

Why should hikers care?

Mountain Tops are hardest hit

◆ Degraded Vistas

Views from peaks and ridges are significantly reduced by air pollution.

◆ Ecosystem Damage

Acid rain and acid cloud water in mountainous regions can severely damage forests and waterways.

◆ Impacts Healthy Lungs

Ozone, a pollutant that impairs breathing and can damage the lungs, is often worst at high elevations in summertime. Active children and adults, such as hikers, are especially sensitive to harm from ozone.



What can you do?

The Solutions

- ◆ Clean up fossil fuel emissions from power plants and automobiles.
- ◆ Let Congress know that we need to safeguard the integrity of the Clean Air Act and enforce its programs.
- ◆ Participate in state, local and federal planning to reduce air pollution.
- ◆ Use less energy- Conserve it!
- ◆ Carpool or use mass transit.
- ◆ Buy energy efficient automobiles and home appliances.

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AIR POLLUTION that shrouds our MOUNTAINS



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Adirondack Mountain Club
American Hiking Society
Appalachian Mountain Club
Appalachian Trail Conference
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

Mission Statement

Hikers for Clean Air promotes public awareness and support in the nation's hiking community for legislation and regulatory initiatives to significantly reduce air pollutants such as sulfur dioxides and nitrogen oxides in order to preserve and restore the hiking experience, to protect the natural environment, safeguard health and safety, and improve aesthetics along the nation's trails.