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Comments:

I have been a member of the Carolina Mountain Club and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for 3 years. During those years we have done extensive work at Max Patch, only to watch some of it ignored or destroyed by the public. During most of the year there are numerous people camping there and leaving trash, tents and other miscellaneous other things. They ignore designated trails harming vegetation. We put up a split rail fence to keep them from using a social trail as a shortcut to the small parking area. They have taken parts down and used as firewood. Due to the limited parking people have taken to parking on both sides of the road, creating a pedestrian problem and access for emergency vehicles using the road to people's houses that live near there. This used to be one of the "jewels" of the southern section of the AT and it is becoming dangerous and trashy. We could use some help, especially the parking situation.