

Everything You Need to Know about Mail Drops Along the Appalachian Trail By: AppalachianTrailClarity.com

Maildrops are hard to wrap your mind around as you plan an Appalachian Trail thru-hike. Rest assured, you will figure out your system after a couple of times.

You have two options for places to send yourself stuff along the way: town post offices and outfitters or hostels who allow maildrops. All addresses and Post Office zip codes can be found in [Awol's A.T. Guide](#).

Post office pros

With only a phone call, the post office will forward your package to another location for free.

No charge to pick up packages.

Usually situated in convenient locations to the A.T.

Post office cons

Hours can be VERY limited in some small towns

Not open 7 days per week

Outfitter/hostel pros

More flexible hours usually

Often open 7 days per week

If you're shopping or staying there anyway, it cuts out an extra trip to the post office.

Outfitter/hostel cons

Sometimes there's a charge to retrieve your maildrop

Can not forward packages to another location should your plans change

Address mail going to post office as follows:

Hold for A.T. Hiker Real name (first and last)

General Delivery

City, State, Zip-9999

ETA: Give a few days' range of when arrival is probable.

Have ID on hand when picking up!

Below is a list of maildrop locations with addresses and phone numbers. The number beginning each line is the northbound mile marker for your convenience. I have listed only 1-3 maildrop options per town where there are multiples, so consult your AWOL A.T. Guide for additional locations. When choosing

which spots to list, I considered distance from trail, ease of accessibility, and cost if an expensive overnight is required for maildrop pickup. Cheers!

Appalachian Trail Maildrops List

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21 - Suches, GA - [Hiker Hostel](#) PO Box 802 or 7693 Hwy 19N, Dahlonega, GA 30533.



21 - Suches, GA - Wolfpen Gap Country Store open 7 days per week until 8:00, 6:00 on Sundays. 41 Wolf Pen Gap Rd, Suches, GA 30572



32 - Neel Gap - [Mountain Crossings](#); 12471 Gainesville Hwy, Blairsville, GA 30512.
There is a \$1 fee to pick up your package. Located right on the trail! Sweet!



70 Hiawasee, GA - [Top of Georgia Hostel](#) 7675 US Hwy 76 East, Hiawasee, GA 30546. Maildrops for guests only. Located 1/2 mile from trail. Guests get shuttles. :)



70 Hiawasee, GA - [Budget Inn](#) 193 South Main Street, Hiawasee, GA 30546



70 Hiawasee, GA - Post office zip 30546. Open Monday - Saturday.



110 Franklin, NC - [Haven's Budget Inn](#) 433 East Palmer Street, Franklin, NC 28734



110 Franklin, NC - [Outdoor 76](#), 35 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.
No charge for maildrops and good beer found here!



110 Franklin, NC - Post office zip 28734 Open Monday-Saturday



129 [Nantahala Mountain Lodge](#) 63 Britannia Dr, Aquone, NC 28781
Maildrops for guests only



137 [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#) 13077 Hwy 19W, Bryson City, NC 28713.
Date and mark, "hold for AT Hiker". The trail runs you RIGHT into NOC! Sweet!



158 Paradise on the A.T., 259 Upper Cove Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771



164 Fontana Village, NC - Post Office zip 28733. Very limited hours M-F.



165 Fontana Dam, NC - [Fontana Lodge](#), ATTN: Front Desk, 300 Woods Dr, Fontana Dam, NC 28733



207 Gatlinburg, TN - [Grand Prix Motel](#), 235 Ski Mountain Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738



207 Gatlinburg, TN - [NOC Great Outpost](#), 1138 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738



241 Standing Bear Farm, 4255 Green Corner, Rd, Hartford, TN 37753

Only 0.1 of a mile off the A.T.



274 Hot Springs, NC - [Elmers Sunnybank Inn](#), PO Box 233, Hot Springs, NC 28743

The white blazes take you right next to Elmers. Sweet!



274 Hot Springs, NC - [Hostel at Laughing Heart Lodge](#), 289 NW Hwy 25/70, Hot Springs, NC 28743 The white blazes take you right next to Laughing Heart. Sweet!



274 Hot Springs, NC - Post Office Zip 28743. Open Monday-Saturday.



274 Hot Springs, NC - [Bluff Mountain Outfitters](#), PO Box 114, Hot Springs, NC 28743

The white blazes take you right past this outfitter. Sweet!



343 Erwin, TN - [Uncle Johnny's Hostel and Outfitters](#), 151 River Road, Erwin, TN 37650

The white blazes will lead you straight to Uncle Johnny's door.



343 Erwin, TN - Post Office Zip 37650. Open Monday-Saturday.



368 Greasy Creek Gap - [Greasy Creek Hostel](#), 1827 Greasy Creek Rd, Bakersville, NC 28705



393 Roan Mountain, TN - [Mountain Harbour B&B](#) - 9151 Hwy 19E, Roan Mountain, TN 37687.

There is a \$5 fee for non-guests. Three-tenths of a mile from the A.T.



393 Roan Mountain, TN - Post office zip 37687. Open Monday through Saturday.



393 Elk Park, NC - Post office zip 28622 Open Monday-Saturday, 2.4 miles from A.T.



419 Hampton, TN - [Kincora Hiking Hostel](#) - 1278 Dennis Cove Road, Hampton, TN 37658. There is a \$5 fee for non-guests. Located 0.3 of a mile from the A.T.



419 Hampton, TN - [Black Bear Resort](#) - 1511 Dennis Cove Road, Hampton, TN 37658. There is a \$5 fee for non-guests. Located 0.4 of a mile off the A.T.



419 Hampton, TN - Post office zip 37658. Open Monday-Saturday. 2.6 miles from AT



469 Damascus, VA - [Woodchuck Hostel](#), PO Box 752 Damascus, VA 24236



469 Damascus, VA - [Mt. Rogers Outfitters](#), PO Box 546, or 110 West Laurel Ave, Damascus, VA 24236



469 Damascus, VA - Post office zip 24236 Open Monday-Saturday. Located one block from the A.T.

**There are many other options for maildrops in the trail town of Damascus. Consult page 53 of the [2016 AWOL guide](#) for more options.



518 Troutdale, VA - Post office zip 24378 Open Monday-Saturday but mornings only. Located pretty close to the Appalachian Trail.



532 Marion, VA - Econo Lodge, 1420 North Main St, Marion, VA 24354



532 Marion, VA - Travel Inn, 1419 North Main Street, Marion, VA 24354. Guest maildrops only.



532 Marion, VA - Post office zip 24354. Open Monday-Saturday



543 Atkins, VA - Relax Inn, 7253 Lee Hwy, Rural Retreat, VA 24368

Guest maildrops only and 2 box limit



543 Atkins, VA - Post office zip 24311 Open Monday - Saturday



590 Bland, VA - Post office zip 24315. Open Monday - Saturday. Only 3 miles from the AT



609 Bland, VA - Trent's Grocery, 900 Wilderness Road, Bland, VA 24315.

Located 0.5 miles off the A.T.



624 Pearisburg, VA - [Woods Hole Hostel](#), 3696 Sugar Run Rd, Pearisburg, VA 24134

Maildrops for guests only. Located 0.5 miles off trail.



635 Pearisburg, VA - Holiday Motor Lodge, 401 N. Main St, Pearisburg, VA 24134

Located about a mile off the A.T.



635 Pearisburg, VA - Post office zip 24134 Open Monday-Saturday



702 Catawba, VA - [Four Pines Hostel](#), 6164 Newport Rd, Catawba, VA 24070

Located 0.3 miles off trail.



728 Daleville, VA - [Outdoor Trails Outfitter](#), Botetourt Commons, 28 Kingston Dr, Daleville, VA 24083. Located only 300 yards from the A.T.



728 Daleville, VA - Post office zip 24083. Open Monday-Saturday. Only 1.1 miles from the AT.



756 Buchanan, VA - [Middle Creek Campground](#), 1164 Middle Creek Road, Buchanan, VA 24066.

Guest maildrops only. Located 0.3 away from the A.T.



784 Glasgow, VA - Post office zip 24555 Open Monday through Saturday



806 Three Springs Hostel, 612 Wiggins Spring Road, Vesuvius, VA 24483




806 Buena Vista, VA - Post office zip 24416. Open Monday-Friday

 **862 Waynesboro, VA - [Colony House Motel](#)**, 494 Three Notched Mt. Hwy, Waynesboro, VA 22980

 **862 Waynesboro, VA** - Post office zip code 22980. Open Monday - Saturday.

 **941 Luray, VA - [Appalachian Outdoors Adventures](#)** - 2 West Main St, Luray, VA 22835

 **941 Luray, VA** - Post office zip 22835 Open Monday-Friday


 **965 Front Royal Terrapin Station Hostel**, 304 Chester Gap Road, Chester Gap, VA 22623. Guest maildrops only. Located 0.5 miles from the Appalachian Trail


 **970 Front Royal, VA - [Quality Inn](#)**, 10 Commerce Ave, Front Royal, VA 22630

 **970 Front Royal, VA - [Mountain Home Cabin](#)**, 3471 Remount Road, Front Royal, VA 22630

 **970 Front Royal, VA** - Post office zip 22630. Open Monday - Saturday

 **1003 Bears Den Hostel** - 18393 Blue Ridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, VA 20135. Located 0.2 miles off the A.T.

 **1023 Harpers Ferry, WV - [ATC Headquarters](#)**, PO Box 807 or 799 Washington St, Harpers Ferry, WV, 25425

 **1023 Harpers Ferry, WV - [Teahorse Hostel](#)**, 1312 W. Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 \$2 fee for nonguests. Less than a mile off trail.

 **1023 Harpers Ferry, WV** - Post office zip 25425. The A.T. takes you right into town.

 **1026 Knoxville, MD - [Harpers Ferry Hostel](#)**, 19123 Sandy Hook Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758

 **1041 Boonsboro, MD** - Post office zip 21713. Open Monday - Saturday. Located 2.5 miles off the AT.



1064 Waynesboro, PA - [Burgundy Lane B&B](#), 128 W. Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268



1082 Fayetteville, PA - Trail of Hope Hostel, 7798 Lincoln Way, East Fayetteville, PA 17222. Only 0.8 of a mile away from the A.T.



1102 Pine Grove Furnace State Park - [Ironmasters Mansion Hostel](#), 1212 Pine Grove Rd, Gardners, PA 17324



1121 Boiling Springs, PA - [Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse](#), 1559 Boiling Springs Rd, Boiling Springs, PA 17007 There is a \$5 fee for maildrops even if you are a guest.



1121 Boiling Springs, PA - Post office zip 17007. Open Monday-Saturday. You follow the white blazes right past its front door. Awesome!



1129 Carlisle, PA - [Super 8 Motel](#), 1800 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17013. Guests only.



1147 Duncannon, PA - [Doyle Hotel](#), 7 North Market Street, Duncannon, PA 17020. The white blazes take you right by the Doyle. Say hey to Vickie for Clarity!



1147 Duncannon, PA - Post office zip 17020 Open Monday-Saturday. Only 1 block off trail.



1191 Pine Grove, PA - Post office zip 17963. Open Monday-Saturday. Three and a half miles off trail.



1217 Port Clinton, PA - Post office zip 19549. Open very limited hours, 12:30-4:30 M-F and 8-11 Saturday. You walk right past it on the A.T.



1214 Hamburg, PA - [Microtel Inn](#), 100 Industrial Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526




1214 Hamburg, PA - Post office zip 19526. Open Monday-Saturday. Two and a half miles off trail.






1257 Palmerton, PA - Post office zip 18071. Open Monday-Saturday. One and a half miles off trail.



1278 Wind Gap, PA - Post office zip 18091. Open Monday-Saturday. Less than a mile off the AT.


 **1293 Delaware Water Gap, PA** - [Edge of the Woods Outfitters](#), 110 Main St, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327 (Fed Ex/UPS only) The Appalachian Trail will take you straight through town. Sweet!


 **1293 Delaware Water Gap, PA** - Post office zip 18327. Open Monday-Saturday. You walk right past it. Score!


  **1304 Mohican Outdoor Center**, 50 Camp Road, Blirstown, NJ 07825
Only 0.3 of a mile from the A.T.


 **1336 High Point State Park Headquarters**, 1480 State Rte. 23, Sussex, NJ 07461. Guests only.


 **1336 Branchville, NJ** - Post office zip 07826. Open Monday-Saturday. 3.4 miles off trail.


 **1346 Unionville, NY** - Post office zip 10988. Open Monday-Saturday. Trail takes you 0.5 miles from the PO.

 **1357 Vernon, NJ** - Appalachian Motel, 367 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462
Maildrops for guests only. Located 1.2 miles from the trail.

 **1357 Vernon, NJ** - Post office zip 07462. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch into town.

 **1372 Greenwood Lake, NY** - [Anton's on the Lake](#), PO Box 1505 or 7 Waterstone Rd, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Maildrops for guests only. Two miles off trail.

 **1372 Greenwood Lake, NY** - Post office zip 10925. Open Monday-Saturday. Less than 2 miles from the A.T.

 **1403 Fort Montgomery, NY** - Post office zip 10922. Open Monday through Saturday. About a mile off trail.


 **1448 Pawling, NY** - [Native Landscapes and Garden Center](#), 991 Route 22, Pawling, NY 12564. Located right along the trail!

 **1467 Kent, CT** - [Backcountry Outfitters](#), 5 Bridge Street, Kent, CT 06757
A short 0.8 of a mile from the A.T.


 **1467 Kent, CT** - Post office zip 06757. Open Monday-Saturday. About a 1.5 miles off trail.

 **1478 Cornwall Bridge, CT** - [Hitching Post Motel](#), 45 Kent Road, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754


 **1492 Falls Village, CT** - Post office zip 06031. Open Monday-Saturday.

 **1500 Salisbury, CT** - Ms. Maria McCabe, 4 Grove Street, Salisbury, CT 06068
Guests only. Ms. Maria is a sweetheart!

 **1500 Salisbury, CT** - Post office zip 06068. Open Monday-Saturday. Less than a mile off trail.

 **1529 Great Barrington, MA** - [East Mountain Retreat Center](#), 8 Lake Buel Rd, Great Barrington, MA 01230. ((UPS/Fed Ex only). 1.5 miles off trail

 **1529 Great Barrington, MA** -Post office zip 01230. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch into town.

 **1559 Becket, MA** - The "Cookie Lady", Roy and Marilyn Wiley, 47 Washington Mountain Road, Becket, MA 01223. Located only 100 yards off trail, the Cookie Lady is worth visiting!

 **1569 Dalton, MA** - Post office zip 01226. Open Monday-Saturday. About a half mile off trail.

 **1578 Cheshire, MA** - St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 159 Church Street, Cheshire, MA 01225.
Very close to the trail.

 **1578 Cheshire, MA** - Post office zip 01225. Open Monday-Saturday. Right on trail! Yeah!

 **1592 Williamstown, MA** - [Willows Motel](#), 480 Main Street, Williamstown, MA 01267

 **1592 Williamstown, MA** - Post office zip 01267. Open Monday-Saturday. 3 miles off trail.

 **1592 North Adams, MA** - Post office zip 01247. Open Monday-Saturday. 2.5 miles off trail.



1611 Bennington, VT - [Autumn Inn Motel](#), 924 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201

Guests only



1611 Bennington, VT - Post office zip 05201. Open Monday-Saturday. 5 miles off trail.



1651 Manchester Center, VT - [Mountain Goat Outfitter](#), 4886 Main Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255



1651 Manchester Center, VT - Post office zip 05255. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch or shuttle into town.



1701 Rutland, VT - [The Inn at Long Trail](#), 709 US 4, Killington, VT 05751 (UPS/Fed Ex only). Take 0.8 mile blue blaze to pick up your maildrop here and toss back a beer or two!



1701 Rutland, VT - [Hikers Hostel at the Yellow Deli](#) - 23 Center Street, Rutland, VT, 05701



1701 Rutland, VT - Post office zip 05701. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch into town.



1704 Killington, VT - [Base Camp Outfitters](#), 2363 Route 4, Killington, VT 05751

Short, 0.4 mile side trail gets you there.



1704 Killington, VT - [Mountain Meadows Lodge](#), 285 Thundering Brook Rd, Killington, VT, 05751 The trail takes you literally across the backyard of this gorgeous establishment! Truly enjoyed my work-for-stay here.



1746 Norwich, VT - Post office zip: 05055. Open Monday-Saturday. Two blocks from the trail.




1747 Hanover, NH - [Sunset Motor Inn](#), 305 North Main Street, West Lebanon, NH 03874. Guests only



1747 Hanover, NH - Post office zip: 03755. Open Monday-Saturday. Trail takes you right past the post office.


 **1790 Glenclyff, NH** – [Hikers Welcome Hostel](#), 1396 NH Rt 25, PO Box 25, Glenclyff, NH 03238. Really cool hostel only 0.3 miles off trail. Tell Legion Clarity says hey. ;)

 **1816 Lincoln, NH** – [Flume Visitor Center](#), Flume Gorge, 850 Daniel Webster Hwy, Lincoln, NH 03251. Located only 0.7 of a mile trail.

 **1816 North Woodstock, NH** – [The Notch Hostel](#), 324 Lost River Rd, North Woodstock, NH 03262

 **1816 North Woodstock, NH** - Post office zip 03262. Open Monday-Saturday. 5 miles off trail.


  **1843 Crawford Notch** – [AMC Highland Center](#), Route 302, Bretton Woods, NH 03574. Located 3.5 miles from the A.T.

 **1891 Gorham, NH** – [White Mountains Lodge and Hostel](#), 592 St. Rte. 2, Shelburne, NH 03581. Directly on the A.T. No fee for guests or nonguests to pick up a maildrop. Awesome!

 **1891 Gorham, NH** - Post office zip 03581. Open Monday-Saturday. About 4 miles off trail.

 **1932 Andover, ME** – [Pine Ellis Lodging](#), PO Box 12 or 20 Pine Street, Andover, ME 04216. Guests only.

 **1932 Andover, ME** - Post office zip 04216. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch into town.

 **1969 Rangeley, ME** – [The Hiker Hut](#), C/O Steve Lynch, 2 Pine Rd, Sandy River Plantation, ME 04970. Only 0.3 off trail! \$5 fee for nonguests.

 **1969 Rangeley, ME** – [Ecopelagicon Outfitter](#), PO Box 899, 7 Pond Street, Rangeley, ME, 04970

 **1969 Rangeley, ME** - Post office zip 04970. Open Monday-Saturday. Hitch into town.

 **2001 Stratton, ME** – [White Wolf Inn](#), Main St. PO Box 590, Stratton, ME 04982
Fee for nonguests.



2001 Stratton, ME - Post office zip 04982. Open Monday-Saturday. Five miles from AT.



2038 Caratunk, ME – [The Sterling Inn](#), PO Box 129 Caratunk, ME 04925.

Fee for non-guests.



2038 Caratunk, ME – [Northern Outdoors](#), 1771 US 201, The Forks, ME 04985. Free pickups, free showers, and delicious beer brewed on site. Clarity recommends!



2038 Caratunk, ME - Post office zip 04925. Open Monday-Saturday but hours are VERY limited. 0.3 miles off AT.



2074 Monson, ME – [Lakeshore House Lodging and Pub](#), PO Box 215, Monson, ME 04464. There is a \$5 fee for nonguests.



2074 Monson, ME – [Shaw's Lodging](#), PO Box 72 or 17 Pleasant St, Monson, ME 04464. There is a \$5 fee for nonguests.



2074 Monson, ME - Post office zip 04464. Open Monday-Saturday, slightly limited hours. Four miles off trail.



2173 Millinocket, ME – [The Appalachian Trail Lodge](#), 33 Penobscot Ave, Millinocket, ME 04462. For guests only.



2173 Millinocket, ME - Post office zip 04462. Open Monday-Saturday. Get a ride there.