



WILDERNESS CONSERVATION CORPS

Field Summary



PROJECT NUMBERS

5 Staff

400 Hours of Stewardship

920 Feet of Trail Built

6 Waterbars Built

The Wilderness Conservation Corps (WCC) crew worked on the Appalachian Trail reroute at Turkey Pen Gap, located between the Vandeventer and Iron Mountain shelters. This section of the Appalachian Trail is maintained by the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS) program for the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club (TEHCC). TEHCC is one of 31 Appalachian Trail clubs which are responsible for section maintenance of the Appalachian Trail.

Over the course of 9 days, the crew built 920 feet of new, sustainable trail. They completed, blazed, and opened the upper section of the two-part reroute. Approximately 20 feet of trail on either end of the lower section remain to be built before the section may be blazed and opened. To encourage rehabilitation on the old trail, which was severely eroded, the crew built 6 waterbars to mitigate resource damage.



The Wilderness Conservation Corps (WCC) crew is a seasonal crew program of the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS), a program of The Wilderness Society. The WCC program offers hands-on work experience and training for individuals with interest in conservation and public lands protection. This year, the program features a crew of three crew members led by two crew leaders for a total of five staff. The 2014 WCC crew staff represent cities and universities from across the southeast, including schools such as North Carolina State, Appalachian State, Western Carolina, and Virginia Tech. During summer 2014, the crew will complete stewardship projects in five Wilderness areas on the Cherokee and Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests.

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