



The town of Norwich, VT along with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), cordially invite you to celebrate the official designation as an Appalachian Trail Community™



The Norwich A.T. Committee and ATC will host a **hike** and **special event** recognizing Norwich as the newest A.T. Community!

## September 18, 2011

Hike Logistics: Meet at 1:30pm at the Huntley-Meadow Park & Ride on Beaver Meadow Rd. Carpool to the trailhead at Cossingham Rd.

**2:00 pm** - Hike (rain or shine!) 2.7 miles on the Appalachian Trail from Cossingham Rd. to Elm St and down to the Green

**3:30 to 4:30 pm** – Hiking Exhibits, Local business displays, and events for kids on the Green

**4:00 pm** – Designation ceremony on the Green (Rain location: school or Montshire Montshire Museum)

**5:00 pm** – Montshire's Norwich Night at the Museum, including free barbeque!

The Appalachian Trail Community™ program recognizes communities who are taking extra steps to promote and protect the Appalachian Trail. Designation as an Appalachian Trail Community™ is aimed to:

- ⬆ Engage community citizens, Trail visitors and stewards
- ⬆ Thank communities for their decades of service to hikers
- ⬆ Act as a catalyst for enhancing sustainable economic development
- ⬆ Aid local municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning
- ⬆ Help local community members see the Trail as a resource and asset

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The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's mission is to preserve and manage the Appalachian Trail – ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be shared and enjoyed today, tomorrow, and for centuries to come.

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