

TRY A BEAR CANISTER, *for FREE!*

BearVault and ATC have provided bear canisters for a loaner program in North Georgia to encourage their use for backpacking food storage. Bear canisters are the food storage method that provides the most flexibility and surety for camping anywhere along the A.T.

Bear Canister Loaner Program

Protect your food and wildlife by safely storing food and "smellables."



Bear Vault
Loan Instructions



canisters donated by Bear Vault

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A.T. management partners strongly encourage the use of bear cans for camping along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail!

Benefits of a Bear Can:

- In addition to bears, protects food from mice, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, etc.
- Can be used successfully at designated or undesignated overnight sites
- Much easier and quicker to use than food hangs
- Makes a great seat
- Food storage facilities at A.T. shelters may be full or broken
- Bear Cans help save bears: "A Fed Bear is A Dead Bear!"

Loaner Bear Canisters are available at these locations (A.T. thru-hiker bear can loans only at Amicalola Falls State Park Basecamp):

- Woodlands Edge, 36 N Park St, Dahlonega, GA 30533
- Mountain Crossings, 12471 Gainesville Hwy, Blairsville, GA 30512, Neel Gap
- Trailful Outdoor Company, 75 N Main St, Hiawassee, GA 30546
- Outdoor 76, 104 N Main St, Clayton, GA 30525
- Amicalola Falls State Park Visitor Center, 418 Amicalola Falls Road, Dawsonville, 30534

Thanks for being a responsible backpacker – the animals will appreciate it!