

PRESS RELEASE

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The Official Opening of the International Appalachian Trail - Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter (IATNL) was a resounding success, complete with blue skies overlooking the spectacular blue waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The opening of this province's first section of the International Appalachian Trail was officiated by Mr. Dick Anderson, President of the International Appalachian Board, Dr. Greg Wood, Chairperson of the IATNL, Mr. Wallace Young, Member for St. Barbe District, Mr. Gerry Byrne, Member of Parliament for Humber - St. Barbe, Mayor Charles Pender of Corner Brook and Brent Humphries, Executive Director of the Corner Brook Stream Trail Corporation. Also present were over forty hiking promoters, including the executive members of the IATNL, delegations from the Maine and New Brunswick Chapters of the IAT, and "Cotton" Joe Norman who is nearing the end of his 1200KM trek from Port aux Basques to Belle Isle.

Considered "the last northern vestige of the Appalachian Mountains in North America", the Newfoundland section of the IAT, when complete, will have over 1200KM of developed trail.

Incorporated in 2003 as a not-for-profit organization with the goal of developing a connected walking trail system along the spine of the Long Range Mountains in Western Newfoundland, the IATNL has worked with its many volunteers, community, business and governmental partners to create a superb hiking destination in Eastern North America.

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