

Subject: Using AllTrails and Gaia GPS

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Bob Levy has prepared two YouTube videos – one on the use of AllTrails, and a second on the use of Gaia GPS. The videos cover the following topics: (1) using the apps real-time as you hike; (2) importing and exporting GPS tracks to and from the apps; and (3) creating new hikes and new GPS tracks.

You can access the videos at your convenience. Here are the links:

Hiker's Guide to Using AllTrails – <https://youtu.be/Ngr0UxCZ8T4> (29 mins.)

Hiker's Guide to Using Gaia GPS – <https://youtu.be/aovqd9IYxSQ> (26 mins.)

AllTrails and Gaia GPS are available for both iPhone and Android users. After reviewing a number of hiking apps, Bob selected Gaia to replace MotionX, which is no longer supported by its developer. Before you watch the videos, it would be helpful to install AllTrails or Gaia on your smartphone. Bob recommends the free versions until you determine if you need the premium features. You may also want to establish account logins and passwords for the two apps and the related websites, alltrails.com and gaiagps.com.

Additionally, Bob has posted two written guides on the Carolina Mountain Club Public Website under Hiking / Resources: (1) Guide to Using Motion X GPS & All Trails; and (2) Guide to Gaia GPS Hiking Basics.

Bob is scheduled to conduct in-person training for CMC members at REI on July 13. Because of the pandemic, that event may be canceled. Moreover, our members may find that the YouTube videos are adequate for training purposes. If you view the videos, please let Bob know whether a follow-up, in-person session would be helpful. Email him at rlevy@cato.org.