



## Maine Appalachian Trail Club

Managing and maintaining 267 miles  
of the Appalachian Trail in Maine

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### Triple Crown Hiker Brings Trail-Savvy to Whitecap Region

Augusta, Maine (September 5, 2012) – Ron Dobra of Greenville, Maine relies on his extensive hiking experience to enhance the volunteer work he does managing the Whitecap Region for the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (MATC). Dobra has hiked the Appalachian Trail, the Continental Divide and the Pacific Crest, earning him the title, Triple Crown Hiker.

Looking at trail work from a backpacker's perspective enables him to offer creative trail solutions. It also reinforces his respect for the great shape Maine's stretch of the Appalachian Trail is in, a belief held by the hiking community.

"Thanks for the bridges and stairs," wrote Ed from Denver, Colorado. Barb of Stanley, New Mexico penned, "Thanks for maintaining the trail for everyone who hikes it." These are remarks found from the 300 register cards Dobra collected from the 100 Mile Wilderness Register Box this season.

In the course of his years with MATC, Dobra has built bog bridges, stone steps and cleared brush. He states the sense of camaraderie he finds along the trail and the startling beauty of the A.T. are reasons he is celebrating his 22<sup>nd</sup> year with MATC.

Dobra is one of five MATC district overseers whose volunteer work manages a large section of the A.T. to ensure seasonal maintenance is being performed, the trail is well-marked and serve as a local Club representative for A.T. issues.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities with MATC, ranging from backcountry trail building to carpentry to database entry. To learn about these and other ways to become involved, contact MATC at [www.matc.org](http://www.matc.org).

This fall, Dobra will walk trails carrying him along Barren Mountain, the section he started maintaining 19 years ago and one he holds close to his heart. "I'm proud to tell people about the work we do through the Maine Appalachian Trail Club," said Dobra. "We have great people blazing the trail for others to follow."

The Maine Appalachian Trail Club manages and maintains the 267 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maine. Founded in 1935, MATC is an all-volunteer, donor-supported nonprofit that welcomes new members and inspires respect for this natural treasure. Visit MATC at [www.matc.org](http://www.matc.org) or on Facebook.

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