## 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	1921 Benton MacKaye proposes the idea of the Appalachain Trail (AT) in an article for the Journal of the American Institute of Architects	1936 Myron Avery becomes the first "2,000-miler" on the footpath, having cleared and blazed the entirety	1945 World War II ends after US bombings of Japan	July 1954 Emma Gatewood's aborted attempt at a thru-hike on the AT starting in Maine	1959 Emma Gatewood walks the Oregon Trail	January 26, 1984 National Park Service delegates to ATC the responsibility for managing AT corridor lands
1908 Emma & P.C. Gatewood have their first child  1914–1918 World War I	1928 Emma Gatewood's 11th (and last) child, Lucy Eleanor, is born	<b>1939</b> World War II begins	1949 National Geographic publishes article on Earl Shaffer's thru-hike. Emma Gatewood reads article and is inspired.	1957 Emma Gatewood completes her second thru-hike of the AT in September	October 2, 1968 The National Trails System Act becomes law: AT becomes a national scenic trail under federal/state protection	
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1916	1925	August 1937	1948	May 3, 1955 Emma Gatewood begins 2nd thru-hike attempt from the	1964	June 7, 2012

The National Park Service is created by Congress

Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) established

AT is completed as a continuous footpath

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

February 6, 1941 Emma Gatewood's divorce is final after 35 years of marriage

1964 time) in sections

Hurricanes Connie & Diane are disastrous for the New England States

attempt from the

Mt. Oglethorpe in

Georgia

1950-1953 Korean War

southern terminus at

Emma Gatewood finishes her first thru-hike of the AT on September 25th Emma Gatewood completes the AT (3rd

Emma Gatewood is inducted into the 2nd class of the Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame in Boiling Springs, PA

1907

Emma Caldwell & P.C. Gatewood are married August 1920

19th Constitutional Amendment is ratified giving women the right to vote

1931

Nearly half of the AT has been marked, mostly in the Northeast

Myron Avery becomes Chairman of the

1958

Emma Gatewood climbs 6 mountains in the Adirondack Range June 4, 1973

Emma Gatewood dies in Gallia, Ohio





