



Managing Your NCTA Membership FAQ

Do volunteers or Trail users need to be members to get involved? No. Membership matters, but it is only one of many ways to support the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) and the North Country Trail Association's (NCTA) mission.

Why become a member? Membership funds outreach initiatives across the Trail. It keeps maps updated and free, it underwrites programs like the Hike 100 Challenge, Next Generation Coalition, and JEDI, and it makes the *North Star* magazine possible. Membership ensures every mile of the NCNST is maintained and protected through advocacy. An exceptional trail experience for everyone is possible because of memberships.

Are memberships annual? Yes. Your membership starts on the date your payment is processed and continues for one full year. The NCTA will alert you when your membership is up for renewal.

How do people join or renew memberships? This can be done at northcountrytrail.org/join-renew or via direct mail. Membership website links and remittance envelopes are included in all renewal notices.

Can someone be a member of multiple Chapters? No, the NCTA bylaws state individuals can only have a membership with one Chapter. But you can volunteer, hike, make gifts, or request to receive multiple Chapter newsletters as ways to stay connected.

How many people can be included in a Family membership? People who are living in the same household may be listed in a Family membership. Any membership level \$55 or more can include family members.

Is there a benefit for a couple to purchase individual memberships instead of a family one? Not really. The better route is to join with a Family membership and all names you supply in your household will be counted as members within that membership.

Can a person designate their full membership to a Chapter? No, you can join a Chapter or become an At-Large member by selecting any of the nine membership levels. Philanthropic gifts are another great way to support the Trail. Gifts can be made to the Association and can be designated to Chapters as well: [Ways to Give](#).

How and when will I be notified of my membership status? You will receive reminders by email and/or direct mail notifying you that it is time to renew.

Can people purchase gift memberships? Yes, giving a gift membership is a great way to raise awareness of the Trail. The gift recipient will receive a notice of their membership.

What do new memberships receive? A welcome package that includes a membership and NCTA sticker, a thank you note, a bookmark, and a special welcome letter with helpful tips and invitations to get more involved.

Is there an option to pay monthly for my membership? Yes! The **Mile Makers Club** is a cost-effective way to make a long-term impact for the Trail and the Association. The minimum amount for a Mile Makers Club membership is \$9/month, though you can customize your monthly amount for limitless possibilities. Mile Makers Club membership renews automatically each year unless indicated otherwise. Learn more at northcountrytrail.org/mile-makers-club.

What happens if I make a gift but really meant it to be a membership? No problem. Please contact the NCTA Database and Membership Administrator or the Data Entry Specialist to make any changes. Contact information can be found at northcountrytrail.org/staff.

Thank you for becoming a member of the North Country Trail Association!

NCTA Membership Levels

Level	Annual Membership
Individual	\$40
*Family	\$55
Trail Scout	\$100
Trail Angel	\$250
Trail Builder	\$500
Trail Blazer	\$1,000

Trail Guardian	\$2,500
Trail Leader	\$5,000
Trail Champion	\$10,000

*A Family membership covers one household. Any membership level \$55 or more can include family members.