



ROANOKE VALLEY CHAPTER

Welcome to the Roanoke Valley Chapter of FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Our volunteers help to preserve, promote and enhance this national treasure as it winds through the Plateau District of southern Virginia. While over 10 million travelers enjoy the Parkway each year, the Parkway continues to be impacted by deeper and deeper funding and staff reductions. As this valuable historic, cultural, economic and spiritual resource is threatened, our efforts as volunteers through FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway become more important. Join us on the Parkway!



Our Chapter cares for trails, overlooks, campgrounds and picnic areas. Working in partnership with National Park Service staff, we adopt, maintain and restore trails, and we care for scenic overlooks on the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Our Chapter recruits and inspires young people to serve as Youth Volunteers in Parks (YVIPs). Energetic YVIPs prepare trails, overlooks and picnic areas for opening each Spring. We also engage YVIPs in annual tree planting events to

enhance the scenic views which have been threatened by development adjacent to the Parkway.

Our Chapter raises funds to support Park pro-

grams. Through efforts and events such the Blue Ridge Marathon, we underwrite the summer-long series of music concerts on Roanoke Mountain. We also fund resources for other cultural and educational programs led by National Park Service Rangers all along the Parkway.

Our Chapter provides learning opportunities for youth as Junior Rangers. Through participating in and producing events such as Earth Day, Fishing Days, and Tree Plantings, we teach environmental stewardship to children through hands-on learning activities.



WORK SCHEDULE

Our Chapter is most active on the Parkway from March to October. Volunteers usually work one or two Saturday mornings each month. Scheduled workdays are announced via email, with dates, times, locations and other details included. Snacks are often provided! Our Chapter efforts are lead by a steering committee responsible for planning and coordinating efforts behind the scenes. Additional leaders are always welcome!

Please give us your contact information, and join us on the Blue Ridge Parkway! For more information, contact the FRIENDS office.

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Providing Over 25 Years of Service to the Blue Ridge Parkway

FRIENDS' success has been achieved through the loyalty and financial support of our corporate partners, members and volunteers. FRIENDS is the official 501(c)(3) membership organization for the Blue Ridge Parkway and a National Park Service Blue Ridge Parkway approved partner dedicated to preserving, promoting and enhancing the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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