



Maine Appalachian Trail Conference

Dates: August 4 to 11, 2017

Location: Colby College, Waterville, Maine

Event Overview: The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) holds a conference every two years at different locations in the Eastern US. This week-long event includes over 240 hikes, numerous workshops, and excursions to local areas of interest.

The conference will also include ATC's 41st membership meeting. Each evening there are exciting adventure presentations and stellar entertainment. The event draws people from around the world, but primarily from locations along the nearly 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail (A.T.). At the last conference held in Maine (1997 Sunday River), 1,380 people participated. We anticipate over 1,200 attendees in 2017.

About the ATC: The ATC, established in 1925, is a national not-for-profit that is both a confederation of 31 local organizations with assignments to maintain the A.T. and a membership organization with support from all 50 states and more than 15 other countries. Under agreements that date back to the 1930s, buttressed by federal legislation in 1968 and 1978, ATC leads a cooperative-management system for the A.T. that includes the National Park Service and USDA Forest Service at national, regional, and district levels, numerous state parks, a variety of agencies in 14 states and other land management organizations.

About the A.T.: The A.T. is one of the longest continuously marked footpaths in the world, measuring roughly 2,180 miles. The A.T. goes through fourteen states along the crests and valleys of the Appalachian mountain range from the southern terminus at Springer Mountain, Georgia, to the Trail's northern terminus at Katahdin, Maine. The A.T. was completed in 1937 (near Sugarloaf Mtn.) and is a unit of the National Park System. It is estimated that 2 to 3 million people visit the A.T. every year.

Opportunities for People in Maine to Get Involved:

- Participate in the conference – hikes, workshops, entertainment, excursions!
- Promote the conference locally!
- Become a sponsor!
- Have a vendor table in the exhibit area!
- Donate items for door prizes or for registered participant event bags!

For more information:

Conference Website: www.atc2017.org

To Volunteer: www.appalachiantrail.org/Maine2017Volunteers

To be a Sponsor or Exhibitor, mail to: Exhibits2017@ATconf.org

Hosted by: [Maine Appalachian Trail Club](#) and [Appalachian Mountain Club – Maine Chapter](#)