

Summer Backpacking Trek Planning

Troop 714 has a history of scheduling high-adventure backpacking trips covering areas of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to as far north as Vermont. Treks have covered distances of about 50 miles up to 155 miles over periods of 7 to 16 days.

Discussions have started concerning the possibility of a trek in 2014 ranging from 70 to 150 miles. Potential dates stretch from mid-June to early July with the duration of the trek being approximately 14 days.

If you are interested in participating in a backpacking trek this summer, please indicate the type/length of trip that you would prefer on the attached sign-up sheet. Adults are needed to support these activities as drivers and/or hikers covering all or part of the trek.

Trek Options

1a) Mt. Katahdin south to Kennebec River / Pierce Pond L/T & Harrison's Camps - 156 miles – 14 Days

1b) Mt. Katahdin south to Monson, ME - 119 miles – 10 Days

2) Shenandoah National Park, N->S. Only 11 miles/day. 107 miles – 12 Days

3) VA/WV/MD/PA (4-state hike) - last time did 133 miles in 13 hiking days plus 3 days travel, 16 days for crew. That includes one NERO (near zero day, 2.2 miles, so near full day off in Harper's Ferry, MD). That's just less than 11 miles per day average. Includes the "Roller Coaster" in VA.

4) 112 miles SoBo - Rockfish Gap (VA) south to Bearwallow Gap (includes the James River foot bridge, a climb up the 53 (?) switchbacks of "The Priest" Mtn, some pretty wild VA national forest land.) – 13 Days

6) Vernon, NJ (just south of NY line) SoBo to either Delaware Water Gap (60 miles, PA line) or Lehigh Gap (just south of the super-fund site, 100 miles.) deli to deli hike. 5-9 days hiking plus 2-4 days traveling.

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