



ROCKY KNOB CHAPTER

*W*elcome to the Rocky Knob 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.

We assist in cleaning the Rocky Knob Campground and picnic areas, Mabry Mill and Smart View areas so they are ready for seasonal visitors. Working in partnership with National Park Service staff, we adopt, maintain and restore trails, and we care for scenic overlooks within our portion of the Parkway, from milepost 150 through milepost 200. We welcome all volunteers.

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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ROCKY KNOB CHAPTER PROJECTS



FLOYD FEST

Each summer, we work as volunteers at Floyd Fest and have consistently earned over \$1,200 for FRIENDS. We volunteer in shifts doing diverse tasks such as serving as camp hosts in the off-site parking lot, selling tickets,

checking identification, gathering trash and helping out any way we can.

PARKWAY DONATION BOX

Members maintain the Mabry Mill donation box. Visitors are invited to leave their contributions to the Blue Ridge Parkway in the donation box referred to as the "Iron Ranger." Members collect the money monthly. FRIENDS provides the donation box funds to the Blue Ridge Parkway.



YOUTH & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Rocky Knob Chapter's goal is to provide environmental education opportunities for the youth in our community. As our Chapter grows, we will collaborate with local groups to provide youth environmental education programs. The Chapter also hosts a group of college students as part of FRIENDS' Alternative Break Program.

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.