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## **Search and Rescue**

### **Possible New Crew for CMC Volunteers**

Haywood County Search and Rescue has reached out to the CMC asking if we would be interested in putting together a team of folks who could assist with search operations. Members of this team would not be used in difficult terrain or technical rescue operations, but could be used to walk trails, monitor intersections and trailheads, or assigned other support tasks during a search operation.

Training/certification in basic woodcraft, navigation, as well as other appropriate skills, would be required and will be provided by Steven Kuni and Bill Sanderson, who are members of both CMC and Haywood SAR. They will serve as the initial organizers/leaders/points of contact for the CMC SAR Crew.

At this point we are interested in gauging interest within the CMC membership. If this sounds like an activity that you would be interested in pursuing, please contact Bill Sanderson ([recurvearcher57@charter.net](mailto:recurvearcher57@charter.net)) for further details.

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## CMC's Natural Resources Team strikes again!

by Barbara Morgan



We recently traveled to Lemon Gap to work on pulling invasive garlic mustard in an area along the A. T. We started working on this area in the spring of 2018, and over the years have pulled a LOT of this noxious weed, and in time to prevent those plants from spreading a new batch of seed! We had to work a bit harder this year, because we are really making a difference through successive workdays each spring. But even so, this year's haul was 42 pounds! Our work group this year was Matt Duruy of the ATC, who managed all the permits, releases, etc., Tamia Dane of Mountain True, serving there through Americorps (see photo), and from CMC Randy and Beth Fluharty, John Wooten, and me. Thank you ever so much. It was a treat to see about ten thru-hikers go by, and each thanked us for the work we were doing on and for the Trail.

Matt will be calling on us for some other projects this year. If you're interested in being added to my email group for invitations, contact me at [barbc129@gmail.com](mailto:barbc129@gmail.com).



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## Thank you Andrés for your service!



After several years of maintaining section #1620 of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, from Dark Prong Gap to junction east of Graveyard Field, Andrés Sarre and his wife Reyna Lazcano will be stepping down from their trail maintenance activities. But Andrés will continue his support of CMC by generously continuing to provide the MST logo plaques. To see his eloquent resignation letter, see below.

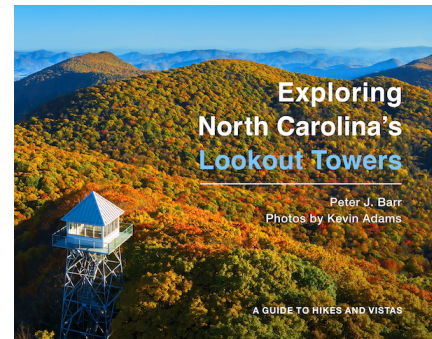
We will need to find a new section maintainer for this section.

Contact Todd Eveland, CMC Trails  
Counselor at [pepsitodd1@gmail.com](mailto:pepsitodd1@gmail.com)

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## Peter Barr's New Book: Exploring North Carolina's Lookout Towers

Longtime CMC member and WNC conservationist and fire tower preservationist, Peter Barr, has just released his new book: ***Exploring North Carolina's Lookout Towers***. Available in paperback or hardback and at nearly 400 full-color pages and 10" x 8" dimensions with stunning photography shot by esteemed WNC photographer Kevin Adams, it is a more comprehensive and beautiful followup to his first fire towers book from 13 years prior. Interested club members can order a signed copy at [www.nclookouts.com/order](http://www.nclookouts.com/order). ***Exploring North Carolina's Lookout Towers*** is a visually stunning book teeming with rich content of natural and cultural heritage that is as beautiful on the coffee table as it is useful on the trail.



Scenic viewpoints are inherently desirable destinations for hikers and sightseers, but most summits in the southern Appalachian mountains are forested and offer no views. Lookout towers, once utilized for natural resource protection via early detection of forest fires, now enable hikers to ascend above the trees to enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views of the surrounding mountainscape. Enchanting vistas are the visual reward for those who reach these former sentinels of the forests, but the captivating history of the towers and enchanting tales of the individuals who served as lookouts in them inspire a deeper sense of wonder and awe.

***Exploring North Carolina's Lookout Towers*** leads outdoor enthusiasts and tourists alike to the spellbinding panoramic vistas from 26 of western North Carolina's still-standing historic fire towers, while capturing readers' imaginations with fascinating tales of the men and women who worked in the towers and kept safe watch over our cherished forests. Additionally, the book includes history, hiking information, driving directions, and vista descriptions for 8 historical/former fire lookout locations in WNC.

This new book will appeal to an array of hikers, photographers, tourists, history buffs, and modern Instagrammers by facilitating an exhilarating journey to 36 lookouts—all complemented by rarely seen historical photographs as well as the stunning professional full-color images by professional photographer Kevin Adams. All 36 lookout chapters are further enhanced with the inclusion of interesting location-specific sidebar content. ***Exploring North Carolina's Lookout Towers*** is visually stunning book teeming with rich content of natural and cultural heritage that is as beautiful on the coffee table as it is useful on the trail.

Dear friends and board of the Carolina Mountain Club:

When I was a child, a teacher showed me his love for the mountains, and I fell in love with them too. Since then, climbing and hiking have been very special to both.

As time went on, Buncombe and Transylvania counties and the Appalachians became home due to the incredible people, forests, rivers, trails, waterfalls, and the magnificent weather. Max Patch was my first hiking with the CMC 25 or 30 years ago.

The Appalachians have given me thousands of beautiful experiences, especially hiking with my wife, family, and friends from the Club. I felt motivated to "pay-it-forward", reciprocating for the joy of these experiences by dedicating time to keep the MST in good condition.

To that end, for 4 or 5 years we have overseen the maintenance of section # 1620 of MST, from Dark Prong Gap to junction East of Graveyard Field.

With the help of my wife, we have had the opportunity to keep this portion of the trail in good condition; it has been a task that we enjoyed so very much. These are wonderful memories we will always cherish.

But now the time has come to make a change: due to health and age reasons, it is with regret that I inform you it is no longer possible for us to continue with this responsibility.

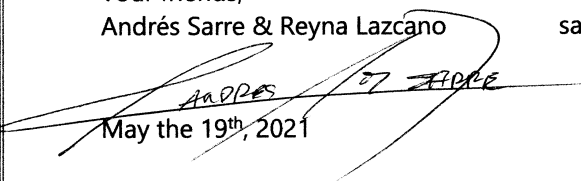
This is not a goodbye; this is just a small change because our intention is to continue with the work of producing the MST logos and placing them at most of the MST intersections with other trails and roads within Buncombe and Transylvania counties.

Thank you for the incredible opportunity we have had, and here's to our new chapter with the club.

Your friends,

Andrés Sarre & Reyna Lazcano

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