

Most likely

Three
Springs
Shelter

Northern
VA

REGISTER



Southlanders
Manassas Gap Shelter
3 miles north of Lincolnton is
on a short
blaze trail
at the chimney



dri-point

THEME BOOK

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WATER SPRING, 0, 3 mi. EXCELLENT

Joe,

I promised to send a 1978 register and newspaper article a while ago, and after starting to scan a few pages by myself I gave up and figured you'd do a better job of it. I thought I might have to separate the pages to lay them flat, but I didn't want to tear it apart before sending it along. I was also going to have Karen Olson's newspaper article scanned, but never did that either, though I have a large format copier and made a copy for myself. I rolled up the newspaper article and it is being sent separately in a box. I'll probably miss this old register, since there is something unusual about having a paper copy to hold in your hands as opposed to reading a document on the computer.

I believe that the register is from the Three Springs Shelter based on my mileage log and where I spent the night. I realize that most people wouldn't find much significance in a trail shelter, except for those who actually walked the trail. I certainly wish there was more of them made available, because at times I find myself wanting to re-create the adventure and bring back a lost memory – especially since most things were pre-internet and I don't have a lot of pictures or extensive notes.

The register and newspaper article are of interest for Karen Olson. I especially like the encouraging entry from her and others. There is also an entry from Cindy Ross who went on to write many hiking books. She says on 8/9/1978, "This section isn't so bad at all if you have good company and try to think positively." I met and spent a few days with her along the way.

I compiled some names from thru/section hikers who made an entry and found on the Appalachian Trail Conservancy 2000 milers list. I couldn't verify the list recently because the online page is not working for me.

Karen Olson
Cindy Ross
Dennis Risser
Ken Bradbury
Lee Williams
Tom Lardner
Fred Muir
John Piscopo
Matt Paumen
Greg Hansen
William P. Bishop

If you could list the names on the internet page along with the register that would be great. It might be helpful for someone wanting to find an entry from them. Thank You for all your work. It's much appreciated. I'd love to see a display designated for the 1970's. Hopefully someday I'll get a chance to come and visit. If you need any other information, don't hesitate to email or phone me.

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Thanks again,
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SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA-NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Section Features Facilities

- Md 7 Weverton Shelter S
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Towpath R
- Md. Rt. 734 R
- Sandy Hook Bridge Over Potomac River
- Md.-Va. Line, U.S. Rt. 340; *COLLEEN & SALVATORE*
- Harpers Ferry, W. Va. 25425 *DON & JUREY* R,G,L,M
- Split Rocks *ALBERTZ* R
- Keys Gap, Va.-W. Va. Hwy.9 S
- Keys Gap Shelter
- Buzzard Rock
- Deer Lick
- Wilson Gap Rd., Wilson Gap Shelter (*CLOSED*) R,S
- Devils Racecourse
- Snickers Gap; Va. Hwy. 7; Bluemont, Va., P.O. 22012 R
- Three Springs Shelter *DON & JUREY ARRIVED* S
- Ashby Gap; U.S. Rt. 50, Va. Hwy. 601; Paris, Va., P.O. 22130 R
- Va 4 Va. Hwy. 638 R
- Tri County Fire Tower R
- Belle Meade Rd. R
- Manassas Gap; Va. Hwy. 55; Linden, Va. P.O. 22642 R,G
- Va 5 Va. Hwy. 636 R
- Mosby Shelter S
- Chester Gap, U.S. Rt. 522 R

Section Distances						Chapter Distances					
N to S			S to N			From Susquehanna River			From Chester Gap, Va.		
mi	km	mi	km	mi	km	mi	km	mi	km	mi	km
0.3	0.5	1.9	3.0	117.2	188.6	49.8	80.2	49.8	80.2	49.8	80.2
0.8	1.3	1.4	2.2	117.7	189.4	49.3	79.4	49.3	79.4	49.3	79.4
1.6	2.6	0.6	0.9	118.5	190.7	48.5	78.1	48.5	78.1	48.5	78.1
1.9	3.1	0.3	0.4	118.8	191.2	48.2	77.6	48.2	77.6	48.2	77.6
2.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	119.1	191.7	47.9	77.1	47.9	77.1	47.9	77.1
0.9	1.4	5.1	8.3	120.0	193.1	47.0	75.7	47.0	75.7	47.0	75.7
6.0	9.7	0.0	0.0	125.1	201.3	41.9	67.5	41.9	67.5	41.9	67.5
0.1	0.2	13.5	21.7	125.2	201.5	41.8	67.3	41.8	67.3	41.8	67.3
2.9	4.7	10.7	17.2	128.0	206.0	39.0	62.8	39.0	62.8	39.0	62.8
4.1	6.6	9.5	15.3	129.2	207.9	37.8	60.9	37.8	60.9	37.8	60.9
7.5	12.1	6.1	9.8	132.6	213.4	34.4	55.4	34.4	55.4	34.4	55.4
10.3	16.6	3.3	5.3	135.4	217.9	31.6	50.9	31.6	50.9	31.6	50.9
13.6	21.9	0.0	0.0	138.7	223.2	28.3	45.6	28.3	45.6	28.3	45.6
2.9	4.7	8.1	13.0	141.6	227.9	25.4	40.9	25.4	40.9	25.4	40.9
11.0	17.7	0.0	0.0	149.7	240.9	17.3	27.9	17.3	27.9	17.3	27.9
5.7	9.2	6.1	9.8	155.4	250.1	11.6	18.7	11.6	18.7	11.6	18.7
6.3	10.1	5.5	8.9	156.0	251.1	11.0	17.7	11.0	17.7	11.0	17.7
8.1	13.0	3.7	6.0	157.8	254.0	9.2	14.9	9.2	14.9	9.2	14.9
11.8	19.0	0.0	0.0	161.5	259.9	5.5	8.9	5.5	8.9	5.5	8.9
0.7	1.1	4.8	7.8	162.2	261.0	4.8	7.8	4.8	7.8	4.8	7.8
3.0	4.8	2.5	4.1	164.5	264.7	2.5	4.1	2.5	4.1	2.5	4.1
5.5	8.9	0.0	0.0	167.0	268.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

BACKPACKER'S LOG BOOK PLACED HERE

JUNE 30 - 1978 BY ROBERT DILLON

12607 E. NEVADA AVE.

AURORA COLORADO 80012

PLEASE SEND TO ME WHEN FINISHED

I WILL REPAY POSTAGE. THANKS

7/1/78

Sure do get high on these mountains...
Really appreciate all this Southbound info. Maybe
we can make it tomorrow without getting lost.
Hiking 20 day trip, on 11th day (boo hoo could stay here
over) Happy trails to all...

Stacy Browne, Chevy Chase, Md.

7/1/78 coming ^{down} from Wilson's Gap today and I wish
I were still in that vicinity cause trail up
there's great. I heard about all of the relocations
of the AT and w/ the advice of others, think
we'll make it fine. (Stacey and I) ↑ good luck
to all on the trail, especially the thru-hikers and
when you're down and gettin discouraged, just
think about how lucky you are to be on such
beautiful mountains and to being in touch w/nature.
I think it's great! Andrea Peterson, Silver Spring, Md.

7-6-78

Q. Whatever happened to
Karen Olson?

A. Karen Olson was a
purist, and Karen Olson
got lost. Now she is
found.

Q. Do I want to hear
about it?

A. No. But for the
sake of you
Innocent Southlanders,
Karen Olson will
tell her story.



Absolutely

It all started 7-5-78
about 4 miles north
of Linden. I was
bushwhacking along on the
trail, cheerful & happy,
Having picnicked with
Linden's Methodists on
the fourth of July and having
spent the night in the
church.

The going was
rough, but the going
got tougher -- and
tougher and tougher and
tougher.

For six hours I
cut my way through
blackberry brambles, stumbled

around rocks and crawled
on hands & knees under
blowdowns.

Finally I came to a
huge field, that stretched as
far as I could see, with
grass that came up to
my shoulders. The "blazes,"
little white stakes about
2 feet tall, were woefully
inadequate.

I got lost. I
got utterly lost. I
walked & walked in
circles & spheres. Finally
I headed north, hit the
fire road, & walked 4
miles on the road to
Ashby Gap.

Now I am sure I
made the right decision ---
(as if I had any choice ---)

Q. Why?

A. Because once on the
road, wonder ful things started

happening to me. I saw
a half-grown bear and
lots of turtles. I
met a neat guy named
Bill Douglas who lives at
Ashby Gap and let me
sleep by his beautiful,
big pond (visible from the
trail, right at the gap).
And today, on 60, I
saw a fox!
That's all, folks.

Karen Olson
Ga. → Me.
7-6-78

7/6/78 Don Phillips

That's quite a story, Karen. Glad I
wasn't with you. For everyone behind
me, see you later - This guy's movin'
on out - 22 mi 2 days ago, 25
today, and I'm thinking of a 22 or
again tomorrow. I'd like to hustle on
through Penn, NY, NJ and Maryland (not
necessarily in that order), and then,

after I catch up with ol' father time for
this trip, go off through N.E., just as
I have ^{done} down here in the south.

7/6/78 Dean Banfield

GA → ME

386 South Ave

New Canaan CT 06840

Oh Wee is me! My "Memphis Blues" T shirt
lost in the brambles coming into hideout. If
anyone finds it, please send it to Allen PA - I'll
be checking at the Post Offices until there, then
I'll cry. Until then I'm

Dean "shirtless" Banfield

7/6/78 Mike White, Gregg Simon, Tajmoo
the dog, Jeff Robertson & Jeff Powell

It's nice to be out of the Shenandoahas
but it's too bad we are here. In good
spirits after spending the 4th of July
in D.C. at the Smoke In. The fireworks
were great to say nothing for the smoke.
On to Harpers Ferry and Maine.
"Yippies of 78"

7/7/78

Just camping one night. Place is very overgrown never seen it so bad. We saw two golden retrievers who looked lost don't know what to do. They looked ~~mad~~ ^{angry} Watch out. Might be neighbor's dogs ^(??)
Have fun hiking

a few hikers from downtown DC

7-8-78

Just got in from Keys Gap.

I'm sore in places I didn't even know I had! ~~Only~~ my second day back on the trail so 9 AM in 5 hrs is OK. Route 601 is a bummer! Will R&R here for rest of day as ~~the~~ sprint here is super!!

Bruce Usher

Revere, N.H.

Don't want to bore you but! Northbounders!!

1. There is a house 250' north of here. They own this land and you cross in back of their house to continue on your journey north. Just pass through silently as if you were never there. If you think it's been a long walk from Morby LT.

cont.

think of what it would be like if you had to go the other 9m. to Wilson LT before stopping!?!

2. if we don't keep this place clean we're going to lose it and I for one am going to be thoroughly pissed off because of the 10%, the inconsiderate hikers who think they are cute.

3. For you GA → MA hikers, if you think the blowdowns south of here are a bit much you aint seen nothing yet. Try 7,000 Sq acres of them in Maine!

If the entire trail was just flat, easy walking it would be as boring as Rt 601.

If that's what you want — GO HOME! ^{Hook yourself}
But stop your complaining! (or take up golf ^{Brocc}
the walking is much easier.)

4. To that 90% who enjoy trekking I leave you with this poem I saw in a log book in Maine ...

"With many mountains left to climb
you'll soon be on your way
as the stars turn into morning

(Over)

Ignore this.

The man is obviously
insane. maybe he has a touch of the spotted fever from a fly
The ticks in there have lovely relations

and you have a chance to say
"hello" to all the people
that you meet as you pass through
the places you have yet to see
for the trail is calling you.

7-8-78 John Little
stopped here for the night

7-9-78

Oreste V. Unti

Philadelphia Pa.

BATONA - HIKING - CLUB

7-9-78

Allentown Hiking Club

Richard F. Leach

Barb Wiemann

Al Wiemann

Ingo Zalik

Tim Obell PATC Patrol 108

10 July - Den and Balb: Beodes -
Spent a week in Wash D.C. - good break.

11th of July.

LIMBO ROCKERS STILL FORGE ON!
IT'S A BIT OF A BLUE DAY, AND PERHAPS
THE DAWN OF A NEW STAGE ON OUR
TRIP. MOST OF THE FOLKS WE'VE HIKED WITH
OR HEARD OF ARE FAR NORTH, HAVE DROPPED
OUT, HAVE GONE CHASING AFTER WOMEN,
HAVE HITCHED NORTH, OR HAVE SPLIT FOR
THE BEER FESTIVAL IN BARNESVILLE, PA.
ADIOS LOS AMIGOS! WE'LL MISS EM.

QUESTION - CAN TWO DOGGISH
LIMBO ROCKERS PARTYING HEAVILY AND
~~PLAYING~~ WEEKS BEHIND THE "SERIOUS"
THRU-HIKER PACE MAKE IT TO KATAHDIN
BY OCT. 15? YOU BET YOUR SWEET ASS
WE CAN! (SANS HITCHING, NO LESS!)

NOW AS FOR BRUCE VOLTOR'S
RATHER ANNOYING ENTRY. THE MAN OBVIOUSLY
HAS NO CONCEPT OF A THRU-HIKING
EXPERIENCE (AND IF HE HAS, IT IS A TWISTED
BEYOND DESCRIPTION!) THE MORE I READ

Item 3, THE SICKER I GET. OF
COURSE NOBODY EXPECTS 900 MILES OF
SHENANDOAH-LIKE MANICURED TRAIL,
BUT WE HAVEN'T COME THAT FAR,
(AND I WONDER IF THE IDIOT HAS
EVER TRUDGED THRU THE STAKOAS) ONLY
TO ARRIVE ~~TO~~ WITHIN 50 MILES OF
HARDERS FERRY AND FIND THE ABSOLUTE
WORST EXCUSE FOR A TRAIL YET.
IF THE MAN THINKS BUSHWACKING
IS ALL THAT ENJOYABLE, WHY DOESN'T
HE SHUT THE HELL UP + GO HIKE
THE AMAZON! (SORRY ALL YOU GOOD
FOLKS FOR THE BAD VIBES, BUT I
CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF.)

AN ASIDE — EMERSON, IF
YOU ARE ~~BE~~ SOMEHOW BEHIND, WE'LL
BE STAYING AT THE A.Y.H. TOMORROW.
EVERYONE ELSE GONE TO BEER FEST.
CATCH UP!

— Tom LARONER
CA → ME. '78



ATTENTION

Attention all hikers, wanderers,
adventurists and basically anyone
else walking around this
general area!!!

I Lost My Hat!

you've got to understand
the importance of this
matter. I mean, it was
my hat. And I've got
to get it back. Pronto.
Sooooo, introducing the:

@* Help Fred Muir Contest

(Details)

Rules:

- ① Eligibility - Anybody
- ② What to Do - Find my hat + send it to me.

How to Play:

- Ⓐ Look on + around the trail South of here probably on the relocation between Asby Gap + Manassas Gap (Lindero)
- Ⓑ Hat is wool-like, but actually some synthetic stuff. It is tan with one red + one blue stripe. It looks flat when laying on the ground on the side of a trail but on my head looks like this:

Hat is Tan colored.



So Any way if you should
Find it I'd really appreciate
it if you could send it to
me (postage Gladly refunded)
and my endless gratitude
yours) at:

Fred Muir
56 Rodger Ct.
Wyckoff, N.J. 07481

I'm at through hiker +
my hat is great in the
Cold + Fantastic in the rain
and I'll hit plenty of both
before I get to Maine

Limbo
Rock

Charles Blain 7/12/78 + a tel (dog) My puppy is mightily tired. Have got education covered. Am thinking of hitching to Front Royal for Redkey Ridge Trail into the A.

7/13/78 Stopped by for a late afternoon lunch after leaving from fire tower this morning. Enjoyed spectacular sunset and sunrise.

Southbounders:

- ① Check out postcards at George's Snack Shop on Hwy 50 in Ashby's Gap. They're hilarious and only cost 10¢.
- ② Good camping at fire tower. Get water from Mrs. Lipscomb - a sweet woman. Gravel road by bench opposite fire road (to tower) leads to her home.

Good luck to all thru-hikers and hikers in general.

Bill Porriam
Indianapolis, IN
GA → NORTH(?)

P.S. Southbounders:

After passing Hwy 55 at Manassas Gap, you will walk by William Dawson's home. If you're lucky, he will be sitting on his front porch. Talk with him. I heard the entire history of Warren County, VA. But he may talk your ear off!

July 13, 1978 - I am hiking south
and am going to walk through all
~~those~~ relocations no matter what
North of here you will find showers,
2 ft ant hills, and trails that aren't
all that bad. We are stopping at
Shenandoah but may not get back to
Harrisburg Pa (home) in time to get to the
Beer Fest. ~~at~~ Shades Gap; Bluegrass
fest ^{July} 20, 21, 23, 1978. Shade gap Pa ~~is~~ is
my next vacation after this. You people
have missed all the through hikers
they went on today, they are getting
back on the trail at Delaware water gap.
Harpers Ferry is great but there's no bar.

"Get naked and boogie"

Maureen Meehan

400 Hidden Knob
Harrisburg, Pennsylv. 17112

BLORB!

July 14

What the hell is a BLOB?

Just stopped to get high & will spend
NIGHT HERE - NICE PLACE. CAME FROM A.G.H.

IN HARPER'S FERRY - ALSO A NICE PLACE.

A lot of thru hikers are packing up the
beer & staying on the trail - FOR A WHILE I HOPE
I'M REALLY ENJOYING THE H.T. AND ALL

INFO
* MIGHT CAN BE FOUND IN THIS ONE.

PLEASE DISREGARD

THE FREAKS ON IT. EVEN THE TICKS
I'VE MET ARE INTERESTING TO CHAT WITH -
ALTHOUGH I AM HEADING SOUTH AND
I'VE HEARD THEY CAN BE QUITE UNSOCIABLE.

- ONE MORE THING, THERE WAS A PREVIOUS
JOB BOOK HERE WITH GOOD INFO, * HOWEVER
THE PAGES DID GET QUITE SMEARED WITH
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SO WE ARE SENDING
IT BACK TO THE OWNER TO LICK & READ
AS HE PLEASES. LET'S KEEP THIS ONE CLEAN
OF P.B & J. (APPLAUSE IS PERMITTED)

MY THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT -

I WOULD NOT FEEL SO ALL ALONE
'CAUSE EVERYBODY MUST GET STONED!

DIANNE PERAL
1001 HOMESTEAD AVE.
HBB. PA. 17110

- ONE MORE THING, AGAIN, FRED MUIR
IS A FLIPPED GUY. LET'S ALL HELP HIM
OUT WITH HIS HAT CONTEST. He'd like that.

July 13, 1978

Before hitting the sack tonight I suppose I'll make a contribution to this thing, whatever it is, this logbook. Quite frankly, I have very little to say. However, I would like to present the mileage of my longest bike yet - nineteen miles. Being a novice (this is my third day on the trail - ever) I feel as if this is an admirable accomplishment. I seek no congratulations, rather, I merely wish to be recognized as a non-conformist that is out on his first bike.

Eso es todo. Adios hasta el dia que yo regreso. Pero no sé todavía si voy a regresar. No importa...

Hasta Luego

Tomás W. Martin

July 14, 1978

PAC Summer Trail Patrol

Patrick Snow 7:30

Sat 7/15/78 - Oh yes, another shelter register to take up my time. Speaking of which, today begins my 3rd month on the Trail (started at Amicalola Falls State Park on 5/15). And I've still been having an excellent, truly excellent time. It's real good to have my body in such good shape.

• Hope this muggy weather clears up soon.

• It was nice to get off of that boring (though fast) road walk & take a break here at this shelter. Unfortunately the S/Os decided to take a break here too. I'm going to pack out some of the garbage, but I can't take too much for I have a heavy pack (just made a food pickup in Paris).

• HELLO!! to: Dan & Sue (too bad you had to take Edipachomy), Beth, Linda, Ned, Randy, Dave, June & Lewis, Bob & Ann, Dan, John & the inevitable people I forgot to mention.

Keep on truckin'!*

Robert Pospoly
Brooklyn, N.Y.

*Yes, I know it isn't very original.

Sat July 15th Patc Patrol #103
3:00 P.M. Robert W. Pancoast

Is all the garbage & litter I have been picking up these last weeks all from the local people? all bikers - please ~~Don't~~ take out your own trash!

July 15th 78

Louis + June MacCaughey GA to me -
got here about 4 p.m. going to spend
the night - the new trail not half
bad & in is real nice having a
shelter between three springs and
mosky - I always like to see the
trail name the roads - some are in
really working - a big thanks to all
you are out there clearing trail & marking!
is.

7/15/78

Come special from Holland to walk AT.
The best in America is its nature.

J.F.

7/17/78 Arrived here from ^{Manassas} ~~Hosby~~ Shelter.
Lost the relocation trail somewhere
after there - came out on the road
before the fire tower - but I don't need
any more cuts & scratches on my arms
& legs - the poison ivy is enough!

My '78 climb of Katahdin is still
in doubt - it's encouraging that there
are others here still counting on it -
have to see how fast the boopies can go -
don't want my tail feathers frozen off up
north, either!
Donna Horn NY, NY
GA → ME.

P.S. Hi! to Karen & Bob

"Turtles" Manlypn, Joan & Chris

Jack & Ann

Elaine

- anybody I've met & missed!

7/18

Ned Hughes 7/18 - rolled in last night, glad to be on a trail that actually goes where it's supposed to, with acid reference to the cute lil relocation from Linden to Ashby Gap: twist: once I got past the fighting tick fields and past the short stretch of really manicured trail, and indeed, once past the point where there are three pseudo trails one could follow, I came to a pipeline. And stopped. And said various naughty words and such expressions.

There being of no avail, I looked at the two wooden arrows on the posts - one white, and one pointing left, and yes, one pointing right.

Imagine my confusion, dear reader. Of course, eventually I ~~was~~ slinked over to the fire road & rolled on, but Gee Mr PATC, what did that blue blazed business have to do with the price of eggs? And why not some helpful info?

7-18-78

Well folks, I too have left the ranks
of AID Puritanism forever. Last evening after
a long trudge over hill + dale + buck field
+ fireweed + blacktop, a man stopped to
offer me a ride at the point where the
fence around Mt Weather begins. I tried
(sort of) to refuse, but to no avail. Into
a '68 Chevy I climbed for a 1/2 mile ride
to the ^{woods} trail. Beware! Lest all of the
few remaining purists (are there any
left?) fall prey to the well-meaning
Locals! However I must admit I enjoyed
every minute of it and so did my
feet. — Last night I sat by the spring
watching the moon (full) rise when
something began to dive bomb me. "Damn
moths" I muttered trying to shoo it away
when I realized it was no moth, but a
tiny, tiny, (2") hummingbird, diving
into the spring for a dip of water. Fascin-
ating — if you're very quiet late in the evening
maybe you'll see it. Don — I saw your wild-
cat the other day — a baby lynx on Pass Mtn!
(along w/ 2 great horned owls) See y'all after Allen.
Ca → Me Beth Meyenburg
Cedar Falls, Iowa

7-19-78 Stopped early today - sister "King
head" is having a little trouble with
her tendons, so only walked 7 miles today.
Did 18 miles yesterday - wish they'd get
that trail between ~~and~~ Loudon + Rte 638 -
are working on it I guess. Stopped last
night at Ashby Gap - Gas station + little
store there - gave us water + let us sleep in
their backyard (the Sechrests). Attention
Southbounders - take note of Mt. Weather
Station, secret government installation -
Known locally as "the Underground Whitehouse"
The wildest life we've seen so far is
terrapins, cottontails, mice - hoping for bigger
+ better game sightings.

Started this trail 2 days ago, after a
week of sightseeing in Wash. D.C. Before that
we walked ~52 miles^{to A} along North Carolina/Tenn.
line. Terrain was rougher (more ups + downs) but
were less bugs to bite you. Locals friendlier here.

LA post office right off trail (one
short city block) in Loudon = Manassas Gap.
(LA little store there also.) So, all south-
bounders write your mommies + have the
letters read to mail there. That's it for
now - Holly ("Teeb-bait") Ellen ("King head"),
+ Maria ("Abdul, the peg-leg golden bear") - Denver Colo.

P.S. Would some south-bonder
be kind enough to tote other (full) log
book to hendera & mail it? - Trickbait

7/19/78

John Piscopo

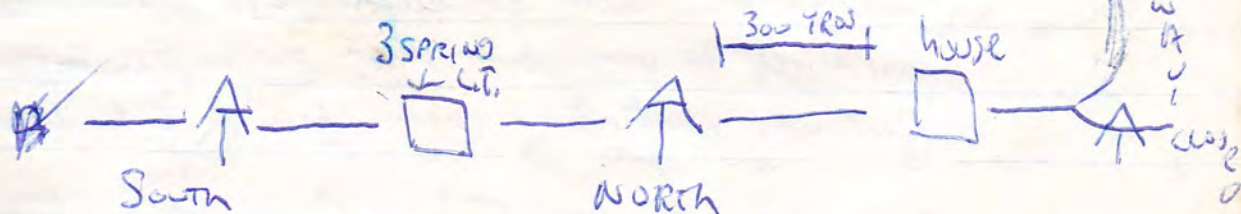
Good to see I'm only 4 days behind
the Gallagers. Walked from Mosby
and ana. foot weary.

OTR JANET + A

NO SUPPER LAST NIG WT. TOO TIRED

~~WENT TO SNICKERS GAP TO WATER~~

ON TO SNICKERS GAP ~~TO WATER~~



TAKE DRIVE WAY TO 601 FROM THERE 3 MILES
TO SNICKERS. A.T. IN WOODS IS CLOSED
DUE TO LAND OWNERS,

7/21/78

Bill Thiers
Turner Darden

George Peajine
Gene Coyner

Out for a 3 day joint - fine friends,
good weather & cold beer

7-21-78 Dan McLean

Nice to be here after long day
of road walking.

GA-MAA

7/22/78

Bob & Ann Davis, Amherst, N.H. - GA to ?

This humid heat (90's) is getting to us. Maybe
Harper's Ferry will be IT for us. (We decide as we
go along.) Yesterday we met all the beautiful people
advertised on the Grape Vine. After pitching our tent in
Tom Dawson's yard in Linden^(7/20), we got water & a chat
at Mrs. Lipscomb's, and had refreshment and
more good talk at Selchiet's in Ashley Gap. People
on & off the trail have been one of the trip's nicest
features. Best wishes to our friends behind us!

7/23/78

Just Passing By: STARTED in Harper's Ferry
Am going down as far as I get in 28
DAYS. Everyones pretty nice a little HOT BUT
THATS BEARABLE. I THINK!

Rusty Simpson
VA ?

~~the~~ it will be one point for us thru hikers - unless they set up trail blocks ahead in Pa!

7-24 -78 DAVE GAYDOS / PITTSBURGH PA. / GA. → ME.
Just in for lunch at 12:30.

That road walking was sure nice after that shit sufferin' sweetah *relax.* - My luck was just holding out too long - then I got to the fence before the fire road before Asby Gap. Sheeeeeeeiiiitt I went to the right of course - ended up down in the valley right near Paris at the most beautiful farm-mansion I've ever seen. I got my bearings - they actually let me take a swim in their *underground* swimming pool! Then I roadwalked back up route 50 to Asby Gap + spent the night there ^{at the store.} with Rusty + John + Phyllis - I'd met John + Phyllis when I was hiking through the Smokies with Jim Anderson - small world ^{or} 5 small trail! When I get into Harpers Ferry ^{at the A.T.C.} they're gonna need a rifle to shut me up - Virginia's 500 miles ^{have been} 70 - 80% pure, unrefined, unadulterated crapola! Penna. here ^{rocks or not} *come n.* P.S. I'm answer to Beth meyersburg - I'm still a purist I walked every inch from Ga. to here I - although because of that unconceivably inept *relax.* about 1 mi wasn't on the trail.

Dave Simpson was my Shenandoah name so I was advised by P.S. [AD about Arantilla L Southbender] to give a pen-address for my permit. So when I said in chat "sleeping in a shelter, fine" made a homemade twenty five dollar bill

Tuesday 2:30 PM - Lunch
July 25, 1978

We're ten campers from Hilltop Ranch (Maryland) started from Harper's Ferry Monday morning - we met Dave, John and Phylis last night @ Wilson's Gap - they were very helpful as far as trail conditions go. Temp today is about 82° with moderate humidity, this is a very good day for hiking w/ cloudy skies - rained last night. God has been very good to us so far this trip and the folks along the way very friendly - even hiking along the highway wasn't too bad.
In Christ - Jim Yearsley

I'M WITH THIS CRAZY GROUP HERE[↑] AND I'LL TELL YOU, I SURE LIKE GOING WITH ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. IT RAINED LAST NIGHT AND WE HAD TO HAVE COLD CHILI. IT WAS THE WORST MEAL I EVER HAD. TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IS GREAT, BUT THEN AGAIN, I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT WEST. ALL THE HIKERS ARE GREAT AND I HOPE YOU, ROBERT DILLON, ENJOY THIS BOOK.

DEAN A HAGIN
257 MAPLE AVE
HARLEYSVILLE, PA.

19438

July 29, 1978

John/Gail Miller PATC Summer Patrol

11:20 p.m.

July 30th 1978 1230 John/GAIL Miller

PAT Summer A PATROL

cleared TRAIL NO.

August 2, 1978

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+ from Keys Gap the night
before. (R) 601 was the
worst part of the trip,
so hike + enjoy!!!

see ya soon

Keep Smilin'

Wicket P. A. 9 1111-8 PVA

Aug 5, 1978 — 3:30 a.m. Doug LARIMER

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Contained herein. To those who follow
I leave this message: Accept personal
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~~and don't forget~~ Vicki P. A9 PTTI-P PVA

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AUG. 5TH

PATC PATROL -

AUG 9-1978 TOUG MENCHHOFFER & SHEILA DOG
ONK RIDGE, TN GEORGIA → SPAIN
AH, THE HOSPITALITY OF NORTHERN
VIRGINIANS! AFTER AN ENJOYABLE
EVENING WITH MRS. LIPSCOMB (WHO NO
HIKER SHOULD MISS) I HAD WHAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A MUNDANE DAY UNTIL I
MET A HAPPY "BUD" MAN, DISTRIBUTING
COLD BEER TO TIRED A ROADSTERS.
WHAT A TREAT! MARIGOLD & KILGORE,
YOU SHOULD BE HERE! OUR LUCKY
STARS ARE SHINING BRIGHTLY!!!

AUG 9-1978 PAC Trail Patrol Patrick Snow

Cindy Ross Reading - Pa.

AUG 9-1978 This section isn't so bad at all if you
have good company + try to think positively -
we've met lots of good people along the way
who've uplifted our morals + made our
feet glide a little bit lighter over that
asphalt. I guess it seems only fitting
to go thru some garbage to reap the
rewards of Harpers Ferry.
From Georgia out home to Reading
(Port Clinton - Duncannon)

(cont.)

Hey you good friend Mark - you still out there? We been wondering about you a lot. You 3 in the church group - Mark, Stu + Wendy (?) - hit ya'll. Hope you're going slow + taking your time + making your trip more enjoyable. It was very nice camping with you that night.

Cindy Ross ↑

AUG 9 TOM GRIFFITH, MASS. OHIO
FIRST DAY OUT EVER "IT'S GREAT" TAKING
GOOD ADVICE FROM DOUG + CINDY AND HEADING
TO ROYAL FRONT (WHEN^U NEED OF HELP, ASK
SOMEONE, IF NOBODY'S AROUND ASK THE CREATOR
"HE ALWAYS KNOWS") ENJOY LIFE.

~~AUG 9~~ (FOR SECTION SOUTH OF ASHBY GAP, I DON'T THINK HE CAN HELP)

9-10 1st day out. Heading North to Harpers Ferry.
I am hot, Sweaty, tired and loving every minute
of it. Good Luck to all!

Mike Sgroi
228 N. Thomas St. #1
Arlington, Va. 22203

P.S. John Dillion I hope that you receive many
good thoughts in this book.

A
A
8-12 - just finished reading
most of this journal, + feel I
might recover from the 601 walk
north of here! This is my 5th
day out and had planned to
follow the trail south for 6 weeks.
After reading this maybe ^{fill} go further.
Just don't know! Feel healthier already.
Guess I'll try + make Ashby Gap
tonight, although I'm tempted to stay
here. Hello Jerry + Hello Lee if you
read this. Know I'll see you again.

Michael Reese
R.D.#2 Box 410
New Holland Pa 17557

A
8-14-78 Got 1 AM Left 1:30 PM.

Decided to move on down the trail.

Leo + Jerry

8-15-78

Al' Cal passed thru' 3:00 PM going N.
Met Leo + Jerry at 7:30 AM

5/10/05

3rd day out from Harpers Ferry. 14 of us from outside of Thurmont Md. heading for Morgans Ford then heading down the river (after picking up canoes) to Harpers Ferry. Stayed at devil's race course. Laurel spring is dry (well damp actually but forget filling up your water bottles) Super shelter at Wilsons Gap plus a fantastic spring.

Phil Walsh ☩
Hillside Rd.
Hbg. Pa 17104

Man, 3rd day on the trail and I never knew ~~it~~ could be so grungy. Today is the ~~first day~~ ~~we're going~~ first day that we'll do some real walking. I couldn't believe it. Yesterday we got ~~it~~ out on the trail at the early hour of 11:00. Today it was 8:01 and I feel a lot better for it. Phew. Well, gotta Ramble.

Bye Now!

P.S.
I'm
Phil with

Kate Morley ←
(the happy hiker)
SSF's Sandy Spring
Md.
16923 Nowood Rd.
20860

Hardy Johns Hopkins lacrosse fan,

Greg Nass here signing in after a morning hike ^{of} about 6.5 miles. I'm from Baltimore as you might have guessed. I go to Loyola High School in Baltimore County after spending four years at Baltimore Friends School. I have never been to Colorado I would like to go. I'm with a group from Catoctin Quaker Camp in Thurmont, Md. By the way I will be freshman next year. Well everybody wants to ramble-on so I have to go now

Happy Trails

Greg Nass

The master lacrosse fan

My address:

Greg Nass

4000 Roundtop Rd.

Baltimore, Maryland 21218

(Write or drop by anytime)

Hello,
Have to go 'cause Greg took
to much time and it's time
to move on

Have a good hike

Write if you
need a penpal!

JoAnn Coates
RD#3 Box 214
Oxford Pa.
19863



Aug 21, 1978

At the risk of having my entry defaced by some self-imposed censor, I've found this section since the Shenandoah quite pleasant. That several PATC trail crews the last couple days and I guess they've been busy lately, as the trail has been clear and easy enough to follow except for one or two short stretches.

Even the highway hasn't been so bad as more than 2 people stopped to offer me cold drinks. Luckily, I retained the presence of mind to turn down their offers for rides. 900+ miles and I remain an AT purist, except for a short stretch immediately after Springer Mt. when I took a shortcut to that second lean-to (the first one was occupied by an army platoon out on field maneuvers, it was pouring rain, and I was about dead from that approach trail) But since then, I haven't missed a blaze, honest!

A long truck to Harper's Ferry tomorrow where I'll probably sit around a day before commencing the final leg of my trip.

This is really a beautiful shelter.

Jon Doetye

Ga. - Del. Water Gap.

8-22-78 6:00 PM

AFTER STARTING AT CHESTER GAP,
(522). SUNDAY EVENING AND BUSHWACKIN
OUR PARTY OF 3 TO MOSBY SHELTER, WE
SPENT THE NIGHT THERE. MONDAY MORNING
WE STARTED WALKING NORTH TOWARDS
ASHBY GAP. AFTER BEING SEPERATED
FOR 7 HOURS, WE MET AT THE INTERSECTION
OF AT. (WHITE BLAZE) FIRE ROAD (BLUE BLAZE).
FROM HERE WE TRECKED TO ASHBY GAP.
AT GIFT STORE ON RIGHT AT ASHBY
GAP WATER + FOOD CAN BOUGHT. OWNER
GAVE US PERMISSION TO CAMP NEXT TO
STORE (THANK GOD). TUESDAY MORNING
WE LEFT ASHBY GAP AND STARTED
UP BLACKTOP RD FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES
TIL WE WERE PICKED UP BY A CRAZY
DUMP TRUCK DRIVER. WE CLIMBED IN
THE BACK OF HIS EMPTY DUMP TRUCK
AND HE TOOK US FOR THE RIDE OF
OUR LIVES. HE DROPEd US OFF JUST
NORTH OF 3 SPRINGS SHELTER. NOW
SITTING IN FRONT OF A FIRE AT
3 SPRINGS SHELTER GETTING BUZZED
AND THINKING OF THE TRIP AHEAD.
HAVING FUN. DAVE MEYER + PARTY. BALTO
MD.

8/24/78
Thur: Hot
1:30pm

Brian Rhinesmith
~~Go~~ Me ~~to~~ Ga '78 (almost forgot which
way I'm going)
Wash, D.C.

My compliments to AATC for 2 nice
shelters in Va so far & here & Wilson Gap
(outstanding). Good water, too. Only complaint:
The thankless task of redigging the
outhouses must be done, if the soil
permits, so that the human waste doesn't
sit right on the top soil ready to be
washed away.

I'd like to get past Ashby Gap
faster. Too bad Yellow Rose S. doesn't exist
as that would have been a good destination.
Wish I knew what Trico Fretman was like.

Met a pretty HS blond gal today taking
the ivy from along a stone wall. And who
says roadwalkin' ain't no good??

Happy huffin'
Bri
Bigfoot II

P.P.S. The scenery is nice if you like to look at trees. Personally I prefer the Rockies. At least there you can see the mountains.

7-24-78 Thur 6³⁰ PM

Ken Byker, Hudsonville, Mi
George VanderWeide, Grand Haven, Mi
Harper's Ferry to Shenandoah Natl. Park

We left Wilson's Gap at 9³⁰ AM this morning & pulled in here at 4³⁰. We left before Bigfoot II ~~to~~ & he passed us up & got here 3 hrs before we did. More power to him.

We've been going since Sunday, after shedding 20-30 lbs of excess food at Wilson's Gap today wasn't too terrible.

We're doing this for a two week vacation & I think we should have our heads examined. This is a lot of hard, hard work.

There were two very pleasant people we met just this side of Snicker's Gap. The first lived about 3/4 up the hill from Highway 7. He gave us each a Pepsi & let us fill our canteens from his faucet. The second person was a young lady about a mile further this way. She was using a hand scythe to clean the ditch. She offered us the use of the guest shower house & a swim in a pool. Being two idiots we turned her down. At least those people restored our faith in humanity.

"Happy Hiking?"

George

P.S. could somebody clean the trail to the outwash & going

~~We had a nice time~~
~~Walking on a trail~~

8/25/78 Just walking
Ruth M. Carter
R#1
Park Trace #5
Rossville, Al. 60963

8/27/78
Just walking ate lunch
and made an amazing five miles
after losing a companion. We
hugged on to Stapers Ferry
MARK FERRAR + Mitch Baker
Colesville Md

8/29/78 3:00 P.M. PAC Summer Trail
Patrol - Patrick Snow

SAT. 9/2/78 C. ERK "the SNOWBEAR" MILLER
& BRANDY THE PUPPY HAVE SORE TOOTSIES.
FROM ROAD WALKIN'. Left Wilsons Gap 12 noon & here
now 7:15 PM & DINNER half gone. SPEAKIN OFF HALF
GONE - MAY 4 DAY Long weekend is soon 1/2 gone too!

Sun 9/3/78 - We just spent the night here,
great shelter, thanks to whoever maintains
it. Plan on trudging to Manassas
Gap tonight. Thanks all the Southbound
info. Here's some N.B. advice. Get
on 601, it is mostly downhill to Snubers
Gap. This is the best water until Harpers
Springs. Next water source is the stream
at Devil's Racecourse. You've got a pretty
steep, rocky climb after that. Watch for
bee-infested hill just south of Buzzard's
Rocks. Watch for paper signs. No real
spectacular views, Buzzard Rocks was
a disappointment. Spring at Wilson Gap
shelter is sorry to say the least. One at
Key's Gap is better. Good luck,
Be safe, Be the Best and Have fun doing
~~what~~ what you're doing.

Brian Porter and
Colin Turner

Bill Kuhlman
11105 Powder Horn Dr.
Potomac, MD. 20854

Sept. 5, 1978

I just arrived and saw this notebook - remembered I forgot to write in the one at Wilson's Gap.

I started out at Harper's ferry fri - Sept. 1 spent nite at Keys Gap. Sat was onto Wilson's

Gap - not a bad place - the spring was so-so.

But I meet a very nice family that come in 4 hrs later than I did. I arrived there

just in time to say hello - Goodbye to Bill, Brian and Colin. Spent 2 nites + yesterday

there. Started off at 9:45 this morn after a good breakfast and it's now 4 pm. Took

1/2 hr break - Crescent Rocks was super.

Oh that climb up from Snicker's Gap - After these last few days I know I'm getting into

great shape. Yesterday I talked to a couple on their way down to ~~Georgia~~ ^{Georgia} and

fri. talked to two guys who started from there & are truckin on to Maine. I'm gonna have to do this again.

Sherry Kenoch

Santa Cruz, Calif.

Tomorrow I hitch to Rt 50

over to Redhouse, Md.

then down to Blackwater Falls

State Park for few days.

1978
SEPT 6

mark steve Lassiter
Monty Bay Browlee
Ralph Lovelace -

anthony young

Gary H. We started on Tuesday
and got to the edge in a half
hour it was burn to
Edgar Bramham

9-5-78
LEE WILLIAMS, CAMDEN, S.C.

MAINE TO GEORGIA

I HAVE POISON IVY.

SEPT 6, 1978

A NEW HIKER (OLD PERSON) WITH END-TO-ENDER (72)
NORTH BOUND FROM LINDEN TO HARPER'S FERRY. FOR
ME IT SEEMS HARD - FOR TOM JUST A SWAP. HAVE
ENJOYED THE CHALLENGE - WILL PROBABLY LAY IT ON
HEAVY WHEN TELLING THE 4 GRAND SONS.

OLD GUY → PAT DENNIS BIRMINGHAM, MICH.
END-TO-ENDER → TOM BELL - MT PLEASANT MICH

9-6-78

MATT PAUMEN

ME TO GA.

BRETT O'BRIEN

FIRST NIGHT IN VIRGINIA, BUT I
GUESS WE'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE.
LEARNED TODAY THAT 32-40 SOUTHBOUND¹⁸²
STARTED BEHIND US. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW
THERE'S LIFE BEHIND.

9/10/78 GREG (EZ/MONT) HANSEN. ME → GA

LEFT HARPER'S FERRY w/ BIK AND
SPENT THAT AT THE SHELL STATION ON
HIGHWAY 9 FOR A BOX OF "FOOT LOOPS". STOPPED
IN AT THE SHELTER THERE AND ATE 7 EGGS
AND PUT A GOOD BUZZ ON w/ 2 DUES
FROM BALTIMORE. HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED
TO SIGN IN AT HARPER'S FERRY (ATC HEADQUARTERS)
ON A SAT OR SUN? - DISCRIMINATED!!!
ON TO LINDEN TOMORROW - MONEY & GOODIES
AT THE P.O.

✓ EZ
"CRUISIN TO GEORGIA"

9/16/78

- if north-bound - don't miss the crescent
rock circuit trail.

Cold
Beer

→ west on 7, take 679, gets you, in less than
a mile, to the cigar-chewing bartender
of The Horseshoe Curve. good beer -
Lowenbrau on tap.

~~see~~ watch out for rattlers on the circuit trail.

the shelter's clean today - so keep it
that way signed, two 'locals'

Hello - I'm here on my way to
England - standby - via Dulles
International airport - spending
a happy autumn day in The
woods with Coral + Alan
before catching my 747 to
London - happy hiking to
everybody -

24th

September 1978

3:02 P.M.

Elizabeth Sanford
Willcox

Don't destroy The mushrooms and
fungi - They're beautiful - especially
The giant puffballs!

Tues Sept 28 Jerry Montgomery Albany NY Ma → Ga
once shelter got here at 230 from
Keys Dept LT (bad water there) good
water at Nelson Dept LT very nice
long walk here up hill but worth it
moving on to Ashley Dept for night
and on to Front Royal for food packing
at 20. just don't fall me now!

FRI SEPT. 29 BILL BISHOP, ATLANTA, GA ME. → GA.

HI BOB, I STAYED WITH YOU AT GOV. CLEMENT
SHELTER IN VERMONT. THINGS ARE GOING GOOD
WITH ME EXCEPT FOR A SLIGHT CASE OF APATHY.
I SUPPOSE IT WILL PASS WITH TIME.

SPENT TWO HRS THIS AFTERNOON CLIMBING
AROUND AT CRESSENT ROCK WITH A COUPLE OF
LOCALS - NEAT PLACE - YOU SHOULD STOP THERE IF
YOU'RE NORTHBOUND.

THINGS LOOK GOOD HERE AT THREE SPRINGS
SHELTER - NO TRASH, GOOD SPRING, AND PICNIC
TABLE. (I JUST LOVE EATING ON PICNIC TABLES!)
HOPE THEY STAY THAT WAY.

HAPPY TRAILS

P.S. HOPE ALL IS WELL ~~IS~~ WITH THE BULLET
AND THE FEATHER.

Just an overnight - Good luck to all - Nature is
beauty Maggie Gunmeier

Tail riders have more fun! good
luck to Georgia!
BICHUN CHARAP

10/12/78

Ken Bradbury
Dennis Risser Me → Ga A

Stopped for lunch. Wilbans Gap Shelter
is a nice one, with good spring.

Bumbling to Georgia!
Anybody behind us?

10/14/78

Karen Pick
It's really pretty here!!! 
St. Paul, Minnesota

10/15/78 Jen, Betty + Christopher (age 12 months) Upchurch
Arlington, VA Just out for the day.

Autumn has a way of tuning,
absorbing you,
teaching beauty through decay -
goldenrod, asters,
even herb-robert! - I'm off

to see the wizard
cigar-chewing bartender -

Rt 676 one mile east of
Rt. 7 - NW

10.17.78

Danny, Carol, Randy, August ^(Pinky) 10/15/78

Arrived here at 4:00 p.m.

just enjoying the scenery. Randy.

10/18/78 Wes BARNES
ME → Ga.

First nice day in a week!

Thanks for all the Southbound info.

Sorry I missed signing in at

Harpers Ferry but got carried away

talking to a nice girl at the

restaurant before the Sandy Hook

bridge. Got to late and had to

get trucking. Rich - I'm getting

off at Linden to go to Charleston.

If I don't see you for awhile -

don't forget Thanksgiving in Hot Springs N.

10/21/78 Its a wonderful day and
just being her has left me
with a kind of serenity within
me! We (my friend & I) went
down to the spring! I haven't
seen any animals except a

couple of birds! Maybe next
time I'll see a bear! Got to go now
hope this reaches you safely!

Saw Hardy
David Testa

10/23/78 - FRANK BARRINGER / SWIFT RUN TO HARPER'S FERRY
got ~~is~~ is Terrible - if going South Hitchhike
the AT was never meant to be ROAD WALKING
Keep A sharp eye for AT MARKERS & ROUTE
changes 'till the PARK. Also watch for blue blaze
detour. Otherwise great. IF some of the
baby shits would clean up their mess or
the spring or cut the TRAIL to the Privy
instead of crying "why doesn't some one
do this or do that" the whole god damn
country would be better off. Too MANY
useless toads who should have ~~stayed~~ stayed
at home.

Very warm day SNAKES ARE OUT AGAIN. Watch
for Ostrich's IN ZOOLOGICAL FARM AT CHESTER GAP.

as of now 4, the SWIP is closed, for
an undetermined time (TO OVERNIGHT
CAMPING ONLY)

~~Monday~~

11/4/78

Jay Simosek, SPL, Troop 649 here:

The seven of us got into camp at 1:30. Before we tried to hike Old Rag but it was closed because of the fire that burned down 300 acres. They said that the whole Shenandoah National Park was closed. We set up camp at 1:45. The place has changed so much! Before it used to be cleared out more but now weeds are growing all around. We even had to clear a space around the fireplace. At 3:30 now, Tom Collins is teaching Geordy Webb how to chop wood with a hatchet. John Jones is enjoying his "midnight snacks". Mr. Foley and Justin Murray went to get water from town, and Jimmy ~~Foley~~ Joy's gathering wood.

Jay P. Simosek
SPL, Troop 649, BSA
Arlington, Va.

22204

~~AS~~

B+

PS. as far as ~~in~~ concerned



-IM CAMOND

Nov 5, 1978

Arrived yesterday @ 1:30. SNP has had a fire or two and is closed to overnight camping. Had set out at Old Bag and came here to 3 Springs as a result of the fire.

Found the shelter clear but site was really overgrown. Gathered a lot of firewood the remainder of which will be stored in lean-to. Very dry - Spring S. of lean-to is still. Frogs were seen in it so it can't be too bad, but looks stink so don't drink. Weather has been nice. Thundersquall yesterday but really lightened up around 5:30 or so. Met a South-bounder w/ a little black dog around 7:15 and a visiting D.C. hiker around 7:40.

Nice sunrise and clearing on the 5th. We've had a ball throwing around a flat football. 5 boys, two tenders -

11/16/78 Mark Ross South from
Vernon Ctr., NY 13477 Katahdin *

My friend Joe Hines is finishing
at Harpers Ferry. No one left behind
me (who knows me, anyway)

The "Indian Summer" weather
has broken. It's raining and
cold as hell.

If there are any through-hikers
behind me going to Georgia

Good Luck ←



November 18, 1978

Hope you enjoy reading this as much as we did! We're just on a Saturday hike (8-10 miles). It's a beautiful day - sunny, but cool (around 40°). I'm visiting some friends that live just a few miles from the trail, so it's so great for a day hike. Hope you made it to your destination.

Will mail this to you as soon as I get back home (Indiana, Pa.).

Karen, Dawn & Jan.

12-11-78

Sorry it took so long to mail this. Our temperatures have been in the 20's. I guess you have alot of snow in Colorado now. We only have an inch or two.

P.S.
Have a merry!
Christmas

Karen Swartz
114 East Pike
Indiana, Pa. 15701

ROBERT DILLON

12607 E. NEVADA AVE.

AURORA COLORADO 80012.

FOOTSTEPS OF A CHRISTIAN AT HIKER:

HE STEADFASTLY SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM. I MUST MEET
THE MOUNTAIN - MT. KATHADIN.

HE SAID, "I AM THE WAY." THE WAY I FOLLOW IS BLAZED IN WHITE.
HE SAID, "I AM THE LIFE." TRAIL LIFE MAY BE DIFFICULT, BUT HE
IS LIFE ITSELF.

HE SAID, "NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME."

I WALK NORTH BY ONE PATH,

HIS BOOK TELLS US, "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER."

NEITHER IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO GO.

HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND SAYING, "O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH,
WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?" I CAN TAKE ANOTHER STEP.

HE SAID, "ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH."

I FEEL THE POWER OF WIND AND STORMS.

HE SAID, "LOOK UNTO ME." I SEE THE BEAUTY HE CREATED WITH EACH
MOUNTAIN I CROSS.

HE SAID, "I AM THE LIGHT." THE LIGHT COMES EARLY AND I HAVE
BEEN CALMED BY MOUNTAIN SUNSETS.

HE SAID, "I WILL GIVE UNTO HIM THAT IS A THIRST OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE
WATER OF LIFE FREELY." I HAVE BEEN THIRSTY AND FROM MOUNTAIN
STREAMS AND SPRINGS I HAVE FREELY TAKEN.

HE SAID, "I AM THE TRUTH." THE TRUTH MAY HURT IF I GIVE UP.
MY BURDEN IS LIGHTER KNOWING HIM.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

ROBERT DILLON