

Hurricane Helene & The Appalachian Trail:

Closures and Conditions One Week after Landfall

On October 4th, 2024:



Hurricane Helene made landfall near Perry, Florida, on September 26, 2024, bringing catastrophic flooding to the southeastern United States. Saturated soils in the Appalachians, combined with days of heavy rain from the days of preceding rain, led to historic flooding.

Several sections of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail were closed due to landslides, flooding, and fallen trees. Key portions of the trail in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia became impassable, with roads blocked by debris and trailheads inaccessible. Park officials advised hikers to avoid the area, as any rescue efforts would be already occupied by the widespread devastation.

This map provides a detailed overview of the status of Appalachian Trail, including closures and warning zones, one week after Helene made landfall.



100
Miles
Scale - 1:1,000,000



250
Miles

Hurricane Helene Observed Position

Appalachian Trail

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