

Frequently Asked Questions: Tennessee A.T. License Plate

How much will the A.T. specialty license plate cost?

A specialty plate in Tennessee is \$35 in addition to the annual registration fee you pay the state. It costs \$70 for a personalized A.T. specialty license plate. Send the specialty license plate fee now, and continue with your normal vehicle registration process until you are notified otherwise.

How does this specialty license plate support the Appalachian Trail?

For each plate that is purchased or renewed the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) receives \$15.56. These funds will be used to support the Trail and programs and activities in Tennessee. The remainder of the specialty license plate fee pays for plate production and helps support the arts in the state.

Should I wait for my next renewal to sign up?

No. Signing up today helps us, first and foremost, get the A.T. plates into production because we are required to submit 1,000 paid applications in order to start production. People with any interest in *ever* having one should sign-up today. Continue to renew your current license plate as you would traditionally.

May I personalize my A.T. specialty plate?

Yes. There are four spaces available for personalization. The state reserves the right to refuse the production of objectionable combinations. Provide your top four choices on the application. If your choices are not available, you will be contacted to find a suitable alternative.

Nice plate design. Is this subject to change?

The design is subject to review and approval from the state DMV. Some modifications may occur. ATC has not received a guarantee to use the stacked AT to the left of the values.

Do I have to be a member of ATC before I can order an Appalachian Trail license plate?

No. Any Tennessee resident with a registered vehicle can order one. In fact, if you aren't already an ATC member, the first 1,000 paid applicants will be thanked with a free, one-time annual membership to the ATC. If you are a member already, you may give your free membership as a gift. With your membership, you will receive a decal, our bi-monthly membership magazine *A.T. Journeys*, and discounts at the Ultimate A.T. Store, a value of \$35. Memberships will be activated once we have 1,000 applications.

When can I expect to see my A.T. specialty plate once I've applied for it?

We hope to gather 1,000 paid applications by January 2009. If we meet that expectation, it would be an additional four months before the DMV issues and distributes the specialty license plates. Check www.appalachiantrail.org/tnlicenseplate regularly to monitor the progress.

What should I do if I want to apply for more than one license plate?

Send a completed application for each vehicle you would like to register with an A.T. license plate, along with one payment for the appropriate amount of the sum of your license plate requests.

What methods of payment will you accept?

You can pay by personal check or by credit card. If paying by personal check, make your check payable to Appalachian Trail Conservancy. On the memo line, write *Tenn. A.T. Plate*.

What will the ATC do with the applications and money collected (checks and credit card payments)?

ATC will collect all applications and checks for the DMV for the first 1,000 applicants. Payments will be deposited into a non-interest-bearing account set up specifically for this program. Applications will be stored in a secure location. Once we've received the required 1,000 pre-paid applications, we will forward those applications and payment to the DMV.

How can I help?

The Appalachian Trail rests on volunteer shoulders. After you've sent in your application, help the ATC by getting at least three friends or family members to complete applications. If you'd like to do more, call Leanna at ATC to discuss outreach and promotion opportunities in your community, (828) 254-3708.

Where do I find additional applications? www.appalachiantrail.org/tnlicenseplate