

Topic 9 – More Information

Climate and Climate Change Science (Topics 1-5)

Full reports from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (www.ipcc.ch) are long and detailed. They are written by experts for experts. However, they are also summarized in a more readable fashion in Summaries for Policymakers. The Summary for Policymakers from the Synthesis Report of the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report, published in 2007, is a relatively short, readable summary of what is known about climate change, its impacts, and the options for addressing the threat. (www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/syr/ar4_syr_spm.pdf)

The Union of Concerned Scientists has published a summary of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report which may be easier to read than the IPCC's summary. It can be found at www.ucsusa.org/global-warming/science-and-impacts/science/findings-of-the-ipcc-fourth-3.html.

Numerous other organizations have also published summaries of climate and climate change science. If you have a favorite, please let us know and we will add it to this page.

Does Everyone Agree (Topic 6)

Source Watch has posted a useful summary of the common claims made by climate change skeptics and their rebuttal. It can be found at www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=climate_change_skeptics/common_claims_and_rebuttal

Impacts of Climate Change on the A.T. (Topic 7)

For more detail on the Climate Wizard projections of climate change along the A.T., see www.climatewizard.org/AT_5_mile_Buffer.

For more information about the potential impacts of climate change on the U.S. see the recent EPA report *Climate Change Impacts in the United States*, www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts.

For more detail on the impacts of climate change on the forests of New England, see *Confronting Climate Change in the U.S. Northeast: Science, Impacts and Solutions* www.climatechoices.org/assets/documents/climatechoices/confronting-climate-change-in-the-u-s-northeast.pdf

For more detail about Bicknell's Thrush and other threatened and endangered species along the A.T. see a report titled *Appalachian Trail Vital Signs*.

www.appalachiantrail.org/atf/cf/%7BD25B4747-42A3-8D48-EF35C0B0D9F1%7D/APPA_report_VsSummary_NETN_01302006.pdf

Since this web address is extremely complicated, the report can also be accessed by Googleing "Appalachian Trail Vital Signs."

What ATC Is Doing (Topic 8)

The ATC website has information about public transportation to the A.T. and shuttle services that will transport hikers from public transportation to the trail. To access this information:

1. Go to the ATC website www.appalachiantrail.org
2. Click on The Trail
3. Click on Hike the Trail
4. Click on Plan a Hike
5. Click on Getting to the Trail.