

**EXPERIENCE** the ...



# Appalachian Trail Museum™



## ▲ **BUILDING** ...

A renovated, three-story, stone grist mill that was built in 1760 to serve the iron-making community then operating at what is today Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

## ► **EXHIBITS** ...

Among the Trail pioneers honored with exhibits are Benton MacKaye, who is credited with conceptualizing the Appalachian Trail, and Myron Avery, who spearheaded construction of the Trail which was initially completed in 1937.

One of the most interesting hikers to complete the Trail is Grandma Gatewood, who, in 1955 at the age of 67, became the first solo woman thru-hiker and later became the first person to hike the Trail more than once.

Tools, gear and other artifacts are on display, as well as a shelter built by Earl Shaffer, who in 1948 became the first person to hike the Appalachian Trail in one trip.

The museum is also home to the **Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame**, honoring individuals who have made exceptional contributions to building and maintaining the Trail.

## ■ **LOCATION** ...

Scenic Michaux State Forest in Cumberland Valley Pennsylvania, at the entrance to historic Pine Grove Furnace State Park on PA Route 233. Gettysburg, Carlisle, Shippensburg and Chambersburg are nearby. The museum is at the approximate halfway point of the over 2,180 mile-long Appalachian Trail.





## ◀ PHOTOS ...

Thousands of photographs of past thru-hikers are incorporated into a searchable online database and slide show in the museum's Hiker Center, where thru-hikers enjoy taking a break and talking with museum visitors.

## ■ APPALACHIAN TRAIL (A.T.) FUN FACTS ...

- More than 6,000 volunteers contribute more than 200,000 hours to the A.T. every year.
- More than 10,000 people have reported hiking the entire A.T.
- Approximately 165,000 white paint blazes mark the A.T.'s route.
- It takes about 5 million footsteps to walk the entire length of the A.T.



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### ADMISSION ...

No charge, but donations are appreciated.

### HOURS ...

The museum opens in March and closes in November, but times vary. Please call 717-486-8126 for specific times, or check [www.atmuseum.org](http://www.atmuseum.org).

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