



Appalachian Trail Adventures

We are a one stop adventure vacation destination. Providing personalized hiking vacations and daily guided; hiking, kayaking, caving adventures, and sightseeing tours throughout the Green Mountains of Vermont.

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P.O. Box 394 or 78 Weathervane Drive Killington, VT 05751 <u>AppalachianTrailAdventures.com</u> **Appalachian Trail Adventures** is unique with hiking and kayaking as its core activities. Our guests include hikers who may not feel comfortable hitting the trails alone and those seeking an active or healthful vacation in a small group setting. Our hikers range from young adults to seniors of different levels of ability.

We provide affordable hiking vacations offering customized guided half or full day hikes for all ability levels along the Appalachian Trail and Long Trail. The half-day hikes are followed by an afternoon with a variety of options, such as: relaxing around the pool, kayaking either on a lake or flatwater river, a caving trip, an excursion to local attractions or a visit to a quaint New England village.

Our Mission

We are dedicated to making your experience at our resort an event leaving you feeling healthier, both physically and mentally. We help our guests customize their stay while at the same time immersing them in a real Vermont vacation.

Unlike other spas where guests spend a good deal of their time on the spa property, we encourage all our guests to explore Vermont. While providing comfortable accommodations, delicious cuisine and experienced guides to lead you on an unparalleled Vermont vacation.



Some of the excursions include the Vermont Country Store, 1881 Corn Maze, world famous Cabot Cheese, Quechee Gorge, Long Trail Brewery and much more. Massages, yoga classes, tennis lessons and more are available à la carte.

The **North Star Inn & Resort** has been a Killington landmark for over 30 years. Known for their friendly staff, it's the perfect home base to explore all that Vermont has to offer. With all the cozy pleasures of a modern hotel, updated rooms that include air conditioning, mini-fridge and microwave, including suites with kitchens and a jacuzzi tub. After a day of exploring, relax in the outdoor heated pool, sauna or massage room for those guests who wish massage therapy. In the evening, enjoy dining the Foundry Restaurant, known for their impeccable chef-driven cuisine.

We look forward to showing you a true Vermont adventure!

Cuisine

The all-inclusive vacations include breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. **Appalachian Trail Adventures** has collaborated with the Foundry Restaurant Chef Scott Goddard and Registered Dietitian's, Jill Corey & Rosa Donohue MS, RD, CDN (Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition) to create our delicious menu. Our meals contain a healthy balance of carbohydrates, proteins and healthy fats. We also offer special diets, such as vegetarian, vegan, wheat and dairy-free options. This enables ATA to accommodate couples, athletes, weight loss vacationers, as well as all those with no dietary restrictions who seek to eat healthily.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and operated under a special use permit with the Green Mountain National Forest."

Hiking Adventures

ATA's hiking vacations include daily guided hikes along the Appalachian Trail and the Long Trail throughout the Green Mountains of Vermont for the novice, intermediate and advanced hikers with an afternoon of kayaking, caving or an excursion. The Long Trail is oldest long-distance hiking trail in country.

ADVANCED HIKERS

The mountains we hike are the more difficult hiking trails Vermont has to offer. The bravest hikers have the option to traverse along the spine of the Green Mountains to one of Vermont's highest mountains. Hiking distances are 5 to 8 miles and longer with elevation gain to 3,000 feet. We offer both half and full day advanced hiking trails.

Expect to be climbing uphill most of the time on the advanced trails for approximately 60 to 90 minutes on the average with the longer hikes having two hours plus of climbing.





INTERMEDIATE HIKERS

The majority of our guided hikes are in the Green Mountain National Forest along the Appalachian Trail and Long Trail to spectacular vistas. Intermediate hikers will encounter multiple hills gaining around 600 to 1,400 feet of elevation hiking over 4 to 6+ miles. That is 40 to 60 minutes of climbing hills compared to the advanced hikes, which climb uphill most of the time. We offer both half and full day intermediate trails.

NOVICE HIKERS

Locations vary including the Appalachian Trail and the Green Mountain National Forest. The area has a fair number of hiking trails that are relatively flat; however, some are rolling, which means a gentle uphill or downhill section that lasts for brief period.

Our hillier hikes will gain 600 feet of elevation over a 4 to 6 miles. When your eyes see the rewards, the effort will be worth it. Our hike destinations vary from day to day; some are to a waterfall, to a covered bridge or to a historic mine, along a scenic stream, to a beautiful vista or to a crystal-clear lake.

Daily Schedule

3:30-9:00	All hikes depart
2:00-1:00	Picnic lunch
2:00-4:30	Hikes, kayaking, or excursions return

Kayaking Adventures

Kayaking is our most popular afternoon activity that we offer; the adventures are very flexible being for all ability levels with beginners especially welcome. Discover Vermont's unspoiled waterways drifting down a beautiful flat-water river or a nearby lake. Central Vermont has many great areas to tour by kayak. Kayaks are prefect vehicles to a view area from a different perspective or a way to spend a beautiful afternoon.



Caving Adventures

Have you ever wondered what is caving like? Come and discover all about caving. ATA offers beginner trips where you will get to experience a true caving adventure. Exploration of caves takes us into a world much different from that above ground, a world of darkness surrounded by rock and mud. Formations, streams and waterfalls, tight crawlways, deep canyons and unknown await the cave explorer. It's a variety of sports put together such as hiking, canyoneering, rock climbing and scrambling.





Peak Bagging Vacation

ATA's Peak Bagging Vacation is for those hikers who want the opportunity to hike Vermont's 4,000-foot mountains, the Appalachian Trail and the Long Trail, the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the country. Those who summit all five of Vermont's 4,000 footers, are awarded with a certificate of accomplishment. This accomplishment in the hiking community is referred to as peak bagging.



Day-Guide Adventures & Kayak Rentals

Already staying locally, we offer guided; day hikes, lakes & river kayaking, caving adventures, sightseeing tours and kayak rentals. **Our sightseeing day tours** visit secret local off the maps sites. Such as waterfalls, swimming holes, gold mines, jaw dropping vista's, quaint villages, historical sites, country stores, Vermont artisan's stores, covered bridges, cheese tasting, brewery tours, antiquing and much more!