



Presented by The Georgia Appalachian Trail Club
For New and Experienced Trail Maintainers

Lake Winfield Scott
September 14-15, 2024



GATC

TRAIL SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Trail Skills Workshop (TSW) is a training event focused on teaching the most current trail construction and maintenance methods applicable for Eastern landscapes. These classes are for new and experienced trail workers. Skilled instructors are provided from the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club (GATC), the United States Forest Service (FS) and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

The courses are offered so participants can attend different classes each day, or dig in on one track for indepth knowledge. The schedule is subject to change due to minimums and other acts of nature.



Courses

105 Essential Trail Maintenance:

This course focuses on improved modern methods of maintaining the Appalachian Trail. Main subjects include safety, corridor clearing, hydro effects, etc.

215 Drainage Design and Drain Dips:

An intermediate to advanced course that gives in-depth field instruction explaining the use, application and modern design of drainage structures and other devices.

230 Swamping Skills:

Swampers assist the sawyer setup to clear blow downs and other sawyering situations. This PowerPoint class focuses on everything necessary to insure a safe work space.

238 Hike Leader Training:

For new and experienced hike leaders, this is a review of all aspects to organize, promote and lead successful hikes. The GATC Hike Leader Checklist is covered to insure safety as well as the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

315 Sawyering and Leverage:

Demonstration and “participation” in basic and advanced Sawyer skills. Leverage skills using a grip-hoist, come-along and other basic leverage tools. Proper PPE will be provided.

325 Log Structures:

From crib walls to check steps, logs play an integral role in trail building. This session will cover selecting, processing and installing logs for more sustainable trails.

328 Remote Campsites:

The solution to the proliferation of “cowboy” camping is the development of Side-Hill Campsites. This class examines how to locate and build campsites in remote areas.

345 Basics of Rock Work (Construction):

Lead by the GATC’s own The Georgia Rockers! Learn proper safety and all the basic tools and skills necessary to move and shape rocks for trail construction.

348 Rock Steps:

Rock steps are an integral part of trails. Participants will discover where rock steps are needed and how they are properly installed.

405 Orienteering:

Put away the GPS and other electronics and join Tom Lamb for an overview in Orienteering with map and compass.

412 Good Hammocking:

Join Trail Supervisor Rick Ricks as he reviews the workings of setting up a hammock while keeping your impact at a minimum. A variety of equipment, with installation techniques and a hands-on demonstration will be covered.



Class Schedule

TWO-DAY SESSIONS

- 105 Essential Trail Maintenance
- 215 Drainage Design & Drain Dips
- 325 Log Structures

SUNDAY

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- 328 Remote Campsites:
- 348 Rock Steps

SATURDAY

- 238 Hike Leader Training
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- 345 Basics of Rock Work (Construction)

SATURDAY 4:00 SESSIONS

- 405 Orienteering
- 412 Good Hammocking

General Information

- Camping
- Cost
- Meals
- Chores
- Dinner Saturday
- Tools/PPE
- What To Bring
- Registration

Campsites at Lake Winfield Scott will be available Friday and Saturday nights, please indicate if you are camping on the registration form. Please arrive before 9:00pm, so as not to disturb others. The campground is equipped with potable water, hot showers, and flush restrooms. Plan on storing your valuables in your vehicle, or leaving them at home. To insure campsites are evenly occupied, they will be assigned at registration and could be shared.

The \$30.00 fee (\$25.00 for GATC members) includes: all courses, a T-shirt, 2 nights camping and the Saturday night BBQ.

Plan to bring all food and supplies for your time at the Workshop. You can prepare meals at the pavilion or your tent site. Be sure to store food in proper containers.

Attendees are asked to chip in with chores around the BBQ dinner.

GATC will be providing dinner Saturday night. Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form.

Hard hats and tools will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own PPE.

Please bring water bottles or a hydration pack. Work gloves, long pants and sturdy boots are required for trail work. Light weight low top hiking shoes are not acceptable for work. Long sleeve shirts are also recommended for trailwork.

To register go to <https://forms.gle/46Yz1ZvbPYzgsK3x6>, or use the QR Code on the next page.



September 14-15, 2024 At Lake Winfield Scott

Friday Sept. 13
 3:00 - 5:00 pm Registration - Pavilion

Saturday Sept. 14
 8:00 am Registration
 8:00 am Safety talk and Welcome in the Pavilion
 9:00 am Classes start
 4:00 pm Orienteering
 Good Hammocking
 5:00 pm Happy hour (BYOB)
 6:30 pm Dinner in the pavilion (provided)

Sunday Sept. 15
 8:00 am Classes resume in the field
 4:00 pm Classes over



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