

Join CMC Quarterly Trail Maintenance Crew in celebrating National Trails Day on Max Patch on June 1st!

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Join us on June 1st - the 51st Anniversary of the National Trails Day Act - on MAX PATCH, one of the iconic jewels of the Appalachian Trail, and a highlight of all trails in Western North Carolina. The Carolina Mountain Club Trail Maintenance Crew members, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Pisgah National Forest Appalachian Ranger District, REI, and Farm to Feet are partnering to offer a unique opportunity to spend the day assisting in the rehabilitation of the A.T. as it traverses Max Patch Bald in the Pisgah National Forest. Last year's event was a great success with nearly 100 volunteers and we expect no less this year. Come see the work done since last year, including a 3-panel kiosk, locust fencing, steps, and tread work. Come this year to contribute more.

Registration is limited, and pre-registration is required. Youth are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please wear long pants, gloves, sturdy boots, pack a lunch, and bring plenty of water. The meeting place is at Home Depot, Asheville, off of Exit 44 at 8:15 a.m. (127 Acton Circle, Asheville, NC). Please look for the REI tent, where you will check in and sign a work waiver. We will car pool to Max Patch. (This is approximately a one-hour drive time).

All minors must be accompanied by an adult who will sign a waiver for them. REI will provide us with a snack for a mid-morning break.

We will return to Asheville around 1:30 p.m. Join us after 3:00 p.m. at Sierra Nevada Lower Park to celebrate and receive a pair of MAX PATCH hiking socks manufactured by Farm to Feet (compliments of Farm to Feet and REI). After a grand day on the bald, we will reminisce with the new found friends we have made out on the trail.

Here is a link to the registration: <https://www.carolinamtnclub.org/eventform.cfm>