

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Lisa Pahel
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 9/18/2026 Return: 9/18/2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Harpers Ferry, WV Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Appalachian Trail Conservancy
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See Post Travel form supplement document
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all attachments and the Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/21/2026

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Chellie Pingree Date: 9/21/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

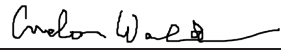
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Appalachian Trail Conservancy
2. Travel Destination(s): Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
3. Date of Departure: 09/18/2026 Date of Return: 09/18/2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Lisa Pahel, Hannah Devereaux, Edward Bohannon, Carter Forinash, Sarah Roth
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.*
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	78.60		15	
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 9/22/26

Name: Cinda Waldbuesser Title: CEO

Organization: Appalachian Trail Conservancy

☒ **I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 799 Washington St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Telephone: 828.278.9423 Email: _____

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Lisa Pahel
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Appalachian Trail Conservancy
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
4. a. Date of Departure: 09/18/2026 Date of Return: 09/18/2026
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☒ No ☐ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As a policy advisor, one of my issue areas is public lands, including national parks. My boss is also Ranking Member on Interior Appropriations, which oversees the National Park Service. Finally, my boss's state, Maine, is the terminus of the Appalachian Trail
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: 

Date: 9/4/2026

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Appalachian Trail Conservancy

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____
Find attached at the end of this document a full list.

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: 09/18/2026 Date of Return: 09/18/2026

7. a. City of departure: 09/18/2026

b. Destination(s): Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. ☐ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. ☒ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☐ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
b. ☒ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

See attachment

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$35 (Breakfast and Lunch) per pers

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

Harpers Ferry is home to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's headquarters and is the locati

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	65		35
For each Accompanying Family Member			

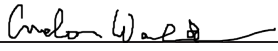
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 9/22/26
Name: Cinda Waldbuesser Title: CEO
Organization: Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Address: 799 Washington St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
Email: _____ Telephone: 828.278.9423

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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September 17, 2026

Ms. Lisa Pahel
Office of the Honorable Chellie Pingree
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Pahel:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, scheduled for September 18, 2026, sponsored by Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:nl

The Itinerary

08:30 – 08:45 AM Meet at Spirit of Justice Park for transportation to River Access Parking Lot, Shenandoah St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

08:45 – 10:30 AM Travel from Spirit of Justice Park to River Access Parking Lot, Shenandoah St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

10:30 – 11:00 AM **Discussion about the Cooperative Management System:** A first-of-its-kind model in public lands stewardship that remains a cornerstone of A.T. management today. During this first stop, participants will see a roadway trail crossing to see a real-world example of how Surface Transportation policy impacts the A.T. Attendees will traverse the A.T. and arrive at ATC Headquarters in downtown Harpers Ferry.

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM **Visit to ATC Headquarters for a Cooperative Management Briefing:** Participants will visit the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's headquarters in Harpers Ferry for a guided exploration of historical displays, interpretive exhibits, and artifacts that tell the story of the Appalachian Trail and the movement that built it. This session will offer a deeper understanding of the Trail's origins, the founding and evolution of the ATC, and the development of the Cooperative Management System. Presenters will be David Tarasevich, Visitor Services Lead, and John Campbell, Visitor Center Supervisor.

Following the presentation, attendees will have a break to eat lunch.

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM **Travel to Harpers Ferry Center**

12:00 PM – 12:35 PM **Visit to Harpers Ferry Center (HFC):** Participants will visit the HFC, which is a national NPS services center for media and interpretive services. The HFC provides support to all units of the National Park Service on projects including signage, curation of exhibits, restoration of historical artifacts.

12:35 PM – 2:00 PM **Appalachian Trail Field Visit:** ATC anticipates participation by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), one of the volunteer organizations that participates in the Appalachian Trail Cooperative Management System. During this guided field visit along the Appalachian Trail through Harpers Ferry, attendees will observe local trail conditions and receive educational briefings on visitor management, Leave No Trace education, ecological stewardship, and current resource management challenges, including erosion, invasive species, and increasing visitation. The field visit will include interpretive stops at notable locations such as Jefferson Rock and the Winchester & Potomac Railroad Bridge, demonstrating how the Appalachian Trail intersects with nationally significant historic resources and transportation infrastructure while illustrating the collaborative stewardship model used to manage the Trail. The field visit will also include the section where the Appalachian Trail coincides with the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, highlighting the close coordination among federal and nonprofit partners in managing shared public lands.

2:00 – 2:45 PM **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HAFE):** The town of Harpers Ferry has been of strategic importance for centuries. As the location of a federal armory and forge, the town was the site of the abolitionist John Brown's attack in 1859, followed by its transfer several times over the course of the Civil War. The HAFE landscape also includes historic buildings associated with Storer College, a historically Black college that operated for nearly 100 years. This portion of the tour will focus on the historic lower town and the importance of cooperative management within the connected park

model at HAFE, and the transportation infrastructure that provides public access to nationally significant resources.

2:50 PM Depart Harpers Ferry

4:45 PM Arrive at Spirit of Justice Park, Washington, D.C.

#12 "For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip."

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is the official 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner of the National Park Service responsible for working with federal, state, and local agency partners, 30 volunteer Trail clubs, and thousands of volunteers to protect, manage, and advocate for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (ANST). Invitees include House employees serving Members with districts containing or adjacent to the ANST, Members serving on committees with jurisdiction over public lands, House leadership staff with environmental portfolios, and other offices with a demonstrated interest in the Appalachian Trail and federal public lands.

This educational field visit has two primary objectives:

1. Educate congressional staff on the Appalachian Trail's Cooperative Management System (CMS). The CMS is a nationally recognized public-private partnership through which the National Park Service, ATC, volunteer Trail clubs, federal agencies, states, municipalities, and private landowners collaboratively steward one of America's most iconic National Scenic Trails. The field visit provides participants with firsthand exposure to this management model and its relevance to congressional oversight of the National Trails System, public lands, transportation infrastructure, and conservation policy.
2. Provide firsthand understanding of Harpers Ferry's role in Appalachian Trail stewardship. Through visits to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy headquarters, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and the Appalachian Trail itself, participants will observe how federal agencies, nonprofit partners, and volunteers work together to protect natural resources, preserve cultural and historic assets, manage visitor use, and maintain public access along the Trail.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy conceived, planned, organized, and is the sole sponsor of this educational field visit. Representatives from partner organizations, including the National Park Service and volunteer Trail clubs,

participate only by providing educational briefings regarding their respective roles within the Cooperative Management System. They are not sponsors or organizers of the trip.

Invitee	Role	Reason
Lisa Pahel	Policy Advisor	A.T. Trail Delegation
Tyler Nadeau	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Erika Custodia	Legislative Correspondent	A.T. Trail Delegation
Charlotte Whittier	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Cole Cerabona	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Ben Wohl	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
John Swords	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Domonique Jackson	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Shelby Haney	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Callie Lucia	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Joe Tesfaye	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Oliver McIntosh	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Cameron Rickenbac	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Sarah Jacobs	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Sarah Smaga	Legislative Fellow	A.T. Trail Delegation
Megan Ruane	Chief of Staff	A.T. Trail Delegation
Nick Urbin	Legislative Correspondent	A.T. Trail Delegation
Owen McTernan	Legislative Aid	A.T. Trail Delegation
Nicholas Norce	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Patrick Schilling	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Tyler Mortier	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Andrew Donlon	Legislative Counsel	A.T. Trail Delegation
Diane Adamson	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Addison Porter	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
William Newman	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Bri Simon	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Teresa Klanderman	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Doxey Loupassi	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Fabiana Corsi Mend	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Carter Forinash	Legislative Assistant; Legisla	A.T. Trail Delegation
JR Walker	Senior Policy Advisor	A.T. Trail Delegation
Elizabeth Cooper	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Julia Block	Legislative Staffer	A.T. Trail Delegation
Kelsey Wolfram	Chief of Staff	A.T. Trail Delegation
Noah Hooton	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Bardia Asefnia	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Isabella Montini	Legislative Fellow	A.T. Trail Delegation
Jason Harvery	Senior Legislative Assisant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Sydney Branton	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Chase Starr	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Larson Upchurch	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Gabriella Negrin	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Matt Brady	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation

Sam Dunford	Climate Caucus Fellow	A.T. Trail Delegation
Molly Martin,	Legislative Director;	A.T. Trail Delegation
Anne Lawless	Legislative Assistant	A.T. Trail Delegation
Nate Zimpher	Legislative Director	A.T. Trail Delegation
Lewis Player	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Hans Bjontegard	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Houston James	Legislative Correspondent	A.T. Trail Delegation
Nicole Saitta	Legislative Assistant	Proximity to A.T.
Kevin Griffen	Senior Policy Advisor	Proximity to A.T.
Matthew Steinbaum	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Matthew Golden	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Sunny Chen	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Jack Harrigan	Legislative Director	Proximity to A.T./Support of A.T.
Kate Schisler	Legislative Director	A.T. Delegation
Dylan Cheeks	Legislative Assistant	A.T. State Delegation
Lauren Rhodeside	Legislative Director	A.T. State Delegation

Invitee	Role	Reason
Brandon Bragato	Staff Director	HNRC
Rachel Jones	Legislative Operations Manager	HNRC
Qay-liwh Ammon	Professional Staff	HNRC
Hannah Devereaux	Professional Staff	HNRC
Aniela Butler	Staff Director	HNRC
Brandon Miller	Professional Staff	HNRC

Invitee	Role	Reason
William Ball	Senior Policy Advisor	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Lonnie Smith	Legislative Assistant	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Emma Diehl	Legislative Assistant	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Josephine Amusa	Policy Advisor	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Shelby Prettiman	Energy and Environment Adv	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Brooks McVicker	Legislative Director	House Leadership w/ environmental p
Kiara Tringali	Professional Staff	HNRC
Edward Bohannon	Legislative Correspondent	A.T. Trail Delegation
Sarah Rothman	Legislative Fellow	A.T. Trail Delegation
Hannah Culp	Legislative Correspondent	A.T. Trail Delegation



APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
FIELD TRIP & BRIEFING
FOR HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS

April 25th, 2025
From 8:30 AM to 3 PM
Hosted by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a 2,191-mile footpath that extends through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia, outlining one of the most prominent land features in the eastern United States, the Appalachian Mountains.

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is a unit of the National Park Service, cooperatively managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

The April 25 Field Trip will include a short fact finding hike along the A.T., picnic lunch and a briefing about the Trail's history, its notable volunteer achievements, hiker trends and increasing visitation.

The field trip is being organized as one of several informational events that support the Congressional Appalachian National Scenic Trail Caucus, Co-chaired by Congressman Don Beyer (D-VA) and Congressman Mike Lawler (R-NY).

Who Should Attend

This field trip is open to all Congressional staff and is particularly oriented to staff in states where the Appalachian Trail is located.

The Itinerary

- 08:30 – 08:45 Meet at Spirit of Justice Park for transportation to Weverton Cliffs, Maryland.
- 10:00 – 10:30 Meet & Greet at Weverton Cliffs, Maryland with ATC Staff and Volunteers.
- 10:30 – 11:15 Educational Briefing - Overview of the Trail and its importance in the eastern United States - How A.T. volunteers serve as a model for other volunteer initiatives - Visitor trends and aspirational hikers who walk the entire 2,191 miles - How trail towns benefit economically, and cultivate community pride. We will not be talking about funding or other issues pending before Congress in any detail
- 11:15 – 01:25 Fact finding along the A.T. and picnic and further educational briefings and discussion.
- 1:30 Head back to D.C. / Arrive by 3 PM.

Details

Small breakfast snacks and a picnic lunch and transportation will be provided, per Rules. Please RSVP by **March 25th** (coinciding with the 30-day lead time the House and Senate Ethics Committees require for your travel forms) to Max Raphelson at mrphelson@appalachiantrail.org. Questions? Call: (828) 278-9423 SPACE IS LIMITED. Attendees should feel free to provide their own transportation if more convenient.

About the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Caucus

The mission of the bipartisan Appalachian National Scenic Trail Caucus is to unite Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in working together for the sustained protection and conservation of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the nation's longest continuous corridor of public land stretching 2,191 miles through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia. House members may join the Caucus by contacting Carter Forinash (Beyer) (carter.forinash@mail.house.gov) or Jamari Hartley (Lawler) (jamari.hartley@mail.house.gov).

Post Travel Form—Lisa Pahel

Additional information for Question 6: Describe meetings and events attended:

Discussion with Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) staff about cooperative management system of the Appalachian Trail (AT), tour and discussion at Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) with HFC staff on how the office provides support to National Park Service units for media and interpretive services, visit and discussion at ATC headquarters with volunteers and staff on history and work of ATC and work on the Appalachian Trail, AT and Harpers Ferry Historical Park field visit: interpretative stops at historic locations with Harpers Ferry Historical Park staff including Jefferson Rock, Storer College, and John Brown's fort