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## What's New?

The club instagram has been resurrected - follow us at @potomacmountainclub

The club launched a climbing mentorship program this month. Mentorship groups were created based off of location, experience, and interest. A big thank you and shout out to our club members who offered to give their time to mentor and make us all better climbers!

The club hosts events for those who identify as women or non-binary every month. The next event will be October 30th at Sugarloaf Mountain - see our events page to join the waitlist.

Currently, we have about 300 active members and 200 inactive members whose memberships have expired or lapsed. The club's software allows for a maximum of 500 contacts. We will start deleting inactive members so we can add new members to the group. If you are an inactive or lapsed member but you wish to keep your PATC-MS account, please renew your dues!

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## Meeting Recap

The club hosted a cookout this month, where Garry Blevins, esteemed guide at Seneca Rocks Climbing School, gave a riveting presentation on destination climbing. Thank you Rick Dotson for letting us use your backyard!

Volunteers are needed for the Carderock Arc'teryx event on November 14th. We need belayers and people to set top ropes. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Caroline (*email removed*) if you would like to lead a trip to your favorite local crag.

Please wear your red PATC-MS shirt (or other red shirt) to Carderock Wednesdays so newcomers can recognize us! A second order for shirts is in the works.

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## Upcoming Events

[Click here to sign up for an event!](#) See the website for details on each event

### **Annapolis Rocks Top-Roping and Trad Trip**

Saturday, October 23rd, 8:00 AM

Annapolis Rocks, Maryland

**Ladies' Climbing Meetup**

Saturday, October 30th, 9:00 AM

Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland

**Safe Harbor Sport Climbing Trip**

Saturday, November 6th, 7:30 AM

Safe Harbor, Pennsylvania

**Old Rag Top Roping and Trad Trip**

Saturday, November 6th, 7:30 AM

Robertson, Virginia

**Mountaineering Meetup**

Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 PM

Carderock Pavilion, Maryland

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## Trip Report: Annapolis Rocks

It was a dark and stormy day.... but the club still had a great time at Annapolis Rock! Despite the dubious weather forecast, the South End remained dry. Club members beat themselves against the infamous Black Crack. A few tried their luck with the heel hook on Trantor. Other climbs included White Arete and Black Hole Sun. The club will tempt the weather once again on the 23rd of October; although the hike in serves as a big deterrent, you won't find a better day trip climbing than Annapolis Rock.

-Caroline Mosher







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## Trip Report: Linville Gorge

The PATC-MS trip to Linville Gorge in September, organized by Joe Hines was worth the time and effort it took

to get there. In spite of 16 hours of round trip driving and a campsite with no running water and pit toilets, the trip was special. The scenery, blue skies, 75 degree temperatures with a light breeze, great climbing on quartzite and the camaraderie of our small group made this adventure worth it.

Upon reaching the campsite (did I mention a 45 minute drive on an unimproved forest service road), Joe met us and took us on a short spectacular hike to familiarize ourselves with the lay of the land as well as to stretch out our legs. Linville Gorge is a tree lined Grand Canyon with a multitude of rock outcroppings to be summited.

We limited our climbing to Table Rock. We had 2 three pitch climbs with a degree of difficulty of 5.4 to 5.5. The crag had relatively few climbers and the climbing itself was straight forward with spectacular views. However, on both days there was the issue of how to descend afterwards. On the first day we ran into a group that suggested we summit via a runout that included a traverse and some tough terrain. The walk out was the hardest part of the climb. There were bolts for the traverse once you found the trail. The bolts were new and likely placed by the nearby North Carolina Outward Bound school. This part of the trail was not well described by Mountain Project.

We ate well on the trip. Gloria Juon provided an unbelievable cheese tray with fruits, crackers and some delicious spreads. On the second night we had hobo dinners cooked on the coals of our campfire and Joe even made a cake in his dutch oven.

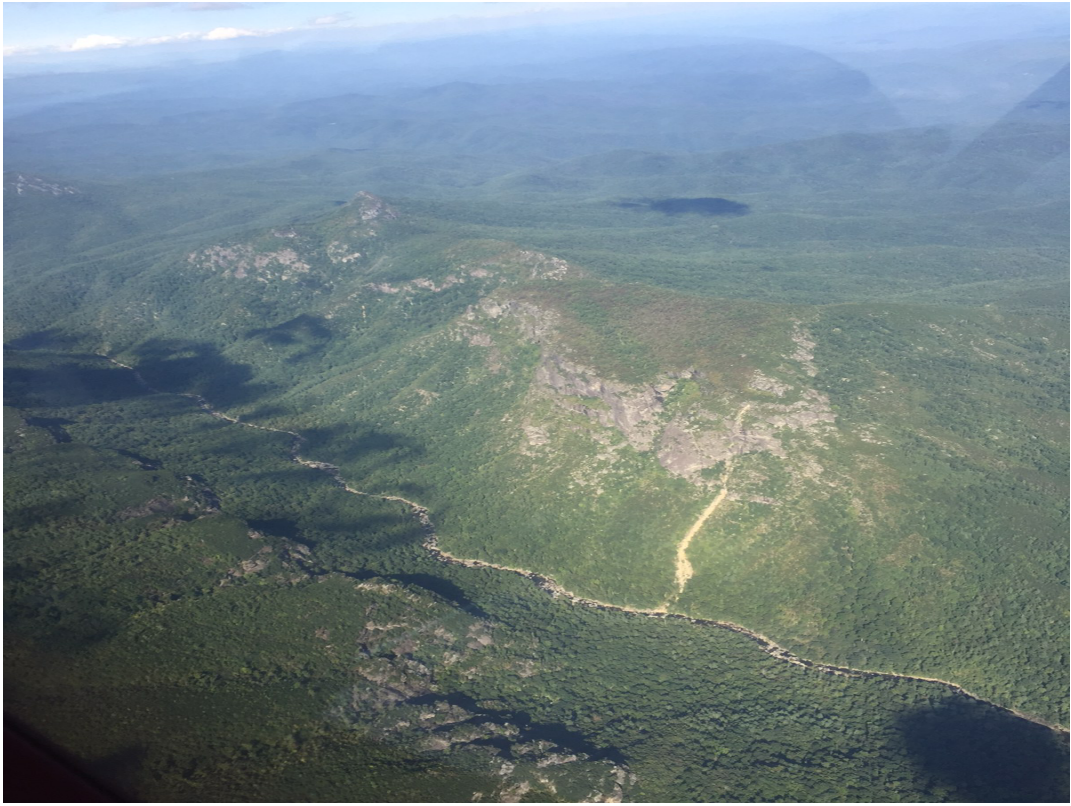
The only thing that would have made this trip better would have been to spend more time there.

-Leslie Hill











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## Are you a new member?

*Welcome to the club! Here are a few suggestions to help you stay connected to the group.*

### **New Members Guide**

Check out our [New Members Guide](#) to learn about what we do and how you can get involved.

### **Monthly Meetings**

Join us at [Club Meetings](#) for a great opportunity to come and meet the members of the club and see what we do!

### **Carderock First Wednesdays**

Everyone is welcome at Carderock Wednesdays, which usually kicks off around 4pm. Sign up through the [Events Page](#).

### **Get involved on Social Media**

*The Listserv* - The Google Groups [Listserv](#) this is how a majority of club members communicate. To join:

1. Go to [PATC-MS Google Groups Page](#).
2. Log in to your Google account ("Sign in" button at top right corner)
3. Hit the button at the top of the page that says "Ask to join group". There is no approval process - once you hit Ask to Join, you are in!

*Facebook* - Follow [Potomac Mountain Club](#) on Facebook or join the [Potomac Mountain Club Facebook Group](#).

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## **2021 Club Officials**

### **Chair**

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## **Up Rope History**

Did you know

### ***Up Rope Newsletter***

has been around  
since 1944?

Check out past issues  
on our

[Archives Page!](#)

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## Up Rope Submissions

**Trip Report Submissions:** Please send all trip reports to [upropeeditor@gmail.com](mailto:upropeeditor@gmail.com). Please put in the subject line TRIP REPORT: Name. Please include the full first and last name of the writer and full names of as many club attendees as possible. If you have it, logistics information such as guide services, camp grounds, restaurants, etc. would be useful at the end of the story. Please list who is in each photo and who took it. There is no word limit for trip reports.

**General Submissions:** Submissions for climbing news, member of the month, and gear/book/gym reviews can be sent to [upropeeditor@gmail.com](mailto:upropeeditor@gmail.com) at any time. Aim to keep them between 200-400 words.

*All submissions will be edited for grammar and length when necessary.*

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## COVID 19 Safety

Let's all make sure we're balancing caution with passion! Here are some resources to help protect ourselves and our community during these trying times. Here are some resources to help you stay informed.

- Check out the Access Fund's [Climbing During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#).
- Learn about the CDC's [Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#). (If you must gather, be safe!)
- Stay up to date with the CDC's [COVID-19: What's New & Updated](#) page.