# RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

**Certification:***In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

**Private Sponsor(s):**
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**Travel Dates:**
09/18/2026 to 09/18/2026

**Name of accompanying family member (if any):**

**Relationship to Traveler:**

## Expenses

| Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meals Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|---|---|---|---|
| $78.60 | $0.00 | $15.00 | $0.00 |

*I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:*

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

*Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.*

October 16, 2026
Date

ALEXANDRA SWANSON
Printed Name of Traveler

Alex Swanson
Signature of Traveler

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER**

*I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.*

10/16/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

# ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

**Note:** Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

## Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

(●) Yes ( ) No

| Expense Change | Revised Amount | Explanation |
|---|---|---|
| Transportation | $78.60 | We had some cancellations so the cost per person became higher due to this. |
| Meals | $15.00 | Meals were cheaper than expected. |

## Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

( ) Yes (●) No

**Explanation:** There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

## Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

( ) Yes (●) No

**Explanation:** There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

## Swanson, Alex (Van Hollen)

**From:** Brendan Mysliwiec <bmysliwiec@appalachiantrail.org>
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2026 3:25 PM
**To:** Swanson, Alex (Van Hollen)
**Subject:** FW: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry - Action Needed!
**Attachments:** 2026-07-17 Senate Hike Brochure.pdf

Alex,

Flagging this for you from the approps angle. I know Deb handles the Interior sub stuff, but you may be interested to hear a bit from the historic park and Harpers Ferry Center on how they also fit into the funding and operations scheme for the whole agency. ATC is working to build bridges between all the NPS entities in the region, with the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail being stood up and the C&O a stone throw's away from the point in Harpers Ferry. Bringing the historic park and Center into this staff hike is our first foray into a broader sub-regional cooperative. Hope you can make it!

-brendan

**From:** Max Raphelson <MRaphelson@appalachiantrail.org>
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2026 12:16 PM
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**Cc:** Brendan Mysliwiec <bmysliwiec@appalachiantrail.org>
**Subject:** RE: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry - Action Needed!

Dear Senate Appalachian National Scenic Trail Supporters,

I wanted to follow up on the invitation below for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's **Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry** on **Friday, September 18**.

Thank you to the many offices that have already RSVP'd. If your office is still interested in attending, please let me know by **August 19**. If you are unavailable, please feel free to share this with another staff member in your office who covers the relevant portfolio. If someone else from your office plans to attend, please let me know so I may send them an invitation through the Senate Travel Portal.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Best,
Max

**From:** Max Raphelson
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2026 11:11 AM
**To:**
**Cc:** Brendan Mysliwiec <bmysliwiec@appalachiantrail.org>
**Subject:** Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry - Action Needed!

Dear Senate Appalachian National Scenic Trail Supporters,

On behalf of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), I am pleased to invite you to a fact-finding visit to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on **Friday, September 18, 2026.** This year's visit, **"Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry"** will feature educational briefings on the history of the Appalachian Trail, its Cooperative Management System (CMS), and Harpers Ferry's nationally significant role as home to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Headquarters, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Park Office, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and the Harpers Ferry Center for Media Services.

Throughout the day, participants will visit the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Headquarters, the Appalachian Trail, Harpers Ferry Center, and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park while hearing directly from Appalachian Trail Conservancy staff, National Park Service staff, and volunteer Trail managers.

**Goals of the Trip:**

- Educate congressional staff on the Appalachian Trail's Cooperative Management System (CMS)—a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership through which the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, volunteer Trail clubs, federal agencies, states, municipalities, and private landowners collaboratively steward the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (ANST).
- Provide firsthand exposure to Harpers Ferry's nationally significant role in Appalachian Trail stewardship through visits to Appalachian Trail Conservancy Headquarters, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and the Appalachian Trail, demonstrating how federal agencies, nonprofit partners, and volunteers work together to protect natural and cultural resources, manage visitor use, preserve historic sites, and maintain public access.

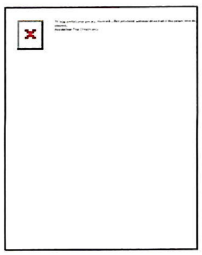
**Schedule:**
8:30–8:45 AM – Meet at Spirit of Justice Park (Washington, D.C.) for transportation to Harpers Ferry.
8:45–10:30 AM – Travel to Harpers Ferry.
10:30–11:00 AM – Cooperative Management System briefing and roadway trail crossing.
11:00–11:55 AM – Visit to Appalachian Trail Conservancy Headquarters.
11:55 AM–12:00 PM – Travel to the Harpers Ferry Center.
12:00–12:35 PM – Visit Harpers Ferry Center.
12:35–2:00 PM – Appalachian Trail field visit with educational briefings on stewardship, visitor management, and current resource management challenges.
2:00–2:45 PM – Visit Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.
2:50 PM – Depart Harpers Ferry.
4:45 PM – Arrive back at Spirit of Justice Park, Washington, D.C. ***Pending Traffic*** (Which we will monitor and adjust times if needed)

**RSVP & Logistics:**
- Please RSVP to Max Raphelson at mraphelson@appalachiantrail.org by **August 19**. This deadline aligns with the **Senate Ethics Committee's** 30-day advance submission requirement.
- Please ensure you submit the necessary forms through the **Senate Travel Portal.**
- Space is limited. Participants are welcome to arrange their own transportation if preferred.
- Light breakfast snacks, lunch, and transportation will be provided in accordance with House Ethics Committee travel regulations.

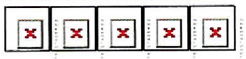
Please see the attached official invitation and itinerary for additional details. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at **(828) 278-9423** or mraphelson@appalachiantrail.org.

We hope you can join us!

Best,



**Max Raphelson**
*Federal Policy Specialist*
**APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY**
mraphelson@appalachiantrail.org
**M** 828.278.9423



*For the last 100 years, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy has led the management and conservation of the Appalachian Trail and its landscape. Together with our supporters, partners, and thousands of volunteers, we Keep the Trail Alive.*

# RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

**Name of Traveler:**
Alex Swanson

**Employing Office/Committee:**
VAN HOLLEN, CHRIS

**Private Sponsor(s):**
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**Destination(s):**
Harpers Ferry

**Travel Dates:**
09/18/2026 to 09/18/2026
**NOTE:** If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

## Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As the lead staffer covering environmental issues, this trip will help me to understand how NPS and other federal land management agencies work together with public and private partners to manage Harpers Ferry and the Appalachian Trail.

**Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?**
No

**Name and Relationship to Traveler:**
N/A

*I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

8/18/2026
Date

Alex Swanson
Signature of Employee

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER**
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Chris Van Hollen
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Alex Swanson
(Print Traveler's Name)

*an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.*

*I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.*

☑ (signify "yes" by checking box)

8/18/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

# (ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry

## ALEXANDRA SWANSON

**Title:**
None

**Employing Office/Committee:**
VAN HOLLEN, CHRIS

**Duty Station:**
WASHINGTON,DC

**Destination(s):**

Harpers Ferry

## Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As the lead staffer covering environmental issues, this trip will help me to understand how NPS and other federal land management agencies work together with public and private partners to manage Harpers Ferry and the Appalachian Trail.

**Name of accompanying family member (if any):**
Not Entered

**Name and Relationship to Traveler:**
None

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?**
(●) Yes ( ) No

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**
Public Charity

**Address**
799 Washington Street, PO Box 807

**Address 2** (Optional)

**City, State Zip**
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425 United States

**Phone Number**
(828) 278-9423

**Organization URL**
https://appalachiantrail.org/

## History of Congressional Travel

Prior trip in 2025. Prior trip in 2023. Cancelled trip in 2022 due to low turnout. Cancelled trip in 2021 due to Covid.

## Educational Activities

Our organization engages in a variety of educational activities aimed at promoting stewardship, conservation, and public awareness of the Appalachian Trail and public lands. These include hosting workshops and training sessions for land managers, volunteers, and the public on trail maintenance, conservation practices, and outdoor safety. We also develop educational materials, conduct outreach programs in schools and communities, and provide policy briefings to inform decision-makers about public land management and conservation funding needs. Additionally, we organize field-based learning experiences to connect people with the natural and cultural history of the Appalachian Trail. We annually organize over 5,000 volunteers.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status:** *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

**Foreign Agent Registration Status:** *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

## Foreign Government Involvement

**Foreign Agent Registration Status:**

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

**Comments**

## Signature Page

The signature page is below.

## Purpose and Details

**Provide a brief description of the trip.**

The September 18, 2026 Field Trip titled "Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry" will feature educational briefings on the history of the Appalachian Trail, its cooperative management system, and the nationally significant role of Harpers Ferry as home to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy headquarters, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Park Office, and the Harpers Ferry Center for Media Services. The day will include site visits and a lunch to provide additional context on trail management challenges and successes, the cooperative management system, and the interconnection between all the sites visited.

**Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.**

This trip advances the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's mission to protect, manage, and advocate for the Appalachian Trail and its surrounding landscape. By providing a firsthand look at the Trail and the Cooperative Management System that sustains it, the trip highlights the ATC's leadership role in stewarding one of the most significant public lands corridors in the eastern U.S. The visit to ATC's headquarters offers insight into the Trail's history and the innovative public-private model that has supported it for nearly a century. The on-trail portion, which may be led by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, showcases the ecological value of the Trail corridor and the challenges it faces—from habitat pressures to increasing visitor use. Together, these components reinforce the ATC's role as both a protector of natural resources and a convener of partners working to ensure the Trail's long-term resilience.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

## Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

## With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

**Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations**

- [ ] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [x] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

**Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.**

- [ ] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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## Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

## Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

**The list of invitees is below.**

## Travel Details

| Trip Start Date/Time: | Trip End Date/Time: |
|---|---|
| 09/18/2026 @ 08:30 AM | 09/18/2026 @ 04:45 PM |

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

## Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

## Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $65.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

| Transportation Type | Class | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Ground Transportation | Charter | $65.00 |

**Note**
Round trip on charter bus.

## Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00 )

| Check-In | Check-Out | Facility | City | State | Country | Nights | Cost/Night | Cost Exceed Per Diem |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

There are no lodging expenses.

## Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $35.00 )

| Date | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Incidentals | Total | City | State | Country | Cost Exceeds Per Diem |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/18/2026 | $10.00 | $25.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | **$35.00** | Harpers Ferry | West Virginia | United States | No |

## Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00 )

| Expense Type | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

## Additional Attachments

| Document Name |
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There are no additional attachments.

## PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

## SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Harpers Ferry

Travel Date(s): 09/18/2026

Travel Destination(s): Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Sponsor: Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Max Raphelson — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Federal Policy Specialist — *(title)*



*(signature of sponsor representative)*

07/17/2026 — *(date)*

| Invitee | Invitee | Title |
|---|---|---|
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| Jacob Ecke | jacob_ecke@murphy.senate.gov | Legislative Staffer |
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## The Itinerary

08:30 – 08:45 AM Meet at Spirit of Justice Park for transportation to River Access Parking Lot, Shenandoah St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

08:45 – 10:30 AM Travel from Spirit of Justice Park to River Access Parking Lot, Shenandoah St, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

10:30 – 11:00 AM Discussion about the Cooperative Management System - a first-of-its-kind model in public lands stewardship that remains a cornerstone of A.T. management today. This first stop will also serve as a real-world example of how Surface Transportation policy impacts the A.T. as attendees will witness a trail crossing on a roadway. Attendees will traverse the A.T. and arrive at ATC Headquarters in downtown Harpers Ferry.

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM Visit to ATC Headquarters for Cooperative Management Briefing - Participants will visit the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's headquarters in Harpers Ferry for a guided exploration of historical displays, interpretive exhibits, models, and artifacts that trace the history of the Appalachian Trail and the movement that built it. This session will offer a deeper understanding of the Trail's origins, the founding and evolution of the ATC, and the development of the Cooperative Management System - a first-of-its-kind model in public lands stewardship that remains a cornerstone of A.T. management today.

ATC staff will present on the Trail's legacy as one of America's earliest and most ambitious conservation projects, built not only to protect a footpath but also to preserve an interconnected corridor of public lands through the most densely populated part of the country. The A.T. remains one of the most visible and successful examples of what can be achieved when federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners share responsibility for stewarding a nationally significant resource. Presenters will be David Tarasevich, Visitor Services Lead, and John Campbell, Visitor Center Supervisor.

Attendees will also eat lunch during this segment.

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM Travel to Harpers Ferry Center

12:00 PM – 12:35 PM Visit to Harpers Ferry Center for Media Services—Participants will visit the Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), which is a national NPS services center for media and interpretive services. The HFC is available to the entirety of the park system to support signage, curation of exhibits, restoration of historical artifacts and more! As one of the non-historic park entities housed in Harpers Ferry, the HFC contributes to the region's status as a conservation hub.

12:35 PM – 2:00 PM Appalachian Trail Field Visit – ATC anticipates participation by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), one of the volunteer organizations that participates in the Appalachian Trail Cooperative Management System. During this guided field visit along the Appalachian Trail through Harpers Ferry, attendees will observe local trail conditions and receive educational briefings on visitor management, Leave No Trace education, ecological stewardship, and current resource management challenges, including erosion, invasive species, and increasing visitation. The field visit will include interpretive stops at notable locations such as Jefferson Rock and the Winchester & Potomac Railroad Bridge, demonstrating how the Appalachian Trail intersects with nationally significant historic resources and transportation infrastructure while illustrating the collaborative stewardship model used to manage the Trail. The field visit will also take participants to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park Unit, which overlaps with the Appalachian Trail in Maryland.

2:00-2:45 PM Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HAFE)—The town of Harpers Ferry has been of strategic importance since time immemorial. As the location of a federal armory and forge, the town was the site of the abolitionist John Brown's attack in 1859, followed by its transfer several times over the course of the Civil War. The HAFE campus is also populated by buildings from the now-closed Historically Black College that operated for almost 100 years. This portion of the tour will focus on the historic lower town and the importance of cooperative management from the 'connected park' at HAFE, as well as the transportation infrastructure that provides public access to nationally significant resources.

2:50 PM Depart Harpers Ferry

4:45 PM Arrive at Spirit of Justice Park, Washington, D.C.