

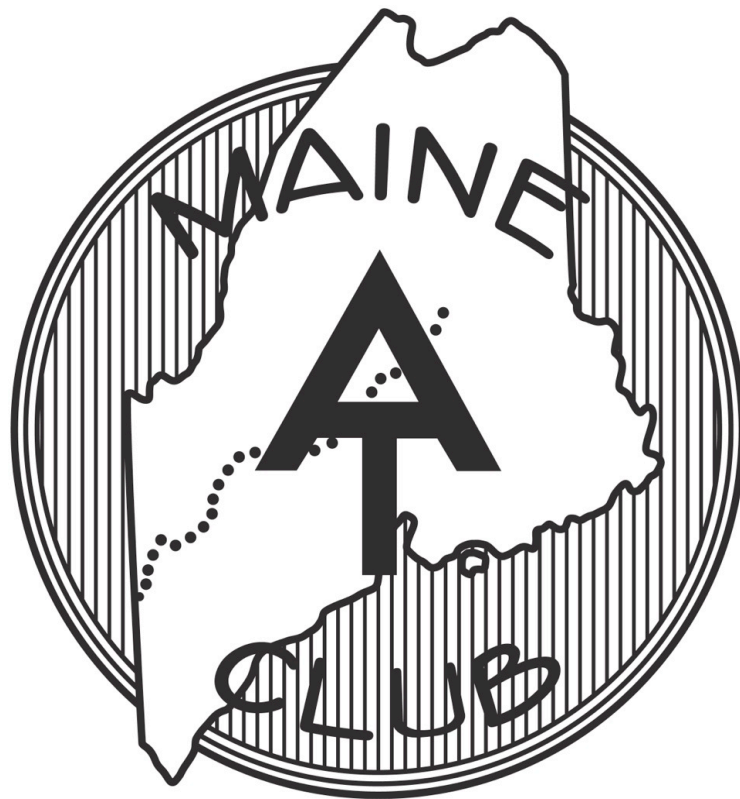
LOCAL PLAN

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN MAINE

(GRAFTON NOTCH TO KATAHDIN)

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The Appalachian Trail is a way, continuous from Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia, for travel on foot through the wild, scenic, wooded, pastoral, and culturally significant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. It is a means of sojourning among these lands, such that the visitors may experience them by their own unaided efforts.

In practice, the Trail is usually a simple footpath, purposeful in direction and concept, favoring the heights of land, and located for minimum reliance on construction for protecting the resource. The body of the Trail is provided by the lands it traverses, and its soul is in the living stewardship of the volunteers and workers of the Appalachian Trail Community.

--Definition of the Appalachian Trail, from "Appalachian Trail Management Principles."

The Appalachian Trail experience represents the sum of opportunities that are available for those walking the Appalachian Trail to interact with the wild, scenic, pastoral, cultural, and natural elements of the environment of the Appalachian Trail, unfettered and unimpeded by competing sights or sounds and in as direct and intimate a manner as possible.

--Definition of the Appalachian Trail experience, Appalachian Trail Conference Board of Managers, April, 1997

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