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Blue Ridge Railroad Historical Hiking Trail



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Cutting the ribbon for the rededication of a 3.4-mile Scout trail that begins at Stumphouse Tunnel are honored guests and Scouts. From left, are: Scout Ben Murphy, State Sen. Thomas Alexander, Scout Chatham Jones, Kim Bieman, (wife of the late Henry D. Bieman III — one of the two people for whom this section of trail is dedicated), Scout Kris Dennis, Scout executive for the Blue Ridge Council Mike Bernhard and Scout Matthew Dunlap. Along with Scout Jeff Murphy these four Scouts were responsible for cutting the new trail.





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Guide Richard Espindola, right, starts over the bridge with Crew 48 from Fountain Inn to walk the new trail.



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This is the patch Scouts could buy after they completed their hike of the reinaugurated Blue Ridge Railroad Historical Trail. Some 367 Scouts and interested individuals made the 3.4-mile hike. Coming the furthest for the event were Scouts from Peidmont Council Troop 341 in Gastonia, N.C.

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Sen. Thomas Alexander, left, had a busy Saturday. After helping to cut the ribbon on a new Boy Scout Trail in Oconee and Pickens counties, Alexander headed off to an Oconee Republican Party rally at South Cove Park. Here, he shakes hands with John Sweeney after the rededication of the Blue Ridge Railroad Historical Trail.