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A Complete Appalachian Trail Guidebook

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# Appalachian Trail

## 2196.5 miles

Note: The mileage here does not match what the ATC posted. I found a mistake in the ATC's mileage for their Palisade Parkway reroute. I confirmed this the NY-NJ Trail Conference.

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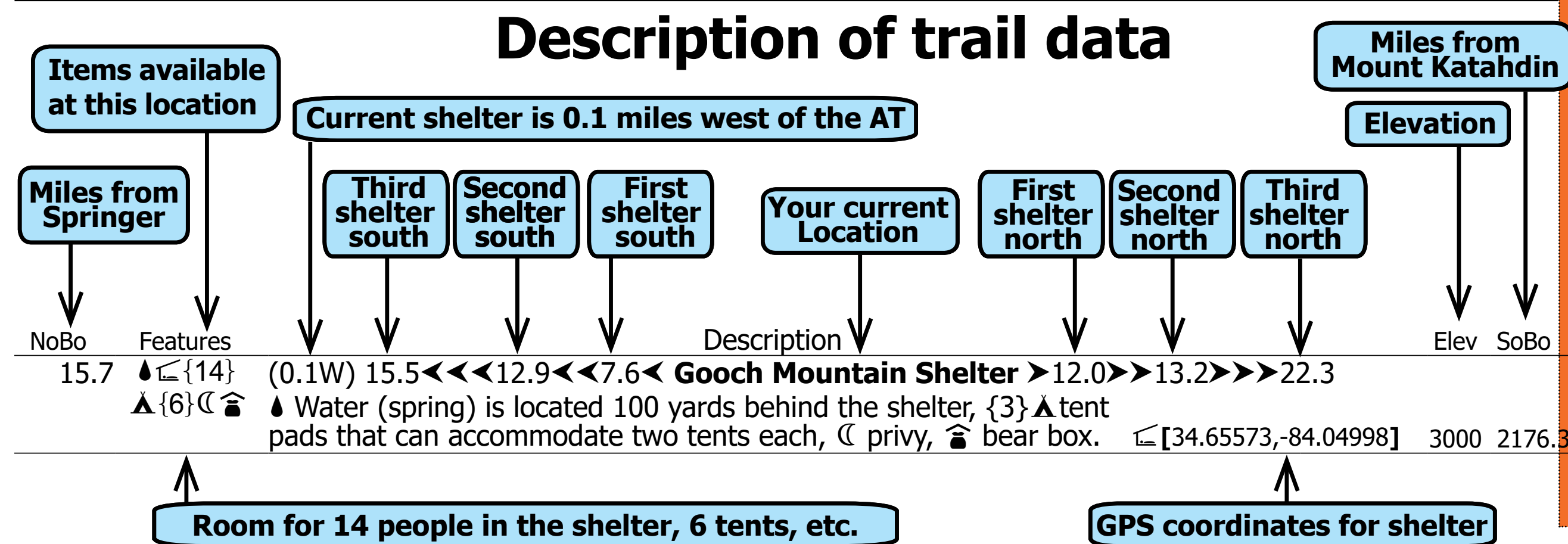
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Icons	Descriptions
★ ★ ★ ★ ★	See notes and establishments listed below this entry.
💧	Source of drinking water. Indicates dependable water (when icon box is shaded)
💧	Seasonal water source, not always reliable (unreliable)
✂	Intersection, junction, side trail, connecting trail or adjoining trail.
🏠	{x} AT Shelter and (capacity). Highlighted for quick reference.
⛺	{x} Tent sites, may sometimes be listed with (capacity) or tent platforms
🌳	Possibilities for hammocks available. In some cases you may have to expand up to 100 feet beyond the area to find trees but you can hang. Availability of hanging also depends on the growth of the underbrush.
🚽	Privy
🐻	Bear cables or bear box available for food bags
📶	●●● Cell phone signal strength, based on a nice clear day.
⚡	Power line, pipe line or electrical wires
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🛣	Gravel or dirt roads, logging roads, wood roads, USFS roads, forest roads, fire roads, or any other non-paved roads. Not all of these roads can be accessed by vehicle. Highlighted for quick reference.
💦	Waterfalls
🎡	Attractions, important or historical features, other photo opportunities
🅑	{x} Parking. Vehicle capacity, and fee inside parenthesis. If there is a fee there will be a "\$". Coordinates should get you within eyesight of parking area. Always check ahead for parking safety.
💵	Overnight/caretaker fee. On town maps it represents a bank.
⚠	Warnings or things that you need to be aware of. Highlighted for quick reference.
📍	[ ] GPS coordinates are listed inside of brackets
🚦	Railroad crossing, tracks
🏊	Swimming possibilities
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🚤	Boating or boats available for use
📍	AT Passport location. Get your book stamp here. (www.atpassport.com). When icon is on maps, it refers to the Appalachian Trail.
🏠	Hostel. Highlighted for quick reference.
🏠	Lodging. May not include tax.
🚌	Shuttle, bus, or taxi. <b>Shuttle providers are highlighted</b> for quick reference. A shuttle provider is a person that will shuttle hikers to different locations or trail heads up and down the Appalachian Trail. They usually charge a fee. Not a person that picks a hiker up at the local trail head close to bring back to their establishment and back in the same trail head. Highlighted for quick reference.
📬	Post Office. Highlighted for quick reference.
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✉	Email address
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🚫🐾	No Pets/Not Pet Friendly
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💻	Computer available for use
📶	WiFi available
🚿	Shower available
🎒	Slackpacking may be available
🚌	Insured shuttle provider
🏧	Bank/ATM
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🛒	Short term resupply (snack, odds & ends)
🍴	Anywhere that serves food for a fee
☎	Pay phone or public phone
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## Gaia GPS Legend

	Attractions, important stuff, State lines, ect.		View
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	Laundry		Cemetery or grave
	Outfitter		Vet
	Library		Hospital
	Information		Water
	Resupply possibilities		Lodging
	Crossing of road, tote road, or use as a reference		Restaurant
	Pharmacy		ATC
	Hostel		Shelter
	Parking		Swimming
	Summit		Privy or restroom
	Picnic Table		Dog
	Tower, fire tower, or observation deck		Junction with another trail or road

## Description of trail data





Description of town data

Telling you Franklin, NC is 10 miles east from the trail head and there is a map in this book

Trail head

Parking coordinates

NoBo	Features	Description	Elev	SoBo
109.4	{15-20}	Cross U.S. 64, Winding Stair Gap, piped spring.		
*****				
Franklin, NC 28734 (10E) (all major services) See map of Franklin for north side and south side.				
M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sa 9am-12pm. 828-524-3219. 250 Depot St. Franklin, NC 28734.				
<b>Budget Inn</b> 828-524-4403. (www.budgetinnoffranklin.com)				
Passport location. Open year round.  \$39.99 per person, limited to four per room, \$5 for each additional person. \$50 pet deposit. Rooms include cable TV, refrigerators and microwaves,  computer for use,  free WiFi.  Coin laundry.  ask about shuttles.				
Mail drops for guest: 433 East Palmer Street, Franklin, NC 28734.				

Icons showing establishments Primary function

Icons showing establishments other amenities

Contact information, mailing address and description of what this place has to offer with icons for quick reference

GPS coordinates for Budget Inn

Post Office hours of operation, phone number, mailing adress, GPS coordinates

GPS coordinates for PO

Description of shuttle provider listing

Notes whether provider will take you to airports, bus, or train terminals

Town shuttle service is based out of

Name of shuttle service

Notes to whether the service is pet friendly, non-pet friendly, or insured

Book page or NOBO Mile with more detailed information

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Ricky Tickey's~											
Teamwork Shuttles~											
David Poacher~											
George Pilferer~											

As seen in desriptions

**A.T. Hiker Shuttle** 404-569-8776 beady2727@gmail.com. Owner: Bret Eady, "Suches". Based out of Suches, GA. Pet friendly. Insured. 24/7. **S to Amicalola/Springer Mtn, GA < > N to Fontana Dam** & airports, bus & train terminals. Slackpacking. Parking, negotiable. "Completed SOBO AT thru-hike-2017 & SOBO BMT thru- hike-2019. Please feel free to contact with any hiking questions or needs."

Getting to the Southern Terminus, Springer Mtn

This section provides suggested instructions for getting to Springer Mountain and Mount Katahdin. There are numerous shuttle services mentioned below that will help get you to these locations and other trail heads.

Getting to Springer Mountain

The southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail is on top of Springer Mountain, and is accessible only by foot.

Starting at Amicalola Falls or Big Stamp Gap

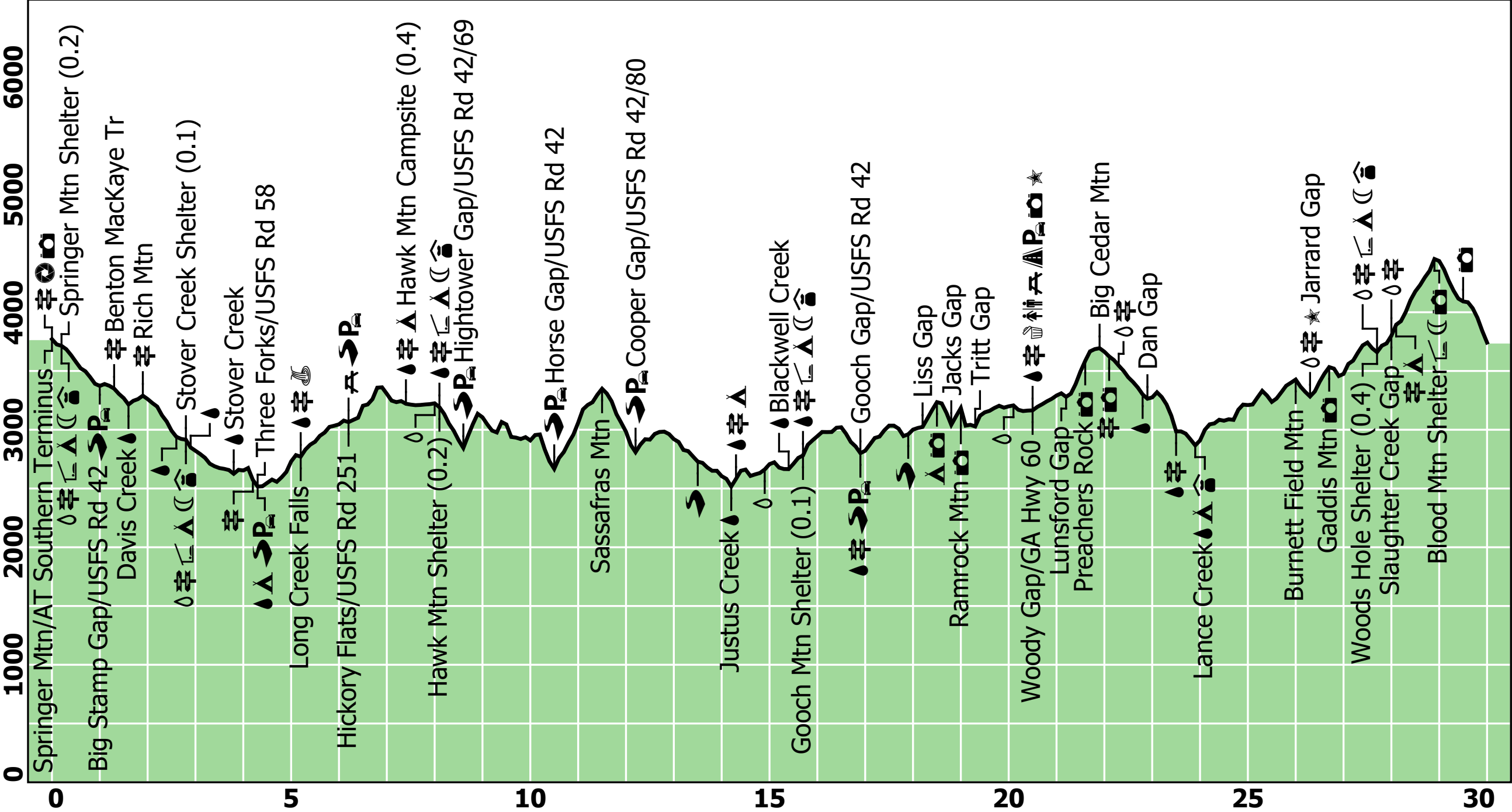
There are two factors to consider as to whether you want to start your hike at Big Stamp Gap/USFS 42 or at Amicalola Falls State Park.

1. If starting at Amicalola Falls State Park, you have to hike the Approach Trail that leads to the AT. The Approach Trail is 8.8 miles. The start of the Approach Trail is a staircase of 604 steps. Do you want to add another 8.8 miles onto your already planned 2,000 plus mile hike?
2. If you start at Big Stamp Gap, you are 1.0 miles north on the AT already. If you want to get to Springer Mountain (the actual beginning of the AT) you will have to hike south on the AT for 1.0 miles and then retrace your steps back. This is a very easy in & out hike. Cost comparisons and time are the factors to consider here. Spending a day traveling from Atlanta to Amicalola Falls and another day to hike up the approach trail, vs. going direct to the AT from the airport and hiking northbound on the AT about 4 hours after your plane lands.

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Appalachian Trail Data



0		<b>Springer Mountain</b> , rock overlook at summit. AT bronze plaque located here and register located in rock.  Blue blaze trail is the Approach Trail from Amicalola Falls. <b>Don't forget your starting photo and to sign the register.</b> [34.62671,-84.19388]	3782	2196.5
See list of Shuttles to Springer Mountain/Amicalola Falls State Park.				
0.2	{18}  {12}  {2}	(0.2E) <b>0.0&lt;&lt;&lt;0.0&lt;&lt;0.0&lt;Springer Mountain Shelter&gt;2.6&gt;&gt;&gt;7.9&gt;&gt;&gt;15.5</b> Water (spring) 80 yards on a blue blazed trail in front of the shelter but is known to go dry,  tenting,  privy,  2 bear boxes.  Benton MacKaye Trail (southern terminus) is located 50 yards north on the AT.  [34.62864,-84.19445]  [34.62933,-84.19275]	3730	2196.3
0.3		Junction with Benton MacKaye to the east.	[34.62977,-84.19433]	3746 2196.2
1.0	{25}	Cross <b>USFS 42, Big Stamp Gap</b> . Information board.  Parking fee.  [34.63760,-84.19538]  [34.63733,-84.19515]	3350	2195.5
1.3		Junction with <b>Benton MacKaye Trail</b> .	[34.63972,-84.19153]	3430 2195.2
1.6		Cross <b>Davis Creek</b> and small tributary.	[34.64370,-84.19140]	3235 2194.9
1.9		<b>Rich Mountain</b> ridge crest. Benton MacKaye Trail junction east.	[34.64772,-84.19249]	3303 2194.6
2.6		Cross Stover Creek.	[34.64844,-84.19792]	2993 2193.9
2.8	{3}  {16}  {2}	(0.1E) <b>2.6&lt;Stover Creek Shelter&gt;5.3&gt;&gt;&gt;12.9&gt;&gt;&gt;24.9</b> Water behind shelter is often dry but good water can be found where trail crosses Stover Creek 100 yards north of shelter,  tent pads,  privy,  bear cables.  [34.65007,-84.19790]  [34.65028,-84.19720]	2954	2193.7
2.9		Cross Stover Creek	[34.65084,-84.19812]	2850 2193.6
3.8		Cross <b>Stover Creek</b>	[34.65940,-84.19020]	2660 2192.7
4.2		Junction with Benton MacKaye to the east, Duncan Ridge Trail to west.	[34.66230,-84.18450]	2580 2192.3
4.3	{5-6}	Cross <b>USFS 58, Three Forks</b> . Stover Creek, Chester Creek, and Long Creek all converge here.  Parking.  [34.66327,-84.18443]  [34.66356,-84.18413]  [34.66348,-84.18395]	2530	2192.2
5.2	{3}	Trail junctions to <b>Long Creek Falls</b> , Benton MacKaye and Duncan Ridge Trails. BMT is marked with white diamonds, Duncan Ridge is marked with blue blazes to the west, Long Creek is also blue blazed.  [34.66670,-84.17184]  [34.66771,-84.17089]	2800	2191.3
6.2	{6-8}	Cross <b>USFS 251, Hickory Flats</b> ,  picnic pavilion, Hickory Flats cemetery is located (0.1) west  [34.66538,-84.16198]	3000	2190.3
7.4	{30}	Ridgecrest below <b>Hawk Mountain</b> ,  campsite located (0.4W) tent pads.  [34.66405,-84.14511]  [34.66630,-84.14945]	3250	2189.1
8.0		Cross Stream, skirts the side of Hawk Mountain.	[34.66350,-84.13858]	3191 2188.5
8.1	{16}  {2}	(0.2W) <b>7.9&lt;&lt;5.3&lt;Hawk Mountain Shelter&gt;7.6&gt;&gt;&gt;19.6&gt;&gt;&gt;20.8</b> Water is located 400 yards on a blue blazed trail behind the shelter,  tent pads,  privy,  bear cables.  [34.66467,-84.13702]  [34.66608,-84.13638]	3194	2188.4
8.6	{8}	Cross <b>USFS 42/69, Hightower Gap</b> . Parking.  [34.66354,-84.12976]  [34.66363,-84.12976]	2854	2187.9
10.5	{6-8}	Cross <b>Horse Gap. USFS 42</b> is visible  [34.65549,-84.10545]  [34.65573,-84.10580]	2673	2186.0
11.5	{2}	<b>Sassafras Mountain</b> , summit  [34.65317,-84.09424]	3336	2185.0
12.2	{6}	Cross <b>USFS 42/80, Cooper Gap</b> ,  parking.  [34.65302,-84.08471]  [34.65305,-84.08450]	2800	2184.3
13.5	{2}	Cross <b>logging road</b> .	[34.66099,-84.07225]	3024 2183.0
14.2		Cross <b>Justus Creek</b> .	[34.65986,-84.06250]	2564 2182.3
14.3	{2}	Trail to the west to  tent pads. Water source is Justus Creek  [34.65914,-84.06238]	2626	2182.2
14.9		Cross Small stream	[34.65741,-84.05737]	2605 2181.6
15.3		Cross <b>Blackwell Creek</b> .	[34.65396,-84.05200]	2601 2181.2
15.7	{12}  {14}	(0.1W) <b>15.5&lt;&lt;&lt;12.9&lt;&lt;7.6&lt;Gooch Mountain Shelter&gt;12&gt;&gt;&gt;13.2&gt;&gt;&gt;22.3</b> Water (spring) is located 100 yards behind the shelter,  tent pads that can accommodate two tents each,  privy,  bear box.  [34.65573,-84.04998]  [34.65652,-84.04954]	3000	2180.8
16.9	{2}	Cross <b>USFS 42, Gooch Gap</b> ,  Water is located north 100 yards north and east 200 yards on a blue blazed trail.  [34.65217,-84.03225]  [34.65210,-84.03230]	2821	2179.6
17.0	{2}	Marked trail to water 230 yards east on old road.  [34.65237,-84.03154]	2804	2179.5
17.9	{2}	Cross abandoned Grassy Gap Road.	[34.66390,-84.02598]	2955 2178.6
18.2	{2}	<b>Liss Gap</b> [34.66821,-84.02573]	3032	2178.3
18.3	{3}	Morris Knob.  Tenting to the east, room for three tents.  Views to the west.  [34.67008,-84.02103]	3238	2178.2
18.8	{2}	<b>Jacks Gap</b> [34.67153,-84.01747]	3045	2177.7
19.0	{2}	Follow crest of <b>Ramrock Mountain</b> , rock outcropping, views to south.  [34.67275,-84.01637]	3260	2177.5

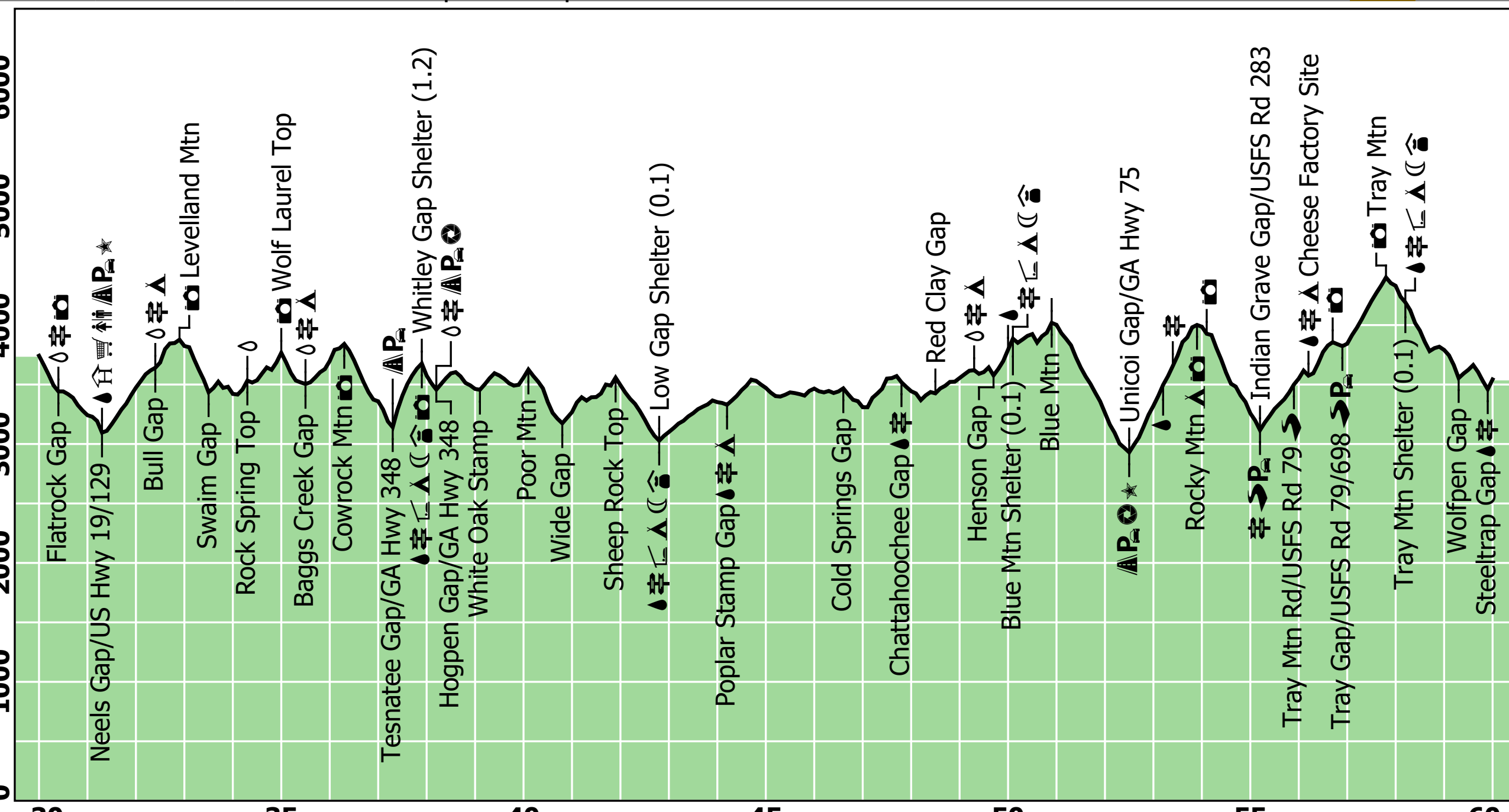
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



















































































































19.3		<b>Tritt Gap</b>	[34.67293,-84.01186]	3031	2177.2	Title
20.1		Creek.	[34.67327,-84.00359]	3281	2176.4	
20.5	<td>Cross <b>GA. 60, Woody Gap</b>,  picnic area,  water (spring) is located (0.1) west of the AT on northern side of the gap.  Good view to the southeast of parking area.</td> <td></td> <td>3198</td> <td>2176.0</td>	Cross <b>GA. 60, Woody Gap</b> ,  picnic area,  water (spring) is located (0.1) west of the AT on northern side of the gap.  Good view to the southeast of parking area.		3198	2176.0	
	 ★★★★★★	[34.67759,-83.99993]  [34.67765,-83.99978]				
See list of Shuttles to Springer Mountain/Amicalola Falls State Park.						
		(1.3W) <b>Above The Clouds Hostel</b> 706-747-1022 (hostel) 678-983-0954(cell)  atchostel@gmail.com. (www.abovethecloudshostel.com)  Currently not pet friendly but it's in the works.  AT Passport.  Bunks \$50, includes breakfast.  lodging, 2 private rooms with queen bed. Private cabin with 2 single beds.  Shower,  laundry.  Free WiFi.  Resupply. Community space. Included free shuttle to and from Woody Gap (20.5) and Gooch Gap.  Shuttles and  Slack-packing. Mail drops: 1487 State Hwy 60, Suches Georgia 30572.	[34.68316,-84.01732]			Content & more
		(2.9E) <b>Kennedy Creek Resort</b> 404-720-0087  kennedycreekresort@gmail.com (kennedycreekresort.com)  Pet friendly  Bunk houses & dormitory. \$40 per night plus \$5 cleaning fee,  laundry.  Cabins also available.  Dinner, just under \$20.  Free Wi-Fi. 3001 High Valley Rd, Suches, GA 30572.	[34.69709,-84.01439]			Approach & GA
		(6.5E) <b>The Hiker Hostel @ Barefoot Hills Hotel</b> 770-312-7342  reservations@barefoothills.com (www.barefoothills.com)  AT Passport Location. Open year round.  Single bunk accommodations in hostel priced from \$35 to \$42 per night, depending upon day of week, seasonality and general availability.  Private rooms and cabins begin at \$95+ for up to two guests. Private rooms and cabins can accommodate up to 2-6 guests at a time depending on room type. Group rates and specials available. Discount for active and retired military personnel during direct reservation call. All stays include new bed linens and towels, and shower.  Take out lunch and dinner available for purchase. Take out Grab-n-go snacks and meals are available for purchase in the cafe. Beer, wine, bottled water and Coca-Cola products available for purchase in cans or bottles. Beer and wine are also available for purchase with daily happy hour specials from 5-7 pm. Grab-n-go snacks and meals are available for purchase in the cafe.  Limited retail supplies available for purchase onsite including  canister fuel, hiking gear, supplies.  Overnight parking,  laundry service and  kayak rentals also available (for registered guests only).  Free WiFi is available, and private accommodations are equipped with smart televisions for use with personal NetFlix, Hulu and other streaming services.  Ask about shuttles to and from local wineries and downtown Dahlonega. Shuttles are not included in our rates.	[34.61318,-83.96511]			NC
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		<b>PO</b> M–F 12:15pm - 4:15pm, Sa-SU Closed. 706-747-2611. 72078 State Highway 60 Suches, GA 30572.	[34.69004,-84.02210]			PA
		(2.0W) <b>Wolfpen Gap Country Store</b> 706-747-2271.  AT Passport location.  Store: M 7am-9pm, Tu 7am-10pm, W 7am-9pm, Th-Sa 7a,-10pm, Su 8am-9pm.  Coleman fuel by the ounce & canisters. Full menu, with hamburgers, chicken, philly cheese steaks, etc., served Thursday - Sunday.	[34.68938,-84.02203]			NJ
		<b>Suches Hiker Shuttles</b> 678-967-9510 “Ask for Murriss”  murrismiller@gmail.com (FB: HikershuttlesinGA) Owner: Murriss. Based out of Suches, GA.  Pet friendly.  Insured. 365 days, 24/7 & holidays. <b>S to Atlanta Airport &lt; &gt; N to Fontana Dam</b> &  airport,  bus &  train stations.  Slack-packing. “Groups OK. Propane available.”				NY
		<b>A.T. Hiker Shuttle</b> 404-569-8776,  beady2727@gmail.com. Owner: Bret Eady – “Suches”. Based out of Suches, GA.  Pet Friendly.  Insured. 365 days, 24/7 & some holidays. <b>S to Atlanta, GA. / Springer Mountain &lt; &gt; N to Fontana Dam</b> &  airport,  bus &  train terminals.  Slackpacking. Offering Georgia Section Hike Package. SOBO A.T. Thru Hiker 2017, SOBO BMT Thru Hiker 2019.”				CT
		<b>White Blaze Shuttle Services</b> 706-300-8964 (cell)  whiteblazeshuttleservices@gmail.com Owner Michelle Cofer. Based out of Dahlonega GA.  Pet friendly  Insured. 365 days, 6am-9pm & some holidays. Ask about holidays. Range varies by season - call. <b>S to Atlanta &lt; &gt; N to Wayah Bald, NC</b> &  airport,  bus and  train terminals.  Slackpacking. “Covid-limited operations - call ahead. Covid precautions used.”				MA
		<b>Jeff’s Appalachian Trail Shuttles &amp; Tours</b> 706-994-2307 Owner: Jeff Moon. Based out of Blairsville, GA.  Pet friendly  Insured. 365 days, 24/7 & holidays. <b>S to Atlanta, GA &lt; &gt; N to Fontana Dam, NC</b> &  airport,  bus &  train terminals.  Slack-packing.  Parking, free. “Ready to help anyone anytime. In-depth knowledge of the area’s history, happenings, and culture.” Covid precautions. Masks optional.				VT
21.6		Preachers Rock, view,		3580	2174.9	Bear bag & more
21.9		Rocky face of <b>Big Cedar Mountain</b> , Preaching Rock, rock outcrop just south of summit.	[34.68721,-83.99403]	3737	2174.6	
22.3		Small spring to west in <b>Augerhole Gap</b> .		3624	2174.2	Hostels
22.8		Cross small stream on east slope of ridge.	[34.69725,-83.98982]	3310	2173.7	
22.9		<b>Dan Gap</b> .	[34.69873,-83.98890]	3261	2173.6	Shuttles
23.6		<b>Miller Gap</b> . Cross Dockery Lake Trail.  Spring about 100 yards east on Dockery Lake Trail. Dockery Lake Trail leads (3.5) east to Dockery Lake Recreation area.	[34.70344,-83.98510]	3050	2172.9	
24.0		<b>Lance Creek</b> ,  tent pads are located 100 yards north on the  creek,  bear cables.  Last reliable water heading NOBO until Neels Gap (7.3 miles).	[34.70801,-83.98477]	2880	2172.5	Resupply
25.7		Flat area known as <b>Burnett Field Mountain</b> .	[34.72220,-83.97032]	3480	2170.8	
26.1		Water (spring) unreliable		3330	2170.4	Post Offices
26.3	 ★★★★★★	<b>Jarrard Gap</b> , USFS, water (stream) is located (0.3) west. Jarrard Gap Trail (1.0) west to Lake Winfield Scott.	[34.72657,-83.96492]  [34.73406,-83.97318]	3250	2170.2	
		(1.0W) on the Jarrard Gap Trail (blue blazed) to <b>Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area</b> (https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234469)  \$18 Tent sites for 5 persons and two vehicles,  showers and bathrooms.  Parking.	[34.73244,-83.97650]			Shelters
<b>▲ “Bear canisters seasonally required for camping between Jarrard Gap and Neel Gap”</b> A new U.S. Forest Service rule requires approved bear-resistant storage containers for overnight camping on a 5-mile stretch of the A.T. in the Chattahoochee National Forest between Jarrard Gap and Neel Gap, between March 1 and June 1 each year. This stretch is located between points <b>26.7</b> and <b>31.3</b> miles north of the southern terminus of the A.T. at Springer Moutain, Georgia, and includes Woods Hole Shelter, Slaughter Creek Campsite, and Blood Mountain Shelter. <b>Bear canisters should be used to store food, food containers, garbage and toiletries.</b>						
26.7		Reach shoulder of <b>Gaddis Mountain</b> .	[34.72966,-83.96118]	3536	2169.8	Slang
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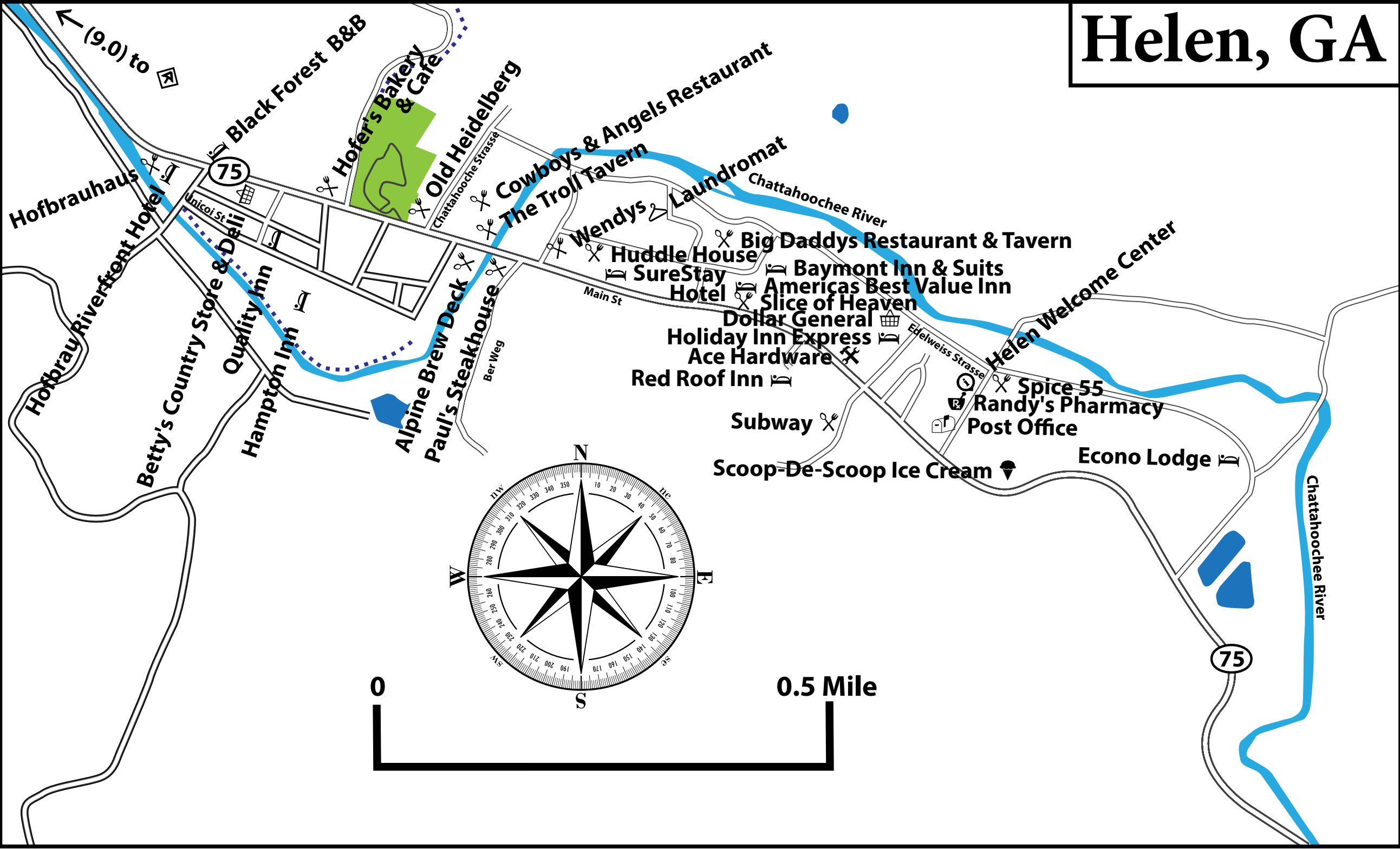






























































	Bird Gap 0.4W) <b>24.9&lt;&lt;&lt;19.6&lt;&lt;12&lt;Woods Hole Shelter&gt;1.2&gt;&gt;10.3&gt;&gt;&gt;15.1</b> Water (stream) on trail to shelter is unreliable in dry months, privy, tenting, 3650 bear cables. [34.73706,-83.94835] [34.73713,-83.95500] Bird Gap, Freeman Trail just east bypasses Blood Mtn. and rejoins AT at Flatrock Gap.	2168.8
28.0	Slaughter Creek Trail at <b>Slaughter Creek Gap</b> , water is unreliable. [34.74080,-83.94410]	3790 2168.5
28.1	Slaughter Creek campsite to the west, tent pads. <b>Fires are not permitted.</b> [34.74044,-83.94448]	3800 2168.4
28.5	Duncan Ridge and Coosa Trail west. [34.74192,-83.94128]	4168 2168.0
28.9	Blood Mountain, open rocky summit. <b>20.8&lt;&lt;&lt;13.2&lt;&lt;1.2&lt;Blood Mountain Shelter&gt;9.1&gt;&gt;13.9&gt;&gt;&gt;21.2</b> Shelter is located south of summit, no water at shelter, privy, view. <b>Fires are not permitted.</b> [34.73998,-83.93738]	4461 2167.6
29.5	Trail follows steep rock slope with views	4334 2167.0
		
30.3	<b>Flatrock Gap.</b> Water is located (0.1) west, unreliable. Trail to Byron Reece Memorial Trail leads west (1.0) to U.S. 19 and parking. [34.73558,-83.92839] P [34.74293,-83.92093]	3487 2166.2
30.4	Balance Rock to the east of Trail. [34.73516,-83.92723]	3453 2166.1
31.3	<b>Cross U.S. 19/129, Neel Gap.</b> Walasi-Yi Center. Last reliable water heading SOBO until Lance Creek at mile (7.3 miles). Last reliable water heading NOBO until Low Gap Shelter (11.5 miles) [34.73542,-83.91818] P [34.74061,-83.92016]	3125 2165.2
<b>Mountain Crossings 706-745-6095.</b> ( <a href="http://www.mountaincrossings.com">www.mountaincrossings.com</a> ) AT Passport location. Open year round. Store hours change seasonally, closed Christmas. Full service outfitter. Store hours: M-Su 9am-5pm. Will do a gear shakedown for you, if you would like, just ask. Long term resupply. Alcohol by the ounce. Charging station. <b>Hostel:</b> Hostel is open year round. Absolutely NO PETS in hostel, leaving your animal outside while you stay in the hostel is NOT an option. No reservations. First come, first in. Bunkroom \$20 includes shower with towel. Ask about shuttles. Outgoing shipping is available. Mail drops (USPS/UPS/FedEx) held for 2 weeks, \$1 donation fee upon pickup, 12471 Gainesville Hwy, Blairsville, GA 30512. [34.73516,-83.91788]		
(0.3E)	<b>Blood Mountain Cabins 706-745-9454.</b> ( <a href="http://www.bloodmountain.com">www.bloodmountain.com</a> ) AT Passport location. Cabin includes full kitchen and bath, satellite TV, holds 4 adults and 2 children (2 queen beds and sleeper sofa or futon). 3 Pet friendly cabins (\$25 pet fee). All linens, toiletries and paper products provided. Thru-hiker rate \$72 is a walk-in rate only—reservations made are full rate. Free laundry with stay. Free WiFi in the store. <b>Country store</b> on-site that sells snacks, soft drinks, ice cream and candy. [34.73299,-83.92084]	
(10.4)	<b>Misty Mountain Inn &amp; Cottages 706-745-4786.</b> ( <a href="http://www.mistymtninn.com">www.mistymtninn.com</a> ) New owners in 2016, Craig Griffiths. B&B rooms without breakfast \$108, additional \$10 includes breakfast. 6 Cottages available in sizes range for 1 to 6 people, price range from \$105 to \$125. Full kitchen and bath. Laundry, free WiFi. Shuttles: Free pickup and return from Neel Gap, Tesnatee Gap, and Hogpen Gap. Slackpacking included with multi night stay. <b>Shuttle Services:</b> Year round. [34.83196,-83.88088]	
(7.5W)	<b>Jim’s Smokin’ Que (BBQ) 706-835-7427</b> ( <a href="http://jimssmokinque.com">jimssmokinque.com</a> ) M-W closed, Th-Sa 11am-8pm, Sun closed. Mini golf available. [34.82188,-83.90396]	
(13.1)	<b>Blairsville Bikes and Hikes 706-745-8141.</b> ( <a href="http://www.facebook.com/BlairsvilleBikesandHikes">www.facebook.com/BlairsvilleBikesandHikes</a> ) M-F 11am-5:30pm, Sat 11am-3pm, Sun closed. Fuel and hiker food available “Hiking essentials”. [34.87578,-83.95925]	
<b>Neels Gap AT Shuttle 720-318-4800.</b> neelsgapshuttle@gmail.com. Owner: Devison Kuhlmann - “Sprawl”. Based out of Blairsville, GA. Pet friendly. Insured. <b>S to AT Approach Trail &lt; &gt; N to Dicks Creek, U.S. 76,</b> (just past swag of Blue Ridge) & bus & train terminals. Slackpacking.		
<b>The Further Shuttle Appalachian 772-321-0905</b> (Grateful’s cell) indigoskies4u@gmail.com ( <a href="http://www.gratefulhiker.com">www.gratefulhiker.com</a> ) Owner: Donald - “Grateful”. Based out of Blairsville, GA. Pet friendly. 365 days - 24/7. & holidays. <b>S to Atlanta airport &lt; &gt; Roan Mtn</b> & airports, bus & train terminals. Slackpacking. Parking, free, short-term, for section hikers. Unable to provide parking for thru hikers. “We have several drivers and have private rooms to rent by the airport. Covid precautions, as needed.”		
<b>Blairsville, GA 30514 (14W)</b> All major services. [34.87576,-83.95754]		
<b>Dahlonega, GA 30597(17E)</b> All major services. [34.53253,-83.98501]		

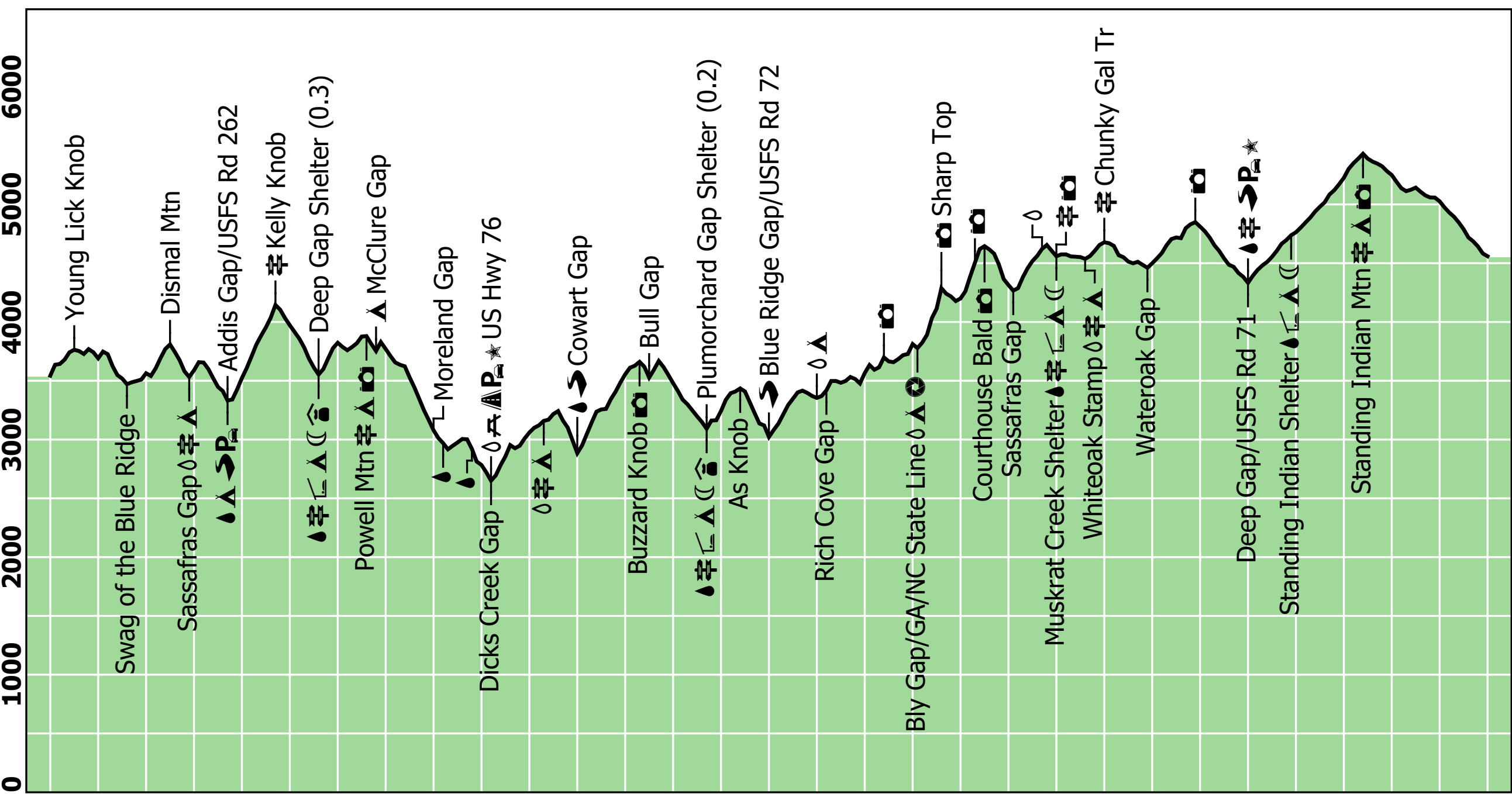






































































32.4	  	<b>Bull Gap</b> , water (spring) on blue blazed trail to the west downhill 200 yards.	 <a href="#">[34.73249,-83.90763]</a>	3644	2164.1
32.8	 	<b>Levelland Mountain</b> , wooded summit.	 <a href="#">[34.73204,-83.90128]</a>	3942	2163.7
33.0	  	Crest of Levelland Mountain, open rocky area, view.	 <a href="#">[34.73055,-83.89836]</a>	3668	2163.5
33.4	 	<b>Swaim Gap</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.72561,-83.89124]</a>	3450	2163.1
34.3	 	Pass west of <b>Rock Spring Top</b> ,  water (spring) is located to the west of the trail.	 <a href="#">[34.72681,-83.88535]</a>	3520	2162.2
35.0	 	<b>Wolf Laurel Top</b> , open rock face east of the trail offers views.	 <a href="#">[34.72517,-83.87463]</a>	3766	2161.5
35.5	   	<b>Baggs Creek Gap</b> , not an obvious gap. Water (spring) is located down an overgrown road to the west, not an ATC approved camping spot.	 <a href="#">[34.72628,-83.86614]</a>  <a href="#">[34.72734,-83.86590]</a>	3591	2161.0
36.3	  	<b>Cowrock Mountain</b> , summit offers good views of the valley below.	 <a href="#">[34.72159,-83.85647]</a>	3842	2160.2
37.3	     	Skirts <b>GA. 348, Tesnatee Gap</b> and Russell Scenic Highway.	 <a href="#">[34.72626,-83.84770]</a>	3138	2159.2
37.8	 	Rock cliff with views of Cowrock Mountain and gorge of Town Creek.	 <a href="#">[34.72617,-83.84371]</a>	3614	2158.7
38.0	             	Crest Wildcat Mountain. (1.2E) <b>22.3&lt;&lt;&lt;10.3&lt;&lt;9.1&lt;Whitley Gap Shelter&gt;4.8&gt;&gt;&gt;12.1&gt;&gt;&gt;20.2</b>       Water (spring) located (0.2) beyond shelter,  privy,  bear cables. (0.1E) beyond shelter to  tent sites. Cross <b>GA. 348</b> , Hogpen Gap, water (spring) south side of road on a blue blazed trail.	 <a href="#">[34.72476,-83.84102]</a>  <a href="#">[34.71238,-83.83440]</a>	3370	
38.2	         	<b>AT plaque on rock</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.72532,-83.83910]</a>  <a href="#">[34.72590,-83.83988]</a>	3450	2158.3
<b>Blairsville, GA 30514 (14.0W)</b> All major services. See Notes at NOBO mile 31.3.					
39.1		<b>White Oak Stamp</b> , ridge crest.	 <a href="#">[34.73256,-83.82967]</a>	3470	2157.4
40.2	 	<b>Poor Mountain</b> , summit.	 <a href="#">[34.74645,-83.82610]</a>	3650	2156.3
40.8		<b>Wide Gap</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.75524,-83.82822]</a>	3169	2155.7
42.0	  	<b>Sheep Rock Top</b> , rocky summit.	 <a href="#">[34.76882,-83.82884]</a>	3600	2154.5
42.8	        	(190 yds E) <b>15.1&lt;&lt;&lt;13.9&lt;&lt;4.8&lt;Low Gap Shelter&gt;7.3&gt;&gt;&gt;15.4&gt;&gt;&gt;22.8</b>  Water located 30 yards in front of shelter,  tenting,  privy,  bear cables.   Last reliable water heading SOBO until Neels Gap (11.5 miles)	 <a href="#">[34.77659,-83.82627]</a>  <a href="#">[34.77626,-83.82450]</a>	3050	
44.2	  	<b>Poplar Stamp Gap</b> , water (stream) is located several (0.1E) down an old road bed.	 <a href="#">[34.78964,-83.81352]</a>	3330	2152.3
46.6	 	<b>Cold Springs Gap</b> , pay no attention to the name you will not find a spring,  Tenting.	 <a href="#">[34.81072,-83.80993]</a>	3300	2149.9
47.8	    	<b>Chattahoochee Gap</b> , Jack’s Gap Trail west (2.4) to GA. 180 and  parking.  Water (spring) is located 200 yards east on a steep blue blazed trail.	 <a href="#">[34.82242,-83.79717]</a>  <a href="#">[34.84786,-83.79873]</a>	3500	2148.7
48.5	 	<b>Red Clay Gap</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.82243,-83.78732]</a>	3485	2148.0
49.2	 	Campsites to west of trail.	 <a href="#">[34.82230,-83.77704]</a>	3600	2147.3
49.4	  	Campsites to west of trail.	 <a href="#">[34.81759,-83.77594]</a>	3500	2147.1
49.6	 	Flat area known as Rocky Knob. Water is about 150 yards west down rocky slope.	 <a href="#">[34.81703,-83.77443]</a>	3629	2146.9
49.7		<b>Henson Gap</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.81666,-83.77298]</a>	3580	2146.8
50.0	 	Spring on west side trail. This is the water for Blue Mountain Shelter.	 <a href="#">[34.81673,-83.76812]</a>	3890	2146.5
50.1	         	(0.1W) <b>21.2&lt;&lt;&lt;12.1&lt;&lt;7.3&lt;Blue Mountain Shelter&gt;8.1&gt;&gt;&gt;15.5&gt;&gt;&gt;23.6</b>  (No potable water) at shelter,  water (spring) located (0.1) south of shelter on AT,  tenting,  privy,  bear cables.	 <a href="#">[34.81665,-83.76706]</a>  <a href="#">[34.81721,-83.76673]</a>	3900	2146.4
51.0	 	<b>Blue Mountain</b> , summit	 <a href="#">[34.81261,-83.75489]</a>	4025	2145.5
52.5	         	Cross <b>GA. 75, Unicoi Gap</b> ,  <b>AT plaque placed in a rock on north side of road</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.802115,-83.74299]</a>  <a href="#">[34.80178,-83.74281]</a>	2949	2144.0
   <b>Budget Inn Shuttles</b> Hiawassee Budget Inn bus runs from Dick’s Creek & Unicoi Gap to and from Hiawassee. Will be around the trail heads in the morning about 9:45 & 11:45 for pickup. They will be a \$10 shuttle fee. Will drop hikers off in town, Holiday Inn Express, Mulls, and Budget Inn.					
<b>Helen, GA 30545 (9.0E)</b> See <b>Helen, GA</b> map.					
 		<b>PO</b> M–F 9am–12:30pm and 1:30pm–4pm, Sa 9am–12pm. <a href="#">706-878-2422</a> . 7976 S Main St. Helen, GA 30545.	 <a href="#">[34.701565,-83.731464]</a>		
 		<b>Baymont Inn &amp; Suites</b> <a href="#">706-725-8764</a> . Rate, \$125 and up. Includes breakfast buffet during festi-vals. Microwave, fridge, pool outside,  free WiFi.	 <a href="#">[34.70039,-83.72313]</a>		
 	   	<b>Helendorf River Inn</b> <a href="#">800-445-2271</a> . ( <a href="#">www.helendorf.com</a> ) Rates range from \$45-\$85, \$10EAP de-pending on season. Weekend rates are higher. Pets \$20. Includes continental breakfast.  Laundry,  Computer available for use,  free WiFi. Visa/MC/Disc accepted.	 <a href="#">[34.70120,-83.72821]</a>		
 	 	<b>SureStay Hotel by Best Western</b> <a href="#">706-878-2191</a> . Open year round.  No Pets. Offers a hiker room with two bed for two people \$50, EAP \$5 with a maximum of 4 people, offer is good for M-Th, micro-wave, fridge. Indoor pool.  Free WiFi.	 <a href="#">[34.70071,-83.72661]</a>		
 		<b>Econo Lodge</b> <a href="#">706-878-8000</a> . Open year round. Weekday rates \$68, weekend rates are higher, in-cludes continental breakfast, microwave, fridge,  free WiFi. Accepts only pets under 20 pounds with pet fee \$20.	 <a href="#">[34.69711,-83.71346]</a>		
 	    	<b>Country Inn and Suites</b> <a href="#">706-878-9000</a> . Open year round. Call for rates, stay includes hot breakfast, indoor pool and whirl pool,  laundry,  Computer available to use,  free WiFi.	 <a href="#">[34.70118,-83.72445]</a>		
 		<b>Betty’s Country Store</b> (IGA) <a href="#">706-878-2943</a> . ( <a href="#">bettysinhelen.com</a> ) M-Th 7am-8pm, F-Sa 7am-9pm Su 7am-8pm.	 <a href="#">[34.70180,-83.73423]</a>		
 		<b>Laundromat</b> <a href="#">706-779-2066</a> .	 <a href="#">[34.70166,-83.72575]</a>		
 		<b>White County Library</b> <a href="#">706-878-2438</a> . M-F 9am-6pm, Sa-Su closed.	 <a href="#">[34.70316,-83.73138]</a>		
                                                                      					





53.1	 	Cross <b>stream</b> , Hiwassee River (headwaters).	 [ <a href="#">34.80189,-83.73534</a> ]	3504	2143.4	
53.4	 	Rocky Mountain Trail leads (1.0W) to USFS 283.	 [ <a href="#">34.80395,-83.73231</a> ]	3702	2143.1	
53.9	  	<b>Rocky Mountain</b> , summit.	 [ <a href="#">34.79817,-83.73046</a> ]	4017	2142.6	
54.1	 	Rock ledges with good views.	 [ <a href="#">34.79761,-83.72715</a> ]	3965	2142.4	
55.2	   	Cross <b>USFS 283, Indian Grave Gap</b> .  Blue blaze trail leads (1.9) east to  An-drews Cove Campground.	 [ <a href="#">34.79287,-83.71429</a> ]	 [ <a href="#">34.79305,-83.71431</a> ]	3113 2141.3	
55.9	 	Cross <b>USFS 79, Tray Mountain Road</b>	 [ <a href="#">34.79329,-83.70323</a> ]	3580	2140.6	
56.2	    	<b>Cheese Factory Site</b> ,  water (spring) is located 50 yards west. There is no cheese factory here. There is nothing here now that would make you even think there was one located here. However in the 1800's there was once one here. Now it is a good flat area for a picnic or  camping.	 [ <a href="#">34.79351,-83.69797</a> ]	 [ <a href="#">34.79472,-83.69830</a> ]	3590 2140.3	
56.7		Rocky cliff with small overlook.		3853	2139.8	
56.9	  	Cross <b>USFS 79/698, Tray Mountain Road, Tray Gap</b> .	 [ <a href="#">34.79938,-83.69100</a> ]	3847	2139.6	
57.7	  	<b>Tray Mountain</b> , small rocky summit, views in all directions.	 [ <a href="#">34.80138,-83.68395</a> ]	4430	2138.8	
58.2	   	(230 yds W) <b>20.2&lt;&lt;&lt;15.4&lt;&lt;8.1&lt;Tray Mountain Shelter&gt;7.4&gt;&gt;15.5&gt;&gt;&gt;22.8</b>				
58.2	  	 Water (box spring) located 50 yards behind shelter,  tenting,  privy,  bear ca- bles.	 [ <a href="#">34.80283,-83.67857</a> ]	  [ <a href="#">34.80396,-83.67690</a> ]	  [ <a href="#">34.80491,-83.67568</a> ]	4200 2138.3
59.4		<b>Wolfpen Gap</b> .	 [ <a href="#">34.81118,-83.66288</a> ]	<b>3600</b>	2137.1	



60	65	70	75	80	85	90
60.0	  	<b>Steeltrap Gap</b> , water (spring) is located 280 yards east down blue blaze trail.	 <a href="#">[34.81686,-83.65697]</a>	 <a href="#">[34.81516,-83.65540]</a>	3490	2136.5
60.5		West side of <b>Young Lick Knob</b> .		 <a href="#">[34.82294,-83.65250]</a>	3800	2136.0
61.8		Cross <b>Swag of the Blue Ridge</b> .		 <a href="#">[34.83838,-83.65917]</a>	3400	2134.7
62.9	    	<b>Sassafras Gap</b> ,  camp sites,  water (spring) is located 150 yards downhill to the east.	 <a href="#">[34.85294,-83.66067]</a>	 <a href="#">[34.85382,-83.65917]</a>	3500	2133.6
63.8	    	<b>Addis Gap</b> , old fire road leads (0.5) east to  campsite and  water and eventually to <b>USFS 26-2</b> . During Turkey hunting season the locals like to use this campsite because they can drive into it. Old fire road leads (8.0) east to GA. 197.	 <a href="#">[34.86310,-83.65613]</a>		3304	2132.7
64.8	 	Trail to <b>Kelly Knob</b> (0.2) west.	 <a href="#">[34.87822,-83.65451]</a>		4276	2131.7
	    	(0.3E) <b>22.8&lt;&lt;&lt;15.5&lt;&lt;7.4&lt;Deep Gap Shelter&gt;8.1&gt;&gt;&gt;15.4&gt;&gt;&gt;20.3</b>				
65.6	  	 Water (spring) is located (0.1) south on the trail to the shelter,  tenting,  privy,  bear cables.	 <a href="#">[34.88539,-83.64790]</a>	 <a href="#">[34.88249,-83.64597]</a>	  <a href="#">[34.88313,-83.64719]</a>	3550 2130.9
66.6	   	Blue blaze trail east leads several yards to  campsites and  view, <b>no water</b> .	 <a href="#">[34.89286,-83.63628]</a>	 <a href="#">[34.89246,-83.63507]</a>	3827	2129.9
66.8	 	<b>McClure Gap</b> .  Tenting		 <a href="#">[34.89394,-83.63341]</a>	3767	2129.7
67.0	 	<b>Powell Mountain</b> , summit.		 <a href="#">[34.89283,-83.63070]</a>	3850	2129.5
68.0		<b>Moreland Gap</b> . An old overgrown roadbed leads west.		 <a href="#">[34.90120,-83.62826]</a>	3050	2128.5
68.2	 	Stream.		 <a href="#">[34.90244,-83.62714]</a>	2650	2128.3
68.8	 	Dick's Creek, stream.		 <a href="#">[34.90821,-83.62215]</a>	2650	2127.7

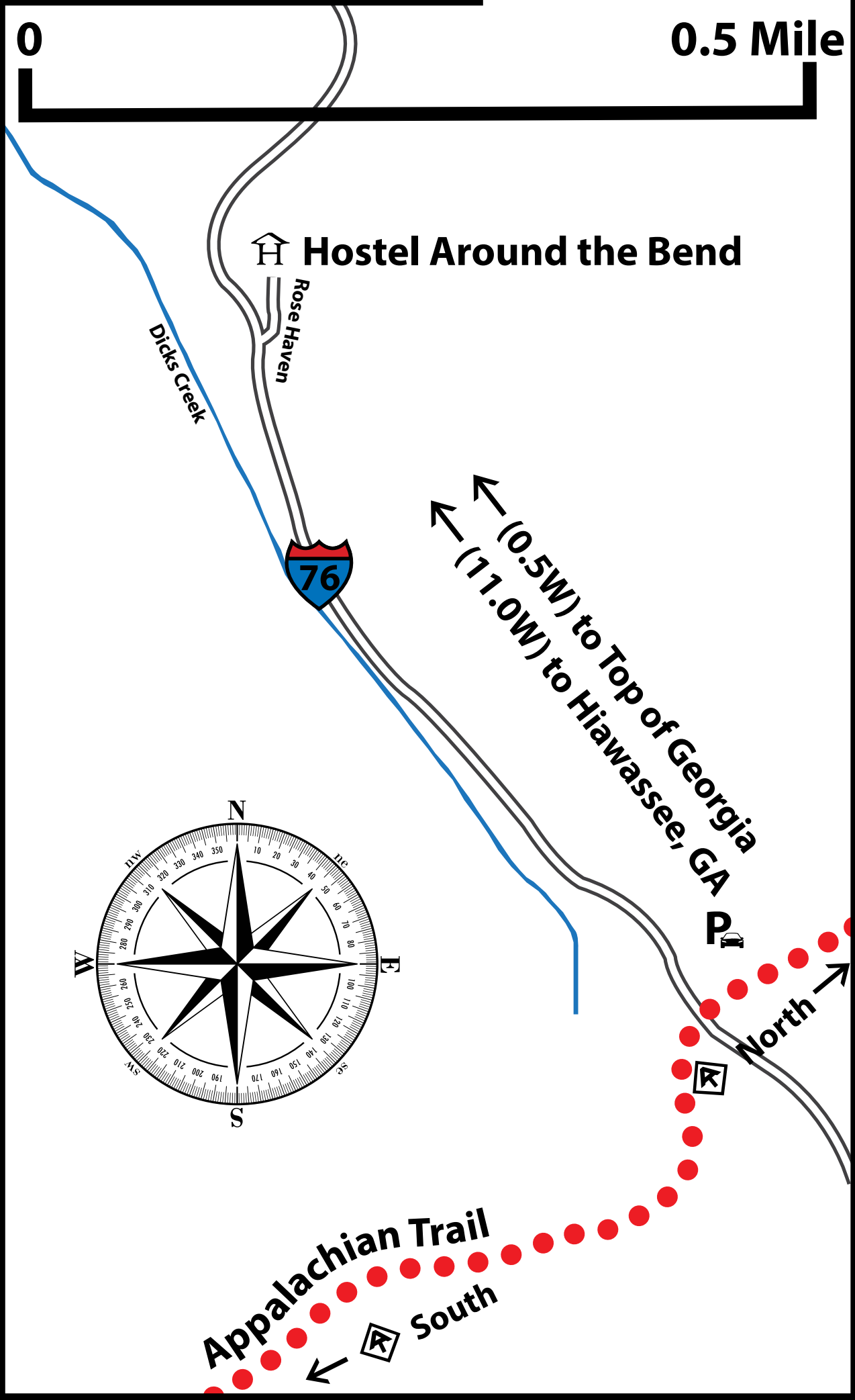
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69.2	                                  	Cross <b>U.S. 76, Dicks Creek Gap</b> ,  picnic area,  water is located near parking area.  <a href="#">[34.91218,-83.61892]</a>  <a href="#">[34.91231,-83.61885]</a> 2675 2127.3 <b>See Dicks Creek map.</b>	<b>Title</b>
                                                       	(0.6W) <b>Hostel Around the Bend</b> 706-389-9668  <a href="mailto:stay@hostelaroundthebend.com">stay@hostelaroundthebend.com</a> ( <a href="http://www.hostelaroundthebend.com">www.hostelaroundthebend.com</a> ) Just a short walk away (0.6 miles downhill) west of Dicks Creek Gap.  Pet-friendly private accommodations available for well-behaved pets. . All prices include use of 2 shared full bathrooms, full kitchen,  laundry facilities,  free Wi-Fi, and guest shuttle to town.  Pet-friendly private accommodations available for well-behaved pets.  Reservations for bunks accepted after 10 am on day of arrival (call/text).  Private bedroom, reserve a private room, book on our website or call/text ahead.  Tent &  hammock camping space available. Included with stay: guest laundry, shower with towel and toiletries provided, and guest shuttle service (includes resupply shuttle to town and pick-up/drop-off at Dicks Creek Gap, Unicoi Gap, and Blue Ridge Gap upon request). Additional guest amenities include: free guest resupply box holding (\$5/box for non-guests), free wifi, loaner clothes, use of full kitchen, games, puzzles, books, and more. Limited day passes available for \$20 per person per day, includes shower, laundry, use of facilities, and resupply shuttle. Shower only \$10/person. Please call/text ahead for availability for camping and day passes. Resupply items available. Ask us about our  slackpacking options.  Parking available.  Mail drops: (free for guests, \$5 donation for non-guests) held for 21 days. ID required to pick up packages: 7675 US Hwy 76 E., Hiawassee GA 30546.  <a href="#">[34.92035,-83.62492]</a>	<b>Map</b>	
                                                       	(5.0W) <b>Henson Cove B&amp;B</b> 706-970-1533 (text/cell) ( <a href="http://www.henson-cove-place.com">www.henson-cove-place.com</a> )  <a href="mailto:relax@hensoncoveplace.com">relax@hensoncoveplace.com</a>  Well behaved pets only.  Cabin for 1 to 4 people. Cabin includes a full kitchen, 3 beds, 2 Bedroom. 1 1/2 bath. \$120 for 2 people, \$135 for 3 people, \$150 for 4 people. Dogs \$10. Breakfast \$10 pp/pd. B&B rates \$130 and up, including breakfast. Accepts credit cards. All stays include ride to and from trailhead at Dick’s Creek or \$20 from Unicoi Gap and or into town for resupplies. Free  laundry and  Internet for guests only.  Slackpacking (cash only).  Shuttles available. Shuttles, (Springer to Fontana – Price based on Time, Distance and Difficulty).  Parking for section hikers.  Mail drops: 1137 Car Miles Rd, Hiawassee, GA 30546. Mail drops MUST have Full Return Address and PHONE Number.  <a href="#">[34.93086,-83.68968]</a>	<b>NC</b>	
 	<b>Henson Cove Shuttles</b> 706-970-1533 <a href="mailto:relax@henson-cove-place.com">relax@henson-cove-place.com</a> ( <a href="http://www.henson-cove-place.com">www.henson-cove-place.com</a> ) Owners: David and Mariah Nugent. Based out of Hiawassee, GA.  Pet friendly.  Insured. 365 days, M-Sat: 9 AM-6 PM, Sun: 9 AM-5PM & some holidays. <b>Springer/Amicalola SP &lt; &gt; Fontana</b> &  airport,  bus &  train terminals.  Slackpacking.  Parking, free (1, or 2 cars, at most). Slack Pack rates based on time & distance. Shuttles based on time & distance. Dicks Creek is \$10. \$20.00 to/from Unicoi. MUST be staying with us for Shuttle Service.	<b>NC/TN</b>	
  	<b>Budget Inn</b> 706-896-4121 (main) ( <a href="http://www.hiawasseebudgetinn.com">www.hiawasseebudgetinn.com</a> ) Hiawassee, GA.  Pet Friendly.  Insured. <b>S to Unicol Gap &lt; &gt; N to Dicks Creek Gap.</b> “Shuttle is free for guests. We maintain a listing of local shuttle providers for longer trips.”	<b>TN</b>	
<b>Hiawassee, GA 30546 (11.0W). See Hiawassee, GA map.</b>  <a href="#">[34.94876,-83.75710]</a>			
                                                       	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sa 8:30am-12pm. 706-896-4173. 118 N Main St. Hiawassee, GA 30546.  <a href="#">[34.94988,-83.75796]</a>	<b>VA</b>	
                                                       	(10.2W) <b>Hiawassee Budget Inn</b> 706-896-4121. ( <a href="http://www.hiawasseebudgetinn.com">www.hiawasseebudgetinn.com</a> )  AT Passport location. Open year round.  \$50 per person, limited to four per room, \$8 for each additional person. \$15 pet deposit. Rooms include cable TV, refrigerators, microwaves.  Coin laundry.  Free Wifi.  Free shuttles for guests to and from Dick’s Creek Gap and Unicoi Gap, leaves at 9 and 11 am for the months of March thru April. There is a fee for “non-guest”.  Mail drops for guests: 193 S Main Street - Hiawassee, Georgia. 30546  <a href="#">[34.94485,-83.75370]</a>	<b>MD</b>	
                                                       	<b>Mull’s Inn</b> 706-896-4195.  No pets.  Call for pricing,  free WiFi.  Shuttles by arrangement  Mail drops for guests: 213 N Main St, Hiawassee, GA 30546.  <a href="#">[34.95103,-83.75906]</a>	<b>PA</b>	
                                       			



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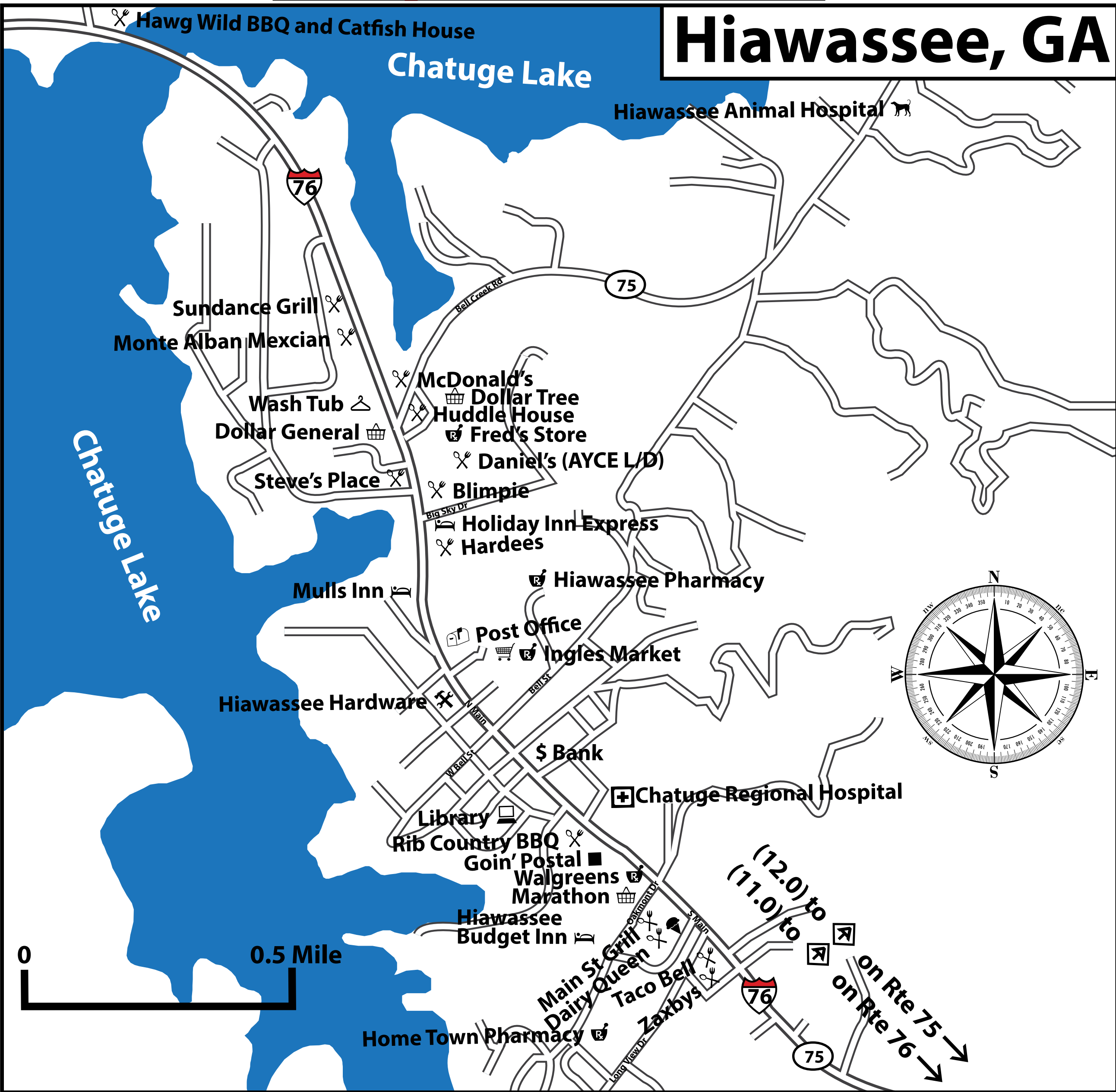
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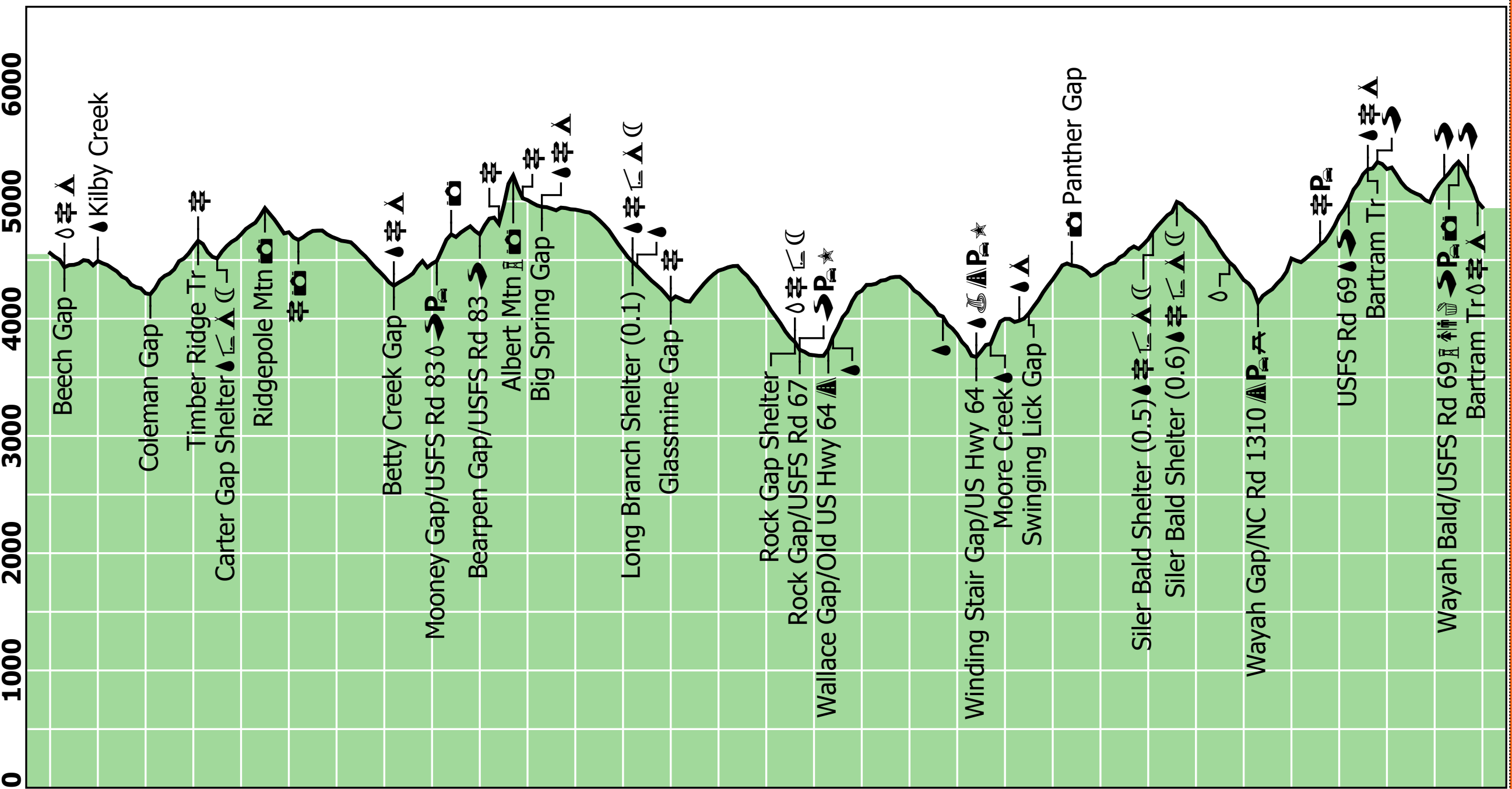
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70.3	♂	♂	♂	♂	(0.1E) <b>Campsite</b> east on blue blazed trail, ♂ water.	♂	[34.91047,-83.60330]	3150	2126.2
71.0				♂	<b>Cowart Gap</b> , tall pines.	♂	[34.91719,-83.59552]	2900	2125.5
72.1		📷		♂	Good views from <b>Buzzard Knob</b> when the leaves are not on trees.	📷	[34.93109,-83.60139]	3675	2124.4
72.5				♂	<b>Bull Gap</b> .	♂	[34.93596,-83.60215]	3550	2124.0



73.6	🌲	Big John Spring, west of AT.	🌲[34.94578,-83.59264]	3176	2122.9
		Plumorchard Gap.			
73.7	🌲🏠{6} 🏠{14}🌲 🏠🏠🌲🌲	(0.2E) <b>23.6&lt;&lt;&lt;15.5&lt;&lt;8.1&lt;Plumorchard Gap Shelter&gt;7.3&gt;&gt;&gt;12.2&gt;&gt;&gt;19.8</b> 🌲 Plumorchard Creek is on the shelter trail, beyond the shelter. 🏠 tenting, 🏠 privy, 🏠 bear cables. 🏠 <b>Caution</b> the stump in front of the shelter has been home to copperhead snakes. 🌲 Water located 200 yards west on AT beyond shelter.	🏠[34.94607,-83.59118]	3050	
74.4	🌲	<b>As Knob</b> , crosses high point below summit.	🌲[34.95337,-83.59321]	3460	2122.1
75.0	🌲🌲	<b>Blue Ridge Gap</b> , cross dirt road <b>USFS 72</b> .	🌲[34.95868,-83.59628]	3020	2121.5
76.0	🌲🌲	Campsite, 🌲 water.	🌲[34.96838,-83.59447]	3500	2120.5
76.2	🌲	<b>Rich Cove Gap</b> .	🌲[34.97071,-83.59393]	3390	2120.3
77.6	🏠🌲	Small knob west of trail with good views.	🏠[34.97639,-83.59580]	3695	2118.9
78.1	<b>State Line</b>	<b>Georgia–North Carolina State Line</b> , register in tree.	🌲[34.99218,-83.59983]	3825	2118.4
78.2	🌲🌲🌲🌲	<b>Bly Gap</b> , 🌲 Bly Gap Spring is located east of the trail and 250 feet south of the gap. 🌲 Gnarly twisted oak tree located here. <b>Often photographed tree</b> .	🌲[34.99432,-83.59932]	3840	2118.3
78.9	🏠🌲	<b>Sharp Top</b> , skirts the summit, vista.	🏠[34.99614,-83.59358]	4300	2117.6
79.3	🏠🌲	View of Shooting Creek Valley.	🏠[35.00156,-83.58667]	4521	2117.2
79.5	🏠🌲	Trail skirts summit of <b>Courthouse Bald</b> , view.	🏠[35.00285,-83.58424]	4650	2117.0
80.1	🌲	<b>Sassafras Gap</b> .	🌲[35.01043,-83.58263]	4300	2116.4
80.7	🌲	Cross stream		4549	2115.8
80.9	🏠	Viewpoint to the west.		4627	2115.6
81.0	🌲🏠🏠{8} 🌲🌲🌲🌲	(100 ft E) <b>22.8&lt;&lt;&lt;15.4&lt;&lt;7.3&lt;Muskrat Creek Shelter&gt;4.9&gt;&gt;&gt;12.5&gt;&gt;&gt;21.2</b> 🌲 Water (spring) is located behind shelter, 🏠 tenting, 🏠 privy.	🏠[35.02053,-83.58160]	4600	2115.5
81.8	🌲🏠🌲🌲	Edge of <b>White Oak Stamp</b> , Buck Creek Trail leads crosses the AT. 🌲 water (spring) is located to the east. 🏠 Tent sites to west and east. Camp out of sight of the trail to the west or east.	🏠[35.02684,-83.57159]	4620	2114.7
82.0	🏠🌲	Chunky Gal Trail to the west (5.5) to U.S. 64.	🏠[35.02965,-83.57194]	4700	2114.5
82.9	🌲	Wateroak Gap, small clearing.	🌲[35.03723,-83.56152]	4490	2113.6
83.9	🏠	View.		4737	2112.6
85.0	🌲🏠🌲 ★★★★★	Cross <b>USFS 71, Deep Gap</b> , Kimsey Creek Trail leads (3.7W) to USFS <b>Standing Indian Campground</b> . <b>See notes at NOBO mile 105.7</b> .	🌲[35.03949,-83.55276]	4341	2111.5
85.9	🌲🏠🏠{8} 🌲🌲🌲🌲	(250 ft E) <b>20.3&lt;&lt;&lt;12.2&lt;&lt;4.9&lt;Standing Indian Shelter&gt;7.6&gt;&gt;&gt;16.3&gt;&gt;&gt;19.7</b> 🌲 Creek that serves as the water source for shelter is on the opposite side of the AT from the shelter. 🏠 tenting, 🏠 privy.	🏠[35.04200,-83.54806]	4760	2110.6
87.4	🏠🏠🏠🌲	Lower Ridge Trail junction, east leads 600 feet to <b>Standing Indian Mountain</b> summit. 🏠 Several campsites to the east near the summit. West leads (4.2) to Standing Indian Campground.	🏠[35.03630,-83.53767]	5498	2109.1



90.1	🌲🌲	Cross Kilby Creek. 🌲 Only reliable water Standing Indian and Carter Gap.		4486	2106.4
90.3	🌲🌲🌲🏠	<b>Beech Gap</b> , 🌲 water (spring) is located 100 feet to the east but is unreliable. 🏠 Beech Gap Trail leads (2.8) west to USFS 67 🏠 parking area.	🌲[35.01011,-83.52570]	4460	2106.2
92.1	🌲	<b>Coleman Gap</b> , dense rhododendron thicket.	🌲[35.00536,-83.51042]	4200	2104.4
93.1	🏠🏠{3}🌲	<b>Timber Ridge Trail</b> leads (2.3) west to USFS 67 🏠 parking area.	🏠[35.00299,-83.49923]	4700	2103.4
93.5	🌲🏠🏠{8} 🌲🌲🌲🌲	(100 ft E) <b>19.8&lt;&lt;&lt;12.5&lt;&lt;7.6&lt;Carter Gap Shelter&gt;8.7&gt;&gt;&gt;12.1&gt;&gt;&gt;19.6</b> 🌲 Water (spring) is located 200 yards west on blue blaze trail, 🏠 tenting, 🏠 privy.	🏠[34.99898,-83.49413]	4540	2103.0
94.5	🏠	North side of <b>Ridgepole Mountain</b> .		4990	2102.0
95.2	🏠🏠	<b>Unmarked trail</b> leads 25 feet east to Little Ridgepole vista of Pickens Nose.		4749	2101.3
97.2	🌲🏠🌲🌲 🏠🌲	<b>Betty Creek Gap</b> . 🏠 Several test site at gap. 🌲 (0.1W) Water (Stream) is located on blue blaze trail. Continue (0.1E) on blue blaze to USFS 67 and 🏠 parking.	🏠[35.02829,-83.47892]	4300	2099.3
98.1	🌲🌲🌲	Cross <b>USFS 83, Mooney Gap</b> . 🌲 Trail crosses small stream (0.1S) and a culvert north on road. 🏠 Road closed mid-Dec thru first of Apr.	🏠[35.03548,-83.47018]	4400	2098.4
98.4	🌲	Log steps, spring		4500	2098.1
99.0	🌲🌲	<b>Bearpen Gap</b> . USGS 83 is visible to the west.	🌲[35.04684,-83.47145]	4700	2097.5
99.4	🏠🌲	Trail skirts USFS 83. Bearpen Trail leads west. USFS 83, gravel, may be used as a bad weather route around Albert Mountain, NOBO hikers follow USFS 83 (0.4) to parking area then continue on blue-blaze trail (0.4) to rejoin AT at NOBO mile 99.9.	🏠[35.05054,-83.47455]	4790	2097.1
99.7	🏠🏠🏠 🏠{7}🌲	<b>Albert Mountain</b> summit, 🏠 fire tower.	🏠[35.05256,-83.47752]	5250	2096.8

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99.9	⚡📍	Albert Mountain bad weather bypass trail leads west (0.4) to parking area, SOBO hikers continue (0,4) to USFS 83 to rejoin AT at NOBO mile 99.4.	⚡[35.05558,-83.47766]	5035	2096.6
100.3	💧⬆️📍	<b>Big Spring Gap.</b> 💧 Spring and ⬆️ tenting.	⬆️[35.05874,-83.47801]	4954	2096.2
102.2	💧⚡⬆️{5} 🏠{16} 🌿🌙📍	(0.1W) <b>21.2&lt;&lt;&lt;16.3&lt;&lt;&lt;8.7&lt;Long Branch Shelter&gt;3.4&gt;&gt;&gt;10.9&gt;&gt;&gt;18.2</b> 💧 Water, ⬆️ tent sites, 🌙 privy.	⚡[35.06941,-83.49706] 🏠[35.06996,-83.49815]	4932	2094.3
102.3	💧📍	Cross stream.	💧[35.07001,-83.49684]	4930	2094.2
103.0	⚡📍	<b>Glassmine Gap</b> , Long Branch Trail (2.0) west to USFS 67.	⚡[35.07707,-83.50222]	4130	2093.5
104.1	🌵	Unreliable spring below trail. Several seasonal water sources are one mile in either direc-		4363	2092.4
105.6	🌵⚡🏠{8} 🌿🌙📍	(300 ft W) <b>19.7&lt;&lt;&lt;12.1&lt;&lt;&lt;3.4&lt;Rock Gap Shelter&gt;7.5&gt;&gt;&gt;14.8&gt;&gt;&gt;19.6</b> water (spring) is known to go dry, privy.	🏠[35.09143,-83.52310]	3760	2090.9
105.7	🏠{6-7}📍 ★★★★★★	<b>Rock Gap.</b> (1.5W) Standing Indian Campground.	🏠[35.09406,-83.52250]	3750	2090.8
	⬆️🏠🌿🌙📍 🌙🏠📍	(1.5W) <b>Standing Indian Campground</b> <a href="#">828-524-6441</a> . ⬆️ Campsites \$20, open Apr 1 - Nov 30. 🌙 Showers, 🏠 camp store, 🌙 pay phone. 🐾 Pets must be leashed. 🏠 Parking is permitted year round.	⬆️[35.07610,-83.52840]		
106.3	⬆️📍	Cross <b>Old U.S. 64, Wallace Gap.</b>	⬆️[35.09807,-83.52674]	3738	2090.2
106.4	💧📍	Cross feeder stream to the Nantahala River.	💧[35.09944,-83.52793]	3745	2090.1
108.7	💧📍	Cross Moore Creek.	💧[35.11649,-83.54504]	3797	2087.8
109.4	💧⬆️📍 ★★★★★★	Cross <b>U.S. 64</b> , Winding Stair Gap, piped spring.	⬆️[35.12051,-83.54716] 🏠[35.11975,-83.54818]	3770	2087.1
<b>Franklin, NC 28734 (10E) (all major services) See Franklin north side and south side maps.</b>					
📖📍 <b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sa 9am-12pm. <a href="#">828-524-3219</a> . 250 Depot St. Franklin, NC 28734.					
🏠🐾🏠📍📖 <b>Hill Top Inn</b> <a href="#">828-524-4403</a> . ( <a href="#">www.budgetinnoffranklin.com</a> ) 🐾 No Pets. 🏠 AT Passport location. 🌙📖📍 Open year round. 🏠 \$39.99 per person, limited to four per room, \$5 for each additional person. \$50 pet deposit. Rooms include cable TV, refrigerators and microwaves, 📖 computer for use, 🌙 free WiFi. 📍 Coin laundry. 🏠 ask about shuttles. 📖 Mail drops for guest: 433 East Palmer Street, Franklin, NC 28734.					
🏠⬆️🌿🐾🏠 (11.6E) <b>Gooder Grove Hostel</b> <a href="#">828-332-0228</a> . 🐾 No Pets. 🏠 AT Passport available. <b>Open Year Round!</b> . Located in downtown Franklin, close to resupply options, Main Street, two outfitters, local breweries, and restaurants. 📖 FREE Trailhead Shuttle early/mid-mornings & afternoons to and from Winding Stair Gap & Rock Gap, February 23 through May, plus Town Shuttle. 🏠 Bunk: \$35 per person, 📍 laundry included. 🏠 Private room: \$55, \$10 each additional person. ⬆️ Tent, 🌿 Hammock: \$20 per person. Stay includes Bed with linens, 📍 laundry and 🌙 shower. Kitchen & Den for hikers. Loaner Clothes available. 🌙 Free Wifi. 📖 Zen Shuttles (short or long distance), Guided Hikes, & 🌙 Slackpacking. 🏠 Long Term Parking for section hikes. 🐾 Fenced dog lot/kennel. Boarding available. Print Smokies Permit. 📖 Mail drops: 130 Hayes Circle, Franklin, NC 28734.					
🏠🐾🏠📍🌙 (12.6E) <b>Chica &amp; Sunsets Hostel</b> <a href="#">715-315-0876</a> (text preferred) Text up to 3 days in advance. 📧 <a href="mailto:chica@chicaandsunsets.com">chica@chicaandsunsets.com</a> ( <a href="#">www.chicaandsunsets.com</a> ) 🐾 Not pet friendly 🏠 AT passport location. <b>Open Feb 15 – May 15, 2022</b> 🏠 \$60 per person + tax (cash/Venmo/PayPal only) includes 🌙 continental breakfast, 📖 pickup and dropoff at Winding Stair Gap/Rock Gap, 📍 laundry, 📖 shuttle to town. Hostel is co-ed and holds 4 hikers max; hikers have use of full apartment (2 twin beds/room). Text up to 2 days in advance to secure a spot (no walk-ins). Chica & Sunsets are former thru-hikers of the AT, Camino, CT, Bartram Trail and Ice Age Trail. 📖 Mail drops for guest: Contacted establishment for details.					
🏠🐾⬆️🌙📍 <b>The Barn A.T. Hiker Hostel</b> <a href="#">252-646-3580</a> Call/Text Spidy. Open 1 Aug to 1 May. 🐾 No pets. 🌙🏠📖📍 🏠 Full-service hostel with space for 6. Call ahead to ensure availability. ⬆️ Tenting avialable. Provides Pickup and drop off to all local trailheads, resupply in town, 🌙 shower, 📍 laundry, loaner clothes, movie lounge, and breakfast with one of the best views in Franklin. 🌙 Slackpacking available. Donations accepted but not expected. 📖 Mail drops: 333 Beteejay lane Franklin NC 28734.					
🏠🏠 <b>Sapphire Inn</b> <a href="#">828-524-4406</a> . ( <a href="#">www.sapphireinnfranklin.com</a> ) 🐾 Pet friendly. 🏠 AT Passport location. Our Hiker’s Special starts at only \$59.99 & up. Pet fee charges are based on pet size 🌙 free WiFi. 📖 Mail drops for guests: 761 East Main Street, Business 441, Franklin, NC 28734.					
🏠📖🌙📖📍 <b>Microtel Inn &amp; Suites by Wyndham Franklin</b> <a href="#">828-349-9000</a> . 🏠 Call for prices, pet fee \$25, microwave, fridge, stay includes continental breakfast. 📖 Computer available for use. 🌙 Free WiFi. 📖 Mail drops for guests: 81 Allman Dr, Franklin, NC 28734.					
🏠📍📖🌙📖 <b>Comfort Inn</b> <a href="#">828-369-9200</a> . 🐾 Dog Friendly rooms available. 🏠 Hiker Discount. Hot Breakfast, 📖 Indoor Pool. 📍 Guest Laundry. 🌙 Free WiFi. Hotel has access to best hiker shuttle services in area. 📖 Mail address: 313 Cunningham Rd Franklin NC 28734					
✂️🏠📍 <b>1st Baptist Church Free Breakfast</b> 🏠 AT Passport location. Serves a pancake breakfast for Hikers starting the middle of March and ending the middle of April. Picks hikers up at the motels and hostels and take them back. ✂️ “We serve the breakfast!” M-Sun 7:30am.					
✂️🏠📖📖🌙 <b>Lazy Hiker Brewing Company</b> <a href="#">828-349-2337</a> . ( <a href="#">www.lazyhikerbrewing.com</a> ) 🏠 AT Passport location. 📖 Spring and Summer hours, M-Thu 12pm-9pm, F-Sa 12pm-11pm, Su 12pm-6pm. ✂️ Food Truck on-site M-Th 12pm-8pm, F-Sa 12pm-9pm, Su 12pm-8pm. 📖 Computer and printer available for use, 🌙 free WiFi. Pet friendly.					
🚶🏠📖📖📖🌙 <b>Outdoor 76</b> <a href="#">828-349-7676</a> . ( <a href="#">www.outdoor76.com</a> ) 🏠 AT Passort location. M–Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su closed. 🚶 Specialty AT hiking store with lightweight gear, food & draft beer, right in center of town. 📖 Fuels available. Footwear experts with Pedorthic trained staff to deal with injuries and various foot issues. 10% off total purchase for thru-hikers. 📖 Computer available for use, 🌙 free WiFi. Shipping services, in town shuttles. 📖 No charge for Mail drops: 35 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.					
📖 <b>Rock House Lodge taproom/restaurant:</b> Inside Outdoor 76 M-Sa 10 am-9 pm. 18 beers on tap, wine and food. Darts, indoor shuffleboard, community instruments for hikers, along with big screen T.V and occasional live music. Weekly food specials. 🌙 Free WiFi.					

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# Hostels along the Appalachian Trail

The following is a listing of hostels, campgrounds, and lodgings along the Appalachian Trail. This page will contain the basic contact information, with name, open and close dates, and physical mailing address, and GPS coordinates. The physical address is not the mail-drop address. Checking the detailed listing for the correct mail-drop address and more information. The listing will also include the icons to show the features for the establishment. To find out more detailed information for each listing, go to their NOBO mileage location in the book.

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


























































































































# Resupply locations along the Appalachian Trail

**ATTENTION:** For more detailed information read write-up under mileage in book and see map.  
Highlighted entries are full resupplies less than (1.0) from the Appalachian Trail or PO's.

NOBO Mile	Location	Designates map available = ★	From trail head	Options	SOBO Mile	Title
20.5	Suches, GA	★	(2.0W)	 	2176.0	Map
31.3	Neel Gap, GA		On Trail		2165.2	Content & more
31.3	Blairsville, GA		(14.0W)	 	2165.2	Legend & more
31.3	Dahlonega, GA		(17.0E)	 	2165.2	Approach & GA
52.5	Helen, GA	★	(9.0E)	 	2144.0	NC
69.2	Hiawassee, GA	★	(11.0W)	 	2127.3	NC/TN
109.4	Franklin, NC	★	(10.0E)	 	2087.1	TN
136.7	NOC, NC	★	On Trail		2059.8	VA
150.5	Stecoah Gap, NC (NC. 143)	★	(3.4E)		2046.0	WV
150.5	Robbinsville, NC	★	(7.0W)	 	2046.0	MD
165.9	Fontana Village, NC	★	(2.0W)	 	2030.6	PA
207.7	Gatlinburg, TN	★	(15.0W)	 	1988.8	NJ
207.7	Cherokee, NC		(18.0E)	 	1988.8	NY
239.2	Davenport Gap, TN	★	(1.2E)		1957.3	CT
241.5	Green Corner Road	★	(0.1W)		1955.0	MA
274.9	Hot Springs, NC	★	On Trail	 	1921.6	VT
291.2	Log Cabin Rd	★	(0.7W)		1905.3	NH
319.7	Sams Gap, TN	★	(2.7W)		1873.4	ME
344.3	Uncle Johnny's Nolichucky Hostel	★	On Trail		1852.2	Bear bag & more
344.3	Erwin, TN	★	(3.8W)	 	1852.2	Hostels
395.3	Elk Park, NC	★	(2.3E)		1801.2	Shuttles
395.3	Roan Mountain, TN	★	(3.5W)	 	1801.0	Resupply
407.4	Scotty's Budget Hostel		(0.25W)		1789.1	Post Offices
420.0	Dennis Cove, TN	★	On Trail		1776.5	Shelters
428.5	Shook Branch Road	★	(0.1W)		1768.0	Slang
428.6	Hampton, TN	★	(2.6W)	 	1767.9	Index
455.7	Shady Valley, TN	★	(2.7E)	 	1740.8	
470.7	Damascus, VA	★	On Trail	 	1725.8	
520.2	Troutdale, VA	★	(2.6E)	 	1676.3	
534.3	Sugar Grove, VA		(3.2E)		1662.2	
534.3	Marion, VA	★	(6.0W)		1662.2	
546.0	Atkins, VA	★	On Trail	 	1650.5	
555.8	Quarter Way Inn		(0.3W)		1640.7	
558.3	VA. 42/W Blue Grass Trail	★	(0.2E)		1638.2	
576.0	Saint Luke's Hostel		(5.1W)		1620.5	
591.8	Bland, VA	★	(2.5E)	 	1604.7	
591.8	Bastian, VA		(3.0W)	 	1604.7	
610.2	VA. 606		(0.5W)		1586.3	
625.4	Sugar Run Gap, VA	★	(0.5E)		1571.1	
637.1	Narrows, VA		(3.6W)	 	1559.4	
637.1	Pearisburg, VA	★	(1.3E)	 	1559.4	
677.8	Newport, VA		(8.0E)	 	1518.7	
704.6	Catawba, VA	★	(0.4W)	 	1491.9	
730.3	Daleville, VA	★	On Trail	 	1466.2	
731.8	Troutville, VA	★	(1.0E)		1464.7	
751.9	Buchanan, VA	★	(5.0W)	 	1444.6	
758.5	Jennings Creek Road, VA. 614	★	(1.2E)		1438.0	
787.3	Big Island, VA		(5.6E)	 	1409.2	
787.3	Glasgow, VA	★	(5.9W)	 	1409.2	
809.1	Buena Vista, VA	★	(9.3W)	 	1387.4	
825.4	Montebello, VA	★	(3.0W)	 	1371.1	
864.3	Waynesboro, VA	★	(3.7W)	 	1332.2	
892.1	Loft Mountain Campground		(0.1W)		1304.4	
909.8	Elkton, VA		(6.5W)	 	1286.7	
918.1	Lewis Mountain Campground		(100ft W)		1278.4	
925.9	Big Meadows Wayside		(0.3E)	 	1270.6	
944.4	Luray, VA	★	(9.0W)	 	1252.1	
972.1	Front Royal, VA	★	(3.5W)	 	1224.4	
978.4	Linden, VA		(1.0W)	 	1218.1	
1005.6	Bears Den Hostel	★	(0.2E)		1190.9	
1006.2	Bluemont, VA	★	(1.7E)		1190.3	
1019.8	Keys Gap, VA	★	(0.3E)		1176.7	
1025.7	Charles Town, WV		(6.0W)		1170.8	
1025.7	Frederick, MD		(20.0E)		1170.8	
1025.7	Harpers Ferry, WV	★	On Trail	 	1170.8	
1036.4	Gapland Road, MD. 572.		(0.4W)		1160.1	
1043.8	Boonsboro, MD	★	(2.5W)	 	1152.7	
1057.3	Smithsburg, MD	★	(1.5W)	 	1139.2	
1067.4	Cascade, MD		(1.4E)	 	1129.1	
1067.4	Rouzerville, PA		(1.5W)		1129.1	
1067.4	Waynesboro, PA	★	(6.6W)	 	1129.1	
1069.9	Blue Ridge Summit, PA		(1.2E)	 	1126.6	
1080.5	South Mountain, PA		(1.3E)		1116.0	
1085.2	Fayetteville, PA		(3.5W)	 	1111.3	
1105.1	Pine Grove Furnace State Park		On Trail		1091.4	
1113.9	Gardners, PA		(0.2E)		1082.6	
1115.5	Mt. Holly Springs, PA		(2.5E)	 	1081.0	
1124.3	Boiling Springs, PA	★	On Trail	 	1072.2	
1132.3	Carlisle, PA		(0.5W)	 	1064.2	
1132.3	New Kingston, PA		(1.7W)		1064.2	
1132.3	Mechanicsburg, PA		(5.0E)		1064.2	
1150.0	Duncannon, PA	★	On Trail	 	1046.5	
1185.0	Lickdale, PA/Jonestown, PA	★	(2.1E)		1011.5	
1194.5	Pine Grove, PA	★	(3.4EW)	 	1002.0	
1196.4	Bethel, PA		(4.1E)	 	1000.1	
1219.9	Port Clinton, PA	★	On Trail	 	976.6	
1220.6	Hamburg, PA	★	(1.6E)	 	975.9	
1227.1	Blue Rocks Campground		(1.5E)		969.4	
1260.7	Slatington, PA	★	(2.0E)		935.8	



# Post Offices locations along the Appalachian Trail

Listing is in NOBO mileages

<b>Suches, GA (2.0W)</b>		
20.5	 	<b>PO</b> M–F 12:15pm - 4:15pm, Sa-SU Closed. <a href="#">706-747-2611</a> . 72078 State Highway 60 Suches, GA 30572.  <a href="#">[34.69004,-84.02210]</a>
<b>Helen, GA 30545 (9.0E)</b>		
52.5	 	<b>PO</b> M–F 9am–12:30pm and 1:30pm-4pm, Sa 9am-12pm. <a href="#">706-878-2422</a> . 7976 S Main St. Helen, GA 30545.  <a href="#">[34.69801,-83.71968]</a>
<b>Hiawassee, GA 30546 (11.0W)</b>		
62.9	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sa 8:30am-12pm. <a href="#">706-896-4173</a> . 118 N Main St. Hiawassee, GA 30546.  <a href="#">[34.94988,-83.75796]</a>
<b>Franklin, NC 28734 (10E)</b>		
109.4	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sa 9am-12pm. <a href="#">828-524-3219</a> . 250 Depot St. Franklin, NC 28734.  <a href="#">[35.17885,-83.37433]</a>
<b>Robbinsville, NC (7.0W) from Stecoah Gap.</b>		
136.7	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sa-Su Closed. <a href="#">828-479-3397</a> . 74 Sweetwater Rd. Robbinsville, NC 28771.  <a href="#">[35.32396,-83.80100]</a>
<b>Fontana Village, NC</b> (2W from NC 28)		
165.9	 	<b>PO</b> M-F: 11:45am-3:45pm. <a href="#">828-498-2315</a> . 50 Fontana Rd. Fontana, NC 28733.  <a href="#">[35.43506,-83.82551]</a>
<b>Gatlinburg, TN (15.0W)</b>		
207.7	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 9am-5pm, Sa 9am-11am. <a href="#">865-436-3229</a> . 1216 East Pkwy 37738. 1216 East Pkwy. Gattlinburg, TN 37738.  <a href="#">[35.72556,-83.48150]</a>
<b>Hot Springs, NC</b>		
274.6	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 9am-11:30am & 1pm-4pm, Sa 9am-10:30am <a href="#">828-622-3242</a> . 11 Bridge St. Hot Springs, NC 28743.  <a href="#">[35.89280,-82.82768]</a>
<b>Erwin, TN 37650.</b>		
344.3	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30-4:45, Sa 10-12, <a href="#">423-743-9422</a> . 201 N Main Ave, Erwin TN 37650.  <a href="#">[36.14673,-82.41555]</a>
<b>Elk Park, NC. (2.5E)</b>		
395.3	 	(2.3E) <b>PO</b> M-F 9am-12:30am & 1:30pm-4pm, Sa 8am-11:30am. <a href="#">828-733-5711</a> . 153 Main St. W, Elk Park, NC 28622.  <a href="#">[36.15778,-81.98004]</a>
<b>Roan Mountain, TN 37687 (3.5W)</b>		
395.3	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm, Sa 7:30am-9:30am <a href="#">423-772-3014</a> . 8060 US-19E, Roan Mtn, TN 37687.  <a href="#">[36.20021,-82.07448]</a>
<b>Hampton, TN 37658 (2.6W)</b>		
428.5	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 7:30am - 11:30am, 12:30pm - 1:00pm. Sat-Sun Closed. <a href="#">423-725-2177</a> . 153 Main St. W. Hamp-ton, TN 28622.  <a href="#">[36.28621,-82.16526]</a>
<b>Shady Valley, TN.(2.7E)</b>		
455.7	 	<b>PO</b> M–F 8am-12pm, Sa 8am-10am, <a href="#">423-739-2073</a> . 136 Hwy 133. Shady Valley, TN 37688.  <a href="#">[36.51961,-81.92803]</a>
<b>Damascus, VA. 24236.</b>		
470.7	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30-1 & 2-4:30, Sa 9-11, <a href="#">276-475-3411</a> . 211 N Reynolds St. Damascus, VA 24236.  <a href="#">[36.63608,-81.78988]</a>
<b>Troutedale, VA 24378 (2.6E)</b>		
520.2	 	<b>PO</b> M 8am-12pm, Sa 8am-11am, Su Closed. 93 Ripshin Rd. Troutedale, VA . 24378.  <a href="#">[36.70260,-81.43910]</a>
<b>Sugar Grove, VA 24375 (3.2E)</b>		
534.2	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30-12:30 & 1:30-3:30, Sa 8:15-10:30, <a href="#">276-677-3200</a> . 5444 Sugar Grove Hwy. Sugar Grove, VA 24375.  <a href="#">[36.77535,-81.41308]</a>
<b>Marion, VA 24354 (6.0W)</b>		
534.3	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 9am-5pm, Sa 9:30am-12pm, <a href="#">276-783-5051</a> . 200 Pearl Ave. Marion, VA 24354.  <a href="#">[36.83223,-81.51753]</a>
<b>Atkins, VA.</b>		
546.0	 	(3.0W) <b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-12pm & 12:30am-3:15pm, Sa 9am-10:45am, <a href="#">276-783-5551</a> . 5864 Lee Hwy. Atkins, VA 24311.  <a href="#">[36.86686,-81.42051]</a>
<b>Bland, VA (2.5E)</b>		
591.8	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-11:30am & 12pm-4pm, Sa 9am-11am, <a href="#">276-688-3751</a> . 207 Jackson St. Bland, VA 24315.  <a href="#">[37.10026,-81.11610]</a>
<b>Bastian, VA 24314 (3.0W)</b>		
591.8	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8am-12pm, Sa 9:15am-11:15am, <a href="#">276-688-4631</a> . 178 Walnut St. Bastian, VA 24314.  <a href="#">[37.15223,-81.15210]</a>
<b>Pearisburg, VA (1.3E)</b>		
637.1	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sa 10am-12pm, <a href="#">540-921-1100</a> . 206 N Main St. Pearisburg, VA 24134.  <a href="#">[37.32815,-80.73565]</a>
<b>Narrows, VA (3.6W on VA 100)</b>		
637.1	 	<b>PO</b> MF 9:30am-1:15pm & 2pm-4: 15pm, Sa 9am-11am, <a href="#">540-726-3272</a> . 305 Main St. Narrows, VA 24124.  <a href="#">[37.33101,-80.81018]</a>
<b>Newport, VA 24128 (8E)</b>		
677.8	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:15am-11:30am & 12:30pm-3:15pm, Sa 9am-11pm, <a href="#">540-544-7415</a> . 119 Blue Grass Trl. New-port, VA 24128.  <a href="#">[37.29055,-80.49825]</a>
<b>Catawba, VA. (1.0W)</b>		
710.5	 	(1.0W) <b>PO</b> M-F 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm, Sa 8:30am-10:30am, <a href="#">540-384-6011</a> . 4917 Catawba Creek Rd. Catawba, VA 24070.  <a href="#">[37.38273,-80.10866]</a>
<b>Daleville, VA 24083</b>		
730.3	 	(1.0W) from AT on route 220 to <b>PO</b> M-F 8am-5pm, Sa 8am-12pm, <a href="#">540-992-4422</a> . 1492 Roanoke Rd. Daleville, VA 24083.  <a href="#">[37.40626,-79.91291]</a>
<b>Troutville, VA. (1.0E)</b>		
731.8	 	(0.7W) from AT on Hwy 11 to <b>PO</b> M-F 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, Sa 9am-11am, <a href="#">540-992-1472</a> . 4952 Lee Hwy. Trouteville, VA 24175.  <a href="#">[37.41261,-79.88091]</a>
<b>Buchanan, VA (downtown) (5.0W)</b>		
751.9	 	<b>PO</b> M & Th 9am-7pm; Tu, W, F 9am-5pm; Sa 9am-1pm, <a href="#">540-254-2538</a> . 19698 Main St. Buchanan, VA 24066.  <a href="#">[37.52706,-79.68010]</a>
<b>Glasgow, VA 24555 (5.9W)</b>		
787.3	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8am-11:30am & 12:30pm-4:30pm, Sa 8:30am-10:30pm, <a href="#">540-258-2852</a> . 805 Blue Ridge Rd. Glasgow, VA 24555.  <a href="#">[37.63148,-79.44938]</a>
<b>Buena Vista, VA 24416 (9.3W)</b>		
809.1	 	<b>PO</b> M-F 8:30am-4:30pm, <a href="#">540-261-8959</a> . 2071 Forest Ave. Buena Vista, VA 24416.  <a href="#">[37.73405,-79.35355]</a>

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# Shelters on the Appalachian Trail

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	♂☛▲ ⌄{16} ↷☾🛖👤	(0.2W) <b>7.9&lt;&lt;5.3&lt;Hawk Mountain Shelter&gt;7.6&gt;&gt;19.6&gt;&gt;&gt;20.8</b> ♂ Water is located 400 yards on a blue blazed trail behind the shelter, ▲ tent pads, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. ☛[34.66467,-84.13702] ⌄[34.66608,-84.13638]	3194 2188.4	Approach & GA
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	♂☛☛ ▲{3}⌄{7} ↷☾🛖🏠👤	Crest Wildcat Mountain. (1.2E) <b>22.3&lt;&lt;&lt;10.3&lt;&lt;9.1&lt;Whitley Gap Shelter&gt;4.8&gt;&gt;&gt;12.1&gt;&gt;&gt;20.2</b> ♂ Water (spring) located (0.2) beyond shelter, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. (0.1E) beyond shelter to ▲ tent sites. ☛[34.72476,-83.84102] ⌄[34.71238,-83.83440]	3370 2158.5	VA
	♂⌄{7} ▲{4} ↷☾🛖👤	(190 yds E) <b>15.1&lt;&lt;&lt;13.9&lt;&lt;4.8&lt;Low Gap Shelter&gt;7.3&gt;&gt;&gt;15.4&gt;&gt;&gt;22.8</b> ♂ Water located 30 yards in front of shelter, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables.   Last reliable water heading SOBO until Neels Gap (11.5 miles) ☛[34.77659,-83.82627] ⌄[34.77626,-83.82450]	2153.7 3050	WV
	☛♂⌄{7} ▲{4}	(0.1W) <b>21.2&lt;&lt;&lt;12.1&lt;&lt;7.3&lt;Blue Mountain Shelter&gt;8.1&gt;&gt;&gt;15.5&gt;&gt;&gt;23.6</b> ♂ (No potable water) at shelter, ♂ water (spring) located (0.1) south of shelter on AT, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. ☛[34.81665,-83.76706] ⌄[34.81721,-83.76673]	3900 2146.4	MD
	☛♂♂{3} ⌄{7} ↷☾🛖👤	(230 yds W) <b>20.2&lt;&lt;&lt;15.4&lt;&lt;8.1&lt;Tray Mountain Shelter&gt;7.4&gt;&gt;&gt;15.5&gt;&gt;&gt;22.8</b> ♂ Water (box spring) located 50 yards behind shelter, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. ☛[34.80283,-83.67857] ⌄[34.80396,-83.67690] ♂[34.80491,-83.67568]	4200 2138.3	PA
	☛♂♂{4} ⌄{12} ↷☾🛖👤	(0.3E) <b>22.8&lt;&lt;&lt;15.5&lt;&lt;7.4&lt;Deep Gap Shelter&gt;8.1&gt;&gt;&gt;15.4&gt;&gt;&gt;20.3</b> ♂ Water (spring) is located (0.1) south on the trail to the shelter, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. ☛[34.88539,-83.64790] ⌄[34.88249,-83.64597] ♂[34.88313,-83.64719]	3550 2130.9	NJ
	♂☛♂{6} ⌄{14}↷ ☾🛖♂👤	Plumorchard Gap. (0.2E) <b>23.6&lt;&lt;&lt;15.5&lt;&lt;8.1&lt;Plumorchard Gap Shelter&gt;7.3&gt;&gt;&gt;12.2&gt;&gt;&gt;19.8</b> ♂ Plumorchard Creek is on the shelter trail, beyond the shelter. ▲ tenting, ☾ privy, 🛖 bear cables. ▲ <b>Caution</b> the stump in front of the shelter has been home to copperhead snakes. ♂ Water located 200 yards west on AT beyond shelter. ☛[34.94607,-83.59118] ⌄[34.94603,-83.58830]	3050 2122.8	CT
	♂☛⌄{8} ▲ ↷☾👤	(100 ft E) <b>22.8&lt;&lt;&lt;15.4&lt;&lt;7.3&lt;Muskrat Creek Shelter&gt;4.9&gt;&gt;&gt;12.5&gt;&gt;&gt;21.2</b> ♂ Water (spring) is located behind shelter, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy. ⌄[35.02053,-83.58160]	4600 2115.5	MA
	♂♂⌄{8} ↷☾👤	(250 ft E) <b>20.3&lt;&lt;&lt;12.2&lt;&lt;4.9&lt;Standing Indian Shelter&gt;7.6&gt;&gt;&gt;16.3&gt;&gt;&gt;19.7</b> ♂ Creek that serves as the water source for shelter is on the opposite side of the AT from the shelter. ▲ tenting, ☾ privy. ⌄[35.04200,-83.54806]	4760 2110.6	VT
	♂♂⌄{8} ↷☾👤	(100 ft E) <b>19.8&lt;&lt;&lt;12.5&lt;&lt;7.6&lt;Carter Gap Shelter&gt;8.7&gt;&gt;&gt;12.1&gt;&gt;&gt;19.6</b> ♂ Water (spring) is located 200 yards west on blue blaze trail, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy. ⌄[34.99898,-83.49413]	4540 2103.0	NH
	♂☛♂{5} ⌄{16} ↷☾👤	(0.1W) <b>21.2&lt;&lt;&lt;16.3&lt;&lt;8.7&lt;Long Branch Shelter&gt;3.4&gt;&gt;&gt;10.9&gt;&gt;&gt;18.2</b> ♂ Water, ▲ tent sites, ☾ privy. ☛[35.06941,-83.49706] ⌄[35.06996,-83.49815]	4932 2094.3	ME
	♂☛⌄{8} ↷☾👤	(300 ft W) <b>19.7&lt;&lt;&lt;12.1&lt;&lt;3.4&lt;Rock Gap Shelter&gt;7.5&gt;&gt;&gt;14.8&gt;&gt;&gt;19.6</b> water (spring) is known to go dry, privy. ⌄[35.09143,-83.52310]	3760 2090.9	Bear bag & more
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	♂☛⌄{8} ♂{5} ↷☾👤	(100 ydsE) <b>18.2&lt;&lt;&lt;14.8&lt;&lt;7.3&lt;Wayah Shelter&gt;4.8&gt;&gt;&gt;10.6&gt;&gt;&gt;15.5</b> Shelter on AT. ♂ Water (Little Laurel Spring) is located (546FT W) on blue blaze trail across from shelter side trail, ▲ tent sites, ☾ privy. ⌄[35.18784,-83.56201] ♂[35.18624,-83.56355]	4480 2076.1	Shuttles
	♂⌄{6}♂ ↷☾🛖👤	<b>19.6&lt;&lt;&lt;12.1&lt;&lt;4.8&lt;Cold Spring Shelter&gt;5.8&gt;&gt;&gt;10.7&gt;&gt;&gt;18.6</b> ♂ Water located 5 yards in front of the shelter, ☾ privy, ▲ tent sites located (0.1) north on AT, 🛖 bear cables but non functional. ⌄[35.23090,-83.55990]	4920 2071.3	Resupply
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	♂☛⌄{8} ♂ ↷☾👤	(70 yds E) <b>21.9&lt;&lt;&lt;17&lt;&lt;9.1&lt;Brown Fork Gap Shelter&gt;6.3&gt;&gt;&gt;13&gt;&gt;&gt;24.9</b> ♂ Water (spring) is reliable located on the right of shelter, ▲ tenting, ☾ privy. ⌄[35.37423,-83.73390]	3800 2043.6	Index



# Hiker Slang

**2000-Miler** = A person who has hiked the entire distance of the trail either by thru-hiking or section hiking. Also known as an **End-to-ender**.

**Alpine Zone** = The area consisting of all the land above tree line in New England. (See: **Treeline**).

**AMC** = The “Appalachian Mountain Club” has a huge presence in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, as well as throughout some of the more popular backcountry destinations across New England. The run a number of high-end Huts.

**AT, A.T.** =The Appalachian Trail.

**AYCE** = All You Can Eat Restaurants that offer all you can eat buffets are very popular with hungry hikers.

**AYH** = The abbreviation for American Youth Hostels.

**Bald** = A low elevation mountain surrounded by forest yet devoid of trees on the crown. Typically covered with meadows, balds can offer great views and are a good place to find wild berries, they also attract much wildlife. A southern term.

**Base Weight** = The weight of your backpack plus all the gear that’s inside it, but not counting consumables like food, water and fuel.

**Bear bag** = The bag used by hikers to hang their food out of reach of bears and other critters.

**Bear cable** = A permanent cable rigged high between two trees specifically for hanging bear bags.

**Blow-down** = A tree or shrub that has fallen across the Trail.

**Blue blaze** = Spur trails off the AT. Leading to shelters, views, water sources etc. are often marked by AT style blazes painted Blue.

**Blue-blazer** = A long-distance hiker who substitutes a section of blue-blazed trail for a white-blazed section between two points on the Trail.

**Bog bridge** = Narrow wooden walkway placed to protect sensitive wetlands. (See: **Puncheon**).

**Bounce box** = A mail-drop type box containing seldom used necessities that is ‘bounced’, (mailed), ahead to a town where you think you might need the contents.

**Brown-blazing** = Taking an off-trail detour to take a dump.

**Bushwhack** = To hike where there is no marked trail.

**Cache** = A Cache is a place where you store gear, food and other supplies before a long trip. The Cache is usually on or near the trail, allowing you to resupply when you reach it.

**Cairn** = A structure made of rocks used to mark a trail where trees aren’t present for Blazes, like in Alpine Zones. Some are just loose piles while others are more decorative.

**Camel Up** = Cameling Up is a process to help you stay hydrated without needing to carry lots of heavy water bottles during your hike. When you reach a water source, you refill quickly -- usually with an inline filter like a Sawyer Mini -- and then gulp down all the water immediately before heading off down the trail again. This allows you to get the water into your system quickly while avoiding the need to carry heavy, full water bottles (2.2 pounds per liter!) on the hike. A technique commonly used by Ultralight hikers.

**Cat Hole** = A small hole dug by a hiker for the deposit of human waste when **Brown-blazing**.

**CDT** = The “Continental Divide Trail,” a 3,100 mile long trail, following the Continental Divide along the Rocky Mountains and traversing Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

**Col** and **Sag** = Typically dips in the ridge without a road, while **Gap** and **Notch** are typically larger dips that have a road going through. **Sag** is a typically southern term, as is **Gap**, while Col and Notch are typically northern terms. Water Gap, is of course, a Gap with a river.

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**Cove** = A southern Appalachian word meaning a high, flat valley, surrounded by mountains. Cades Cove in the Smokies is the one most people know about.

**Corridor** = The Appalachian Trail is a long and narrow Park, sometimes less than 100 feet wide. The Area set aside for the AT to pass within is called the Trail Corridor.

**Cowboy** = When one camps without any shelter - just spreading one’s sleeping pad and bag out **camping** under the stars and putting one’s faith in their opinion about the weather staying dry.

**Croo** = The crew of caretakers who man the Appalachian Mountain Club Huts. For the most part, the summer Croo will be college students.

**Dead Fall** = A trail maintainer’s term for a fallen dead trees across the trail.

**DEET** = A powerful insect repellent.

**Double blaze** = Two blazes, one above the other as an indication of an imminent turn or intersection in the trail. Offset double blazes, called Garveys, indicate the direction of the turn by the offset of the top blaze.

**Dodgeways** = Are V-shaped stiles through fences, used where the Trail passes through livestock enclosures.

**DWG** = **The Delaware Water Gap, DWG**, is the most well-known **Gap** along the AT.

**End-to-ender** = Another term for a **2,000-Miler**.

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**Flip-flopper** = A hiker that starts hiking in one direction then at some point decides to jump ahead and hike back in the opposite direction. Some hikers on the AT will start hiking northbound from Springer Mt. and usually at Harpers Ferry they may decide to go to Katahdin and hike back down to Harpers Ferry, thus completing their thru-hike. This is a good way for someone to still get their hike completed if they are behind and their time is limited due to the oncoming winter.

**Food bag** = A bag a hiker carries in their pack specifically for storing their food in. It is typically bear **Bear bag** suspended from a tree at night so bears and varmints don’t get into it.

**GAME, GAMER** = A hike or hiker going from Georgia to Maine.

**Gap** = A southern term for a low spot along a ridge line, called a **Col**, or **Notch**, by northern individuals.

**Gear head** = A hiker whose main focus is backpacking and outdoors gear.

**Giardia** = More properly known as **Giardiasis**, an infection of the lower intestines caused by the amoebic cyst, Giardia lamblia. Giardia resides in water so it is wise to always chemically treat or filter your water before drinking. Symptoms include stomach cramps, diarrhea, bloating, loss of appetite and vomiting. Also known as, a backpacker’s worst nightmare.

**GORP** = ‘Good ole raisins & peanuts’, or some other variation thereof.

**Gray Water** = (Dirty dishwater). Some campsites will have designated spots to dump your gray water.

**Hiker Box** = A cabinet, or box, at lodgings or hostels where hikers donate unwanted food, gear, fuel, and any other items the hiker no longer wants to carry. Leaving it for the hikers coming behind them.

**Hostel** = An establishment along the trail that has bunks, showers, and sometimes meals and mail drops.

**HYOH** = Meaning “Hike Your Own Hike,” the idea that we should all live and let live on the trail.

**JMT** = The “John Muir Trail” is a 210 mile trail that follows a section of the PCT. Almost entirely above 8,000 ft of elevation, much of the trail is in the Alpine Zone, with gorgeous big-mountain views and wildflowers.

**Knob** = A prominent rounded hill or mountain. A southern term.

**Lean-to** = A three sided open shelter, used primarily in New England.

**LNT** (or Leave No Trace) = “Leave No Trace” is a series of 7 principles designed to help backpackers and campers think about ways to minimize the impact that their presence has on the natural environment.

**Lyme Disease** = A debilitating illness carried by small ticks.

**MacGyver** = After an old TV show where the hero would construct useful devices out of common, available materials. To hikers, it means to build, or repair gear with imagination.

**Mail Drop** = Mail drops are a method of re-supply while hiking. A mail drop is usually made ahead of time, before the hike starts, and a person not hiking (usually a spouse or relative, but it can be a friend) mails the package according to a pre-arranged schedule so that it arrives on time for the hiker to receive it at the post office.

**Maintainer** = See: **Trail maintainer**.

**MEGA , or ME-GA** = A hike or hiker going from Maine to Georgia.

**Mountain money** = Toilet paper.

**Mouse Hanger** = The cord-with-can contraption used to discourage mice from entering a pack, or food bags, when hung in a shelter.

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