

# Hiking Through

I realize that this book has nothing to do about amateur radio. But to those of us that participate in SOTA and others that are genuinely interested in stories from those that hiked the entire AT, this book is for you. (John Williams lent me his copy.)

The book is written by Paul Stutzman. His wife Mary, had cancer and she believed until her last week, that God was going to cure her. But like all of us, she and her husband had come to the intersection of “Our Hopes and Expectations and Gods’ Perfect Plan For Us”. Even Jesus had asked that the “cup be removed from him”.

Paul had talked with Mary about always wanting to tackle the AT. So he writes about the quarrel within himself to leave his well paying job, his comfortable way of life and trade it for a four and a half month hike on the AT with nothing but his pack and the clothes on his back. He writes about the interesting people he meets along the way, trail magic left by generous folk for “through hikers” and the generosity of good people all along the trail supporting the hikers. As you can imagine, being in the woods for that long a time, gives one time to think, change ones perspective on life and learn from others on the trail.

I enjoyed the book because it was interesting and was a fast easy read. It was as if I was listening to his stories over a campfire...

The book: **Hiking Through** written by Paul Stutzman

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