

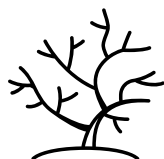
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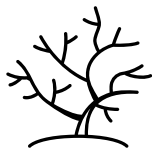
nominated by Iva Gillet

Marit Anderson has been a critical part of the extensive work of the Charlottesville Chapter for over 20 years. She has been Chapter vice president for this duration, and has been a hike leader for decades. Last year she served on the Election Committee. In addition, she has maintained a section of the AT since 2009 AND has a trail she has maintained in the Mutton Hollow District for 15 years. She has helped support our chapter Open Houses at Dunlodge through the years, acquiring speakers and welcoming new potential members.

In the area of outreach, she has been a presenter at several women's workshop activities, and shared her experiences as an AT thru-hiker and long distance backpacker. She shares her gear, her advice, and her knowledge of trails and outdoor challenges with anyone who asks.

In the last few years she has taken her love of the outdoors to schoolchildren, by organizing hiking and outdoor programs in the Shenandoah National Park for Big Brother/ Big Sisters in Charlottesville. Marit persevered to find a solution to safely transporting minors into the Park without their parents, and having the Bigs incur no additional costs. She has raised money for the PATC and shares the work we do with those she contacts, encouraging memberships and appreciation of the diligence it takes to maintain great trails. Marit embraces the essential dedication to community volunteerism and she is an excellent ambassador for the great work of the PATC.





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nominated by Mark Perschel

I met Marit Anderson in 2011 as she was volunteering to host AT Hikers at the Waynesboro Lutheran Church Hiker Hostel. I learned she had thru hiked the AT in 2009 and loved the outdoors especially the Appalachian Trail. She continues to volunteer every year since 2010 with setup and overnights for a week helping hikers with their Waynesboro rest and resupply. She is a trail maintainer maintaining two miles of the AT North of Turk Gap parking lot since her completion of her thru hike in 2009. She has also added maintaining a section of trail in the PATC's Mutton Hollow cabin community. As a member of the Charlottesville Chapter of the PATC she has held the office of Vice President and currently is the Hiking and Maintenance activity Coordinator. She assists the Hike Leaders schedule and posts their hikes on meetup.

She helps Trail Maintainers organize Meetup Work days on various AT Trail sections. She also personally leads hikes and trail maintenance work trips. She has led all women work days also on the AT. This Saturday she is completing her third year of partnership with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Charlottesville by leading an outdoor activity at Loft Mtn Wayside with a SNP Ranger and a hike to Black Rock Summit. This activity fulfills a mandate by the Charlottesville Chapter of the PATC to reach out to underserved members of our Charlottesville Community. Marit has received multiple Service and the Hawksbill awards. PATC is a beneficiary of Marit's desire to serve. She is well qualified to receive PATC's Lifetime Achievement Award

