

2007 Thru-Hiker's Companion Updates

Georgia

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Update: Hostel Cloud9 at the Upper Hightower Trout Farm - \$25PP house rate and \$20PP bunkhouse with house privileges.

Tennessee

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Trail to Abby's Place; Two side trails: Southern: 0.2 mi. south, steep sidetrail follows ribbons from the utility pole along the utility easement ; Northern: 0.35 mi, flat, follows an old road along the Laurel Fork Creek from where the AT crosses the creek on a bridge with handrail, marked with ribbons.

North Carolina

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Correction: The town of Franklin lies East of the Trail (not West).

West Virginia

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Hilltop House in Harpers Ferry has a coin-operated laundromat in their hotel annex. Open 24/7, change provided at front desk of hotel.

Central Virginia

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Restaurant/Internet access: Courthouse Cafe, 414 Wenonah Ave. (one block from PO), gourmet coffee, teas, specialty drinks, pastries, Internet access, live music (Friday night).

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U.S 50/Ashby Gap: Barn Door II Restaurant is no longer open as a diner or short term resupply.

Maryland

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Md. 17/Wolfsville Road: change phone number to 301-824-2407. Pancake breakfast NO LONGER provided. Hikers should arrive between 2pm and 9pm.

Pennsylvania

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Smith Gap Road: alternate water source .7 miles south of Smith Gap Road at Stempa Spring.

Vermont

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Update: Lodging - Country Squire Motel- is closed, the owner, Betty Mangels, passed away in late December 2006.

New Hampshire

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Update: Hanover- New Hostel- "Tigger's Treehouse", Karen Hoffmeister, (603) 448-2341. Check for more info at the DOC, the Etna General Store, and shelter register entries north and south of Hanover. Suggested donation \$5, includes shower and laundry, pet friendly, not a party place, no smoking, work for stay possible. No bunks at the moment, floor space only.

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Update: Warren- The Twig restaurant has changed its hours: Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11am -11pm (open mic Thurs 8pm. live music Fri 8pm) Sun 8am-9pm (Brunch 8-noon) Mon 11am-9pm. Great food and super music for hikers as they head through NH on their A.T. travels.

Maine

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Reservations: Campsite reservations for regular campground sites (not the Birches) may be made with a credit card via phone no sooner than 14 days before the desired date. Call Park Headquarters at 207-723-5140. Ranger stations inside the park do not accept credit cards. The park does not allow work for fee camping or other discounts. Plan to take care of all food, supply and payment needs before entering the park. After October 15th there is NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING anywhere within the park.

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Trail Closings at Katahdin: After October 15th Baxter State Park is open for DAY USE ONLY (sunrise to sunset) for ALL visitors, conditions permitting. Vehicular access to the park usually ends completely by November 1 or whenever conditions pose a threat to personal safety or the resource have locked in for the season.

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Update: The A.T. Lodge in Millinocket is under new ownership as of May 1st this year. The new owners are Paul and Jaime Renaud a.k.a.: Ole Man and NaviGator. The lodge will be a full hiker service with the following accommodations: bunk room beds - \$25/night; private rooms w/shared bath - \$35/night; kitchenette suites - \$95/night - \$450/week. Thru-hikers specials, internet access, long distance phone calls, maps and fuel. Available shuttles, parking and phone number will remain the same: 207-723-4321
www.appalachiantrailodge.com.