

# 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