



EXPLANATION FOR THE USE OF BASE MAP

We have purposely used as our base map, one that shows Pine Grove Furnace as it was at the end of World War II.

At that time, there was a bridge over Mountain Creek, where the Appalachian Trail came off of Piney Mtn. The Trail crossed on that bridge and followed the road, through the Girl Scout Camp, to the Highway.

The Girl Scouts had the bridge removed to assure more privacy in the camp. At that time, the Appalachian Trail was rerouted along the abandoned railroad bed, pass the furnace stack, and thence to the highway.

The years have passed and the Cumberland County Recreation Board has converted the abandoned railroad bed to a biking trail.

That section of the abandoned railroad bed, between the juncture with the Appalachian Trail and the Furnace Stack, is very active, indeed, with hikers and bikers.

The Appalachian Trail was never intended as a biking trail. While a few bikes may be acceptable, this area is too crowded, particularly, with bikes without horns or bells.

Therefore, we suggest a restoration of a footbridge, where the Appalachian Trail comes off of Piney Mountain, with the trail rerouted over existing foot paths on the north side of Mountain Cr.

THE POLE STEEPLE HIKES

This short, lovely hike provides two choices--one of about 2.5 miles, the other about 4.25 miles. In either case, park at Pole Steeple Parking area, along the side of Laurel Lake.

TRAIL DATA

Lv	Parking Area	0.00	0.00 m.
Ar	Charcoal Hearth	0.19	0.19 m.
	Trail bears left.		
Ar.	Base of cliff	0.43	0.52 m.
	Begin climb.		
Ar.	Summit of Pole Steeple	0.19	0.71 m.
Ar.	Wood road	0.10	0.81 m.
	Bear right to Jct with the Appalachian Trail	0.19	1.00 m.
Ar.	Railroad bed, bear right	1.52	2.52 m.
Ar.	Parking area	1.62	4.14 m.
or	Bear left on wood rd.	0.81	0.81 m.
Ar.	at first cabin on left	0.81	1.62 m.
Ar.	Jct with railroad bed	0.33	1.95 m.
Ar.	at Parking Area	0.43	2.38 m.
or.	Follow hwy to parking thru picnic area	0.21	2.16 m.
	then wood road to RR	0.41	2.57 m.
	left to Parking Area	0.48	3.05 m.
		0.90	3.95 m.