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Comments:

I do trail maintenance with the Carolina Mountain Club. I've lived in the Asheville NC area for about five years.

My crew works on Max Patch several times a year. Over the last five years, as Max Patch has become more popular, its overall condition has deteriorated. Basically, Max Patch is being loved to death.

Visitors get a great view provided that they don't look down at their feet where they see empty bottles, food wrappers, dog feces, and worse. Max Patch has no trash cans and a totally inadequate parking lot. On a busy afternoon, the parked cars on both sides of the road limit traffic to one narrow lane.

Improvements needed are 1)Trash containers with regular collection; 2)Toilets; 3) A larger parking lot.

The parking lot should be not visible from the crest of Max Patch to discourage shortcutting down the Bald which causes severe erosion.