

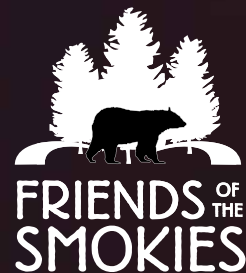
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# TRAILS FOREVER ENDURES

Friends of the Smokies established the Trails Forever endowment in 2012, thanks to a matching gift from the Aslan Foundation in Knoxville. The endowment funds a full-time trail crew to reconstruct and rehabilitate some of the park's most impacted trails.



Trail improvements are designed to last 75 years and make the trails safer and more enjoyable for millions of hikers for decades to come.

Trails Forever has completely rehabilitated more than 20 miles of Trails in the Smokies.

## Trails include:

- Forney Ridge (2010)
- Chimney Tops (2012)
- Alum Cave (2015)
- Rainbow Falls (2018)
- Trillium Gap (2020)
- Abrams Falls, slated for completion 2022

Learn more at [FriendsoftheSmokies.org/TrailsForever](https://www.friendsofthesmokies.org/trailsforever)

"EVERY TRAIL IN THE PARK IS  
SOMEBODY'S FAVORITE."

- **George Minnigh**, retired Backcountry  
Trails Supervisor, Great Smoky  
Mountains National Park

## YOUR GIFT TO TRAILS FOREVER

Every dollar counts in repairing and expanding iconic trails in America's most-visited national park. You can make a difference with a gift to Friends of the Smokies' Trails Forever.



## Donate

Online at [FriendsoftheSmokies.org/TrailsForever](https://www.friendsofthesmokies.org/trailsforever)

Or by check, mail to:  
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The crew members restoring these iconic pathways use the same techniques to move, cut, and shape native stone and logs as did the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) who built the trails in the early 1900's.

Sustainable, durable staircases, foot bridges, turnpikes, and drainage culverts built by the Trails Forever crew are designed to blend into the landscape in a natural way in keeping with the national park's historic wilderness character.



## Restoration of a single Smokies Trail can involve:

- Millions of pounds of crushed rock
- Hundreds of stone and timber steps
- Thousands of pounds of stone for bridges & stepping stones
- Hundreds of linear feet of drainages
- Hundreds of square feet of stone and locust retaining walls
- Miles of blocked social trails
- Tens of thousands of volunteer hours

## Trillium Gap Trail

Before



After



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