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NEWS RELEASE  
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## Join Us On May 5 As The A.T. Museum Dedicates Five Exciting New Exhibits!!

GARDNERS, PA. – The Appalachian Trail Museum invites everyone to its **FREE** Hall of Fame Festival on Sunday, May 5, 2019. During the Festival, five new exhibits will be dedicated. The Museum is located at beautiful Pine Grove Furnace State Park, located at **1100 Pine Grove Road, Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Gardners, PA 17324**. If it's been a while since your last visit, come see how the Museum has grown!

- **Arrive at 10:00 AM** for a **Meet and Greet** with coffee, tea, and juice.
- **Enjoy our** dedication program at **10:30 AM** with expert speakers to introduce each exhibit.
- **Stay** for a **picnic lunch** and an **afternoon** filled with music and activities.

### Our New Exhibits!

1. "**A Night on the Trail**": A multi-media exhibit to give children a sense of what it's like to spend a night on the Appalachian Trail.
2. "**Blazing the Trail in Maine**", featuring photos showing how the Appalachian Trail was established in Maine and featuring the folding kayak (Folbot) used by Appalachian Trail pioneer, Myron Avery.
3. "**Walkin' Jim Stoltz**"; An exhibit dedicated to the late Jim Stoltz, renowned long distance hiker, songwriter, artist, poet, photographer, author, entertainer, and environmental activist.
4. "**Hikanation**": Celebrating the groundbreaking, 1980-81, Pacific-to-Atlantic Hike organized by the American Hiking Society.
5. "**Our National Scenic Trails**": An exhibit celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Scenic Trails System established by Act of Congress in 1968.

### Additional Media Information and Background

- During the morning program on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, guest speakers will introduce each of the new exhibits with personal reflections and, in some cases, song.

- There will be a picnic lunch to enjoy at noon. Some food will be provided, and attendees are invited to also bring food of their own and/or make a donation.
- After lunch, attendees will tour the new exhibits, and the morning speakers or Museum volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. At the open air Pavilion, music will be provided and there will be an “open mike” for everyone to share songs and experiences.

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Sunday Hall of Fame Festival is part of the Museum's Hall of Fame Weekend. The Museum's Ninth Hall of Fame Banquet will be Saturday, May 4 at the Army Heritage & Education Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Complete information and tickets are available at <https://2019athalloffamebanquet.eventbrite.com>

**About the Appalachian Trail Museum Society**

The Appalachian Trail Museum Society, a 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization formed in 2002, organizes programs, exhibits, volunteers and fundraising nationwide for the Appalachian Trail Museum. The museum opened on June 5, 2010, as a tribute to the thousands of men, women and families who have hiked and maintained the approximately 2,190 mile long hiking trail that passes through 14 states from Maine to Georgia. Located in the Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Gardners, Pennsylvania, the museum is conveniently near Carlisle, Gettysburg and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Additional information is available at [www.atmuseum.org](http://www.atmuseum.org).



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