

Blue Ridge Parkway forms college chapter

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Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway announced the formation of its first college chapter at Appalachian State University.

The ASU chapter is currently recruiting members who love the Parkway and are willing to volunteer their time to help with Parkway projects. Thanks to budgetary shortfalls, the Park Service was unable to fill 57 vacated staff positions last year. That's resulted in campgrounds, picnic areas and other facilities opening later in the spring and closing earlier in the autumn. Down trees are cleared less frequently, vistas have become overgrown and restrooms are cleaned less often. The Park Service relies on Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway for funding to help keep it at a level its visitors expect. The first official chapter meeting is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, room 112, on the first floor of the Plemmons Student Union.