gap, whether you hike, maintain, or both. See you there!

Lori Ando,  
Trail Maintenance

**ODATC Hike Rating Codes**

<b>Terrain</b>	<b>Distance</b>
1 = Very Strenuous	A = More than 13 miles
2 = Strenuous	B = 9 to 13 miles
3 = Moderate	C = 5 to 9 miles
4 = Easy	D = Under 5 miles

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.



Please honor the following suggested donations to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes:

\$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-75 miles approx)

\$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles)

**Discounts**

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Appomattox River Company, Rockfish Gap Outfitters and Wilderness Adventure are big supporters of ODATC.

**Blue Ridge Mountain Sports** has a new location at 12020 West Broad St., Henrico, VA 23233 (in front of Hilton West of Short Pump Towne Center.) in addition to their locations at Chesterfield Towne Ctr. and 10164 Broad St.

**Rockfish Gap Outfitters** is on Route 250 in Waynesboro. They offer assistance with questions about hiking equipment.

**Appomattox River Company** extends a discount on all merchandise except boats and has locations in Farmville, Midlothian and Yorktown. Call 800-442-4837 for details or browse their website at [www.paddleva.com](http://www.paddleva.com).

**Wilderness Adventure**, located in the heart of Staunton, Virginia, now offering our members a 10% discount on most merchandise. Please visit the store the next time you are in Staunton. You will find Wilderness Adventure near the train station on 50 Middlebrook Avenue, or call 540-885-3200 for more information.

**Membership & Email Address**

Be sure to check our website [www.odatc.net](http://www.odatc.net) and update your profile, especially if you have changed your email address! We want to be able to contact you regarding special events or current news!

Also, if you need to renew your membership, you can do it online! If you need any help, please contact our webmaster!

**Position Open on Board of Directors**

We are looking for a new secretary! If you are interested, please contact a board member. This position can be filled immediately. Primary responsibility is taking minutes at all board meetings.

**Tee Shirts**

We have a variety of Tee Shirts available for purchase: the blue shirts have the round logo; the grey shirts have the green embroidered ODATC logo; the olive shirts have white embroidered ODATC logo & are tailored for women!

- blue S/S \$14.00      Gray S/S \$16.00
- blue L/S \$16.00      Olive S/S \$18.00

Contact Greg ([sendit2greg@verizon.net](mailto:sendit2greg@verizon.net)) for more information.

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**ODATC and ATC**

ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual ODATC dues are \$15 for individuals & \$20 for families. Lifetime membership is \$250. Renewals are due in January; forms can be found online. *The Walker* is published bi-monthly with submission deadlines by the 15th of the publication month.

**Club Meetings**

Club meetings are held on the 3rd **Tuesdays** of September, November, January, March and May. The next meeting is **May 17th**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church, **2315 N. Parham Rd., Richmond, VA 23229**. Bring a friend!



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