



## Price Lake Trail Restoration Completed

FRIENDS' volunteers from the High Country Chapter completed the Price Lake Trail restoration project on Saturday, November 13, 2010. The trail looks great and Parkway maintenance only needs to provide some landscape timbers for

walkways over a few muddy areas so it will be ready for winter.

Mike Keibelbeck, Chair of the Boone/Blowing Rock Chapter, recognized all who helped: "Many of you worked one or more shifts over the past month, and I am grateful for your help. You folks rock!" Mike also expressed special thanks to aspiring Eagle Scout Brad Furman for his work and leadership on the project.

"Please pass on my thanks to your Scout Troop volunteers as well," he said. "They were wonderful to work with. I would also like to thank Brad's mother, Trixie Wilke, for her help and support of Brad and FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway."



*The Price Lake Trail restoration team takes a break from their work for a photo.*

At right is a picture of the work crew on hand for the last day of work on the project. And they're still smiling!

## Please Adopt Me!



The Yankee Horse Overlook Trail at MP 34.4 is one of our great Parkway trails that still awaits adoption. It's an easy, 0.2-mile trail that *Hiking the Blue Ridge Parkway* author Randy Johnson calls "a quintessential Parkway leg-stretcher trail. Great views of Wigwam Falls combine with an interesting exhibit about the logging railroads that carried off the region's virgin timber."

Adopting a trail basically involves an individual, family or group...

- visiting the trail regularly and seasonally, weather permitting
- clearing fallen twigs, leaves, and litter
- making note of any hazards along the trail, bridges, steps, and handrails
- filing a brief maintenance report after each visit.

Please visit the [Adopt-a-Trail](#) page of the FRIENDS website or contact [Rod Broker](#) at 800-228-PARK for more information about adopting this Blue Ridge Parkway trail, or another trail in your community.

## Virginia Parkway License Plate

*We've met our initial goal! Have you ordered your plate yet?*

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway has a special project underway to benefit the Parkway! A new specialty license plate will soon be available in Virginia, and the best part is that **100% of the proceeds will benefit the Parkway!** Show your support of the Blue Ridge Parkway by mailing [your application](#) to FRIENDS today for this great Parkway license plate!



Although we have met our initial goal of 350 applications in order to have the DMV and the state legislature approve the use of the plate and begin producing it, FRIENDS is still collecting applications from Virginia drivers whose support of the Parkway is so critical. Mail your completed form with \$25 payment to **FRIENDS BRP, P.O. Box 20986, Roanoke, VA 24018.**

## Blue Ridge Parkway Enhances the Mountains-to-Sea-Trail

*Deputy Superintendent Monika Mayr attended the dedication!*

*This update is from the [Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail](#).*

Hikers out to complete the Mountains-to-Sea Trail have 25 new miles of trail to travel, thanks to the steady, hard work of volunteers in the Watauga and South Ashe task forces. It is a beautiful stretch of trail along the Blue Ridge Parkway near Boone, West Jefferson, and Wilkesboro. Hikers will experience breathtaking views, deep woods and pastures, and occasional historic structures along the Parkway. Check out the FMST website for maps and other information about the Watauga and South Ashe sections of the MST.

On October 2, Deputy Director Carol Tingley of the NC Division of Parks and Recreation officially

dedicated the new trail as part of the MST. Two hundred people attended the ceremony to celebrate the official opening and hear Tingley and Deputy Superintendent Monika Mayr of the Blue Ridge Parkway, FMST Board Secretary Liz King, South Ashe Task Force Leader Jim Hallsey, and Watauga Task Force Leader John Lanman recognize the work of the volunteers.

For photos of the dedication and the trail, check out the [MST-Watauga blog by Shelton Wilder](#), who helps build the trail in Watauga County, and the [Hiker-to-Hiker blog by Danny Bernstein](#), who is section-hiking the entire MST.

This trail dedication brings the MST very close to completion in the mountains. FMST volunteers have another 6 miles to build in Watauga County between Blowing Rock and the Bamboo Gap overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway. (Check out the [Watauga trail workday schedule](#) if you'd like to join the work crew.)

FMST is also working with state parks, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP) to establish the official route that the MST will follow as it leaves the GSMNP and to increase campsites along the entire mountain route.

## Shopping for a Cause: GoodSearch and GoodShop

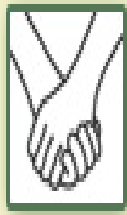
Did you know that FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway can receive a donation every time you search the Internet? Did you also know that a percentage of every online purchase you make can support FRIENDS as well? Well ... it's true!

*GoodSearch.com* is a search engine company that donates half its advertising revenue--about a penny per search--to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results, and watch the donations to FRIENDS add up! In recent months, FRIENDS using GoodSearch generated almost \$100 in support of the Blue Ridge Parkway! Visit [GoodSearch](#) for more information.

*GoodShop.com* is a companion online shopping mall that donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to FRIENDS! Hundreds of great stores--including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble--have teamed up with GoodShop so that you'll be able to support FRIENDS every time you place an order! Visit [GoodShop](#) for more information.

If you're worried that you won't remember to use GoodSearch and GoodShop, or that it will take too much extra time, just download their [FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway toolbar](#) and FRIENDS will earn money every time you shop and search online, even if you forget to go through GoodShop or GoodSearch!

In no other season could GoodSearch and GoodShop have a greater impact for the good of FRIENDS and the Parkway! This time of year is so given to searching and shopping for gifts! And what an easy way to give an extra gift to the Blue Ridge Parkway!



# Make a Donation

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway benefits significantly from volunteer services, but we need your financial support to fund our programs. FRIENDS is unique: for every \$1.00 you invest, Parkway volunteers provide \$3.00 of volunteer service back to the Blue Ridge Parkway! Together we are making a difference! [Please offer your generosity](#) in support of our mission to preserve, promote and enhance the Parkway. Thank you.

## Winter Parkway Closures

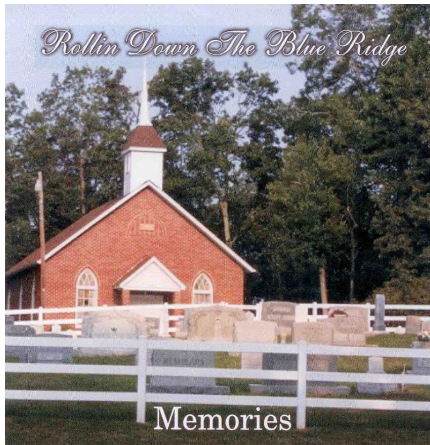
**Closure 1 (Asheville NC):** The Blue Ridge Parkway is closed between Pine Mountain Tunnel (mp 399) and North Carolina Route 151 (mp 405) until spring 2011. The detour will follow State Route 191 to State Route 280, interconnecting to State Route 276 in Brevard and back to the Parkway, just south of the Pisgah Inn.

**Closure 2 (Alleghany County NC):** The Blue Ridge Parkway is closed from MP 241 near the Bluffs Coffee Shop to MP 244.7 at Basin Cove Parking Overlook until spring 2011. The detour will route traffic to NC Route 18 and US Highway 21. Access to the Bluffs Lodge and Coffee Shop will remain open from the north via the Parkway.



## What's New in FRIENDS' Online Store?

[FRIENDS' online store](#) is carrying a new item just in time for the holidays! Give the gift of music to your friends and loved ones (or to yourself!) while supporting the Parkway!



**Rollin' Down the Blue Ridge: Memories** is a CD featuring traditional vocal and instrumental music of the Blue Ridge Mountains by Anne Winebarger and friends.

*"Listening to this music takes you back to the golden days of early mountain living. The music makes you feel like you are truly rolling along the Blue Ridge and hearing it echo off the mountains and through the valleys." -- MJK*

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway carries a variety of CDs by artists who have created music inspired by the natural beauty they've found along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Visit our online store today!

## FRIENDS' Events

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway's work follows the rhythm of the seasons. Spring and fall mean tree-plantings, summer means trail and overlook maintenance, and winter means planning. As we head into winter 2010-2011, we're planning next year's work and special events.

- The second Blue Ridge Marathon is a major undertaking that promises to benefit the Parkway even more than the first Marathon did in 2010.
- FRIENDS' inaugural Virginia golf tournament will follow the model set by the first North Carolina tournament in October.
- Plans to fulfill the Parkway's requests for maintenance, repairs, and viewshed protection will keep us busy too.

We are grateful for the support of our regular volunteers and our special-event volunteers. Without your dedication and hard work, we would not be able to support our Parkway the way we do! Thank you! For more information about how you can support FRIENDS' special projects, contact [Laura Mitchell](#) at 800-228-PARK.

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