

A.T. Gateways 2026 Program Schedule

Friday, February 27

5:30–6:30 p.m. — All About George Masa

Paul Bonesteel

Lodge Conference Area – Red & White Oak Rooms

Saturday, February 28

Visitor Center

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. — A.T. Base Camp

Arch Room

Ad hoc hiker interviews throughout the day

Podcaster Andrew McIntyre

Lunch Option: Taqueria El Ranchito Food Truck

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. — Visitor Center Parking Lot

Lodge

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. — Vendors

1:00–4:00 p.m. — Sawyer Demo

Back patio (grassed area outside conference center)

Programs

9:00 a.m. — **Footcare to Get You There!** (Rob Gasbarro) — Red & White Oak Rooms

10:00 a.m. — **Take a Hike! The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Backpacking** (Collin Chambers) — Red & White Oak Rooms

11:00 a.m. — **A.T. Stories** (Mills Kelly) — Red & White Oak Rooms

1:00 p.m. — **Are You Physically Ready for the Trail?** (Dr. Donald Walsh) — Red Oak Room

1:00 p.m. — **Hiking with Furry Friends** (Maria Wishart) — White Oak Room

2:00 p.m. — **PT Assessments** (University of North Georgia PT Students) — White Oak Room

2:00 p.m. — **Tips for a Successful Thru-Hike** (Andrew “Metro” Miller) — Red Oak Room

3:00 p.m. — **A.T. Updates** (Franklin Tate & Ashley Luke) — Red Oak Room

4:00–5:30 p.m. — **Friendships of the Trail Reception** — AFSP Lodge Dining Room

6:00 p.m. — **Banff Adventure!** (Erik Love) — Red Oak Room

Fireside Chats (Lodge)

10:00 a.m. — More About Footcare, Footwear & Feet (Outdoor 76)

1:00 p.m. — Birds of Prey (AFSP Naturalist)

2:00 p.m. — Grandma Gatewood and Leo

3:00 p.m. — What's in My Zippy? The Ten Essentials! (Sunny Waller)

4:00 p.m. — Trail Tales with Miss Janet & Collin Chambers

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m.–Noon — Trail Maintenance Work Trip

Friends of Amicalola Falls State Park