**Important Dates**

A Timeline Connecting U.S. History, the creation of the Appalachian Trail, and Emma Gatewood

- **October 1887**
  - Emma Caldwell is born near Mercerville, Ohio

- **1907**
  - Emma Caldwell & P.C. Gatewood are married

- **1914-1918**
  - World War I

- **1916**
  - The National Park Service is created by Congress

- **August 1920**
  - 19th Constitutional Amendment is ratified giving women the right to vote

- **1921**
  - Benton MacKaye proposes the idea of the Appalachian Trail (AT) in an article for the Journal of the American Institute of Architects

- **1925**
  - Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) established

- **1926**
  - Emma Gatewood’s 11th (and last) child, Lucy Eleanor, is born

- **1928**
  - Emma Gatewood completes her second thru-hike of the AT in September

- **February 6, 1941**
  - Emma Gatewood’s divorce is final after 38 years of marriage

- **1942**
  - World War II begins

- **June 7, 2012**
  - Emma Gatewood is inducted into the Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame in Boiling Springs, PA

- **August 1943**
  - Myron Avery becomes Chairman of the fledging ATC

- **1945**
  - World War II ends after US bombings of Japan

- **1948**
  - Earl V. Shaffer becomes the first thru-hiker of the AT

- **May 3, 1955**
  - Emma Gatewood begins 2nd thru-hike attempt from the southern terminus at Mt. Oglethorpe in Georgia

- **June 4, 1973**
  - Emma Gatewood dies in Gallia, Ohio

- **October 1, 1959**
  - Emma Gatewood walks the Oregon Trail

- **January 26, 1984**
  - National Park Service delegates to ATC the responsibility for managing AT corridor lands

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- **Korean War**

- **1950–1953**
  - Korean War

- **1954**
  - Emma Gatewood completes the AT (3rd time) in sections

- **1954**
  - Earthquake in Japan

- **1958**
  - Emma Gatewood climbs 6 mountains in the Adirondack Range