

Appalachian Trail Visitor Use Study

Volunteer Opportunity

The National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy and The University of Georgia have partnered to design and test a statistically valid, reliable, and uniform method of collecting and reporting visitor use data along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. A component of this study involves interviewing hikers at predetermined exit sites in a 106 mile study area from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, to Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

We are currently looking for individuals interested in interviewing hikers for six hour shifts on the Appalachian Trail.

Interviewers will be given a handbook on the study and the interview process, survey materials, and a Visitor Use Study t-shirt. Field interviewing will occur between June 1 and August 14, 2007, and volunteers can work as many (or few) days as they like. We will work to identify locations of interest to volunteers in the study area. Participants will volunteer through the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact the A.T. Visitor Use Study Manager at mattowens@warnell.uga.edu.