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About us:

Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trails Association (CRATA) is a 501(c)3 all-volunteer organization formed in 2004 for the purpose of building and maintaining foot-path only trails around the Lake Martin Area. In addition, CRATA has enhanced the outdoor experience at Historic Smith Mountain by renovating an abandoned fire tower and adding National Park grade educational exhibits. CRATA operates entirely on donations and volunteers to maintain 26 (and growing) miles of trails and our facilities.

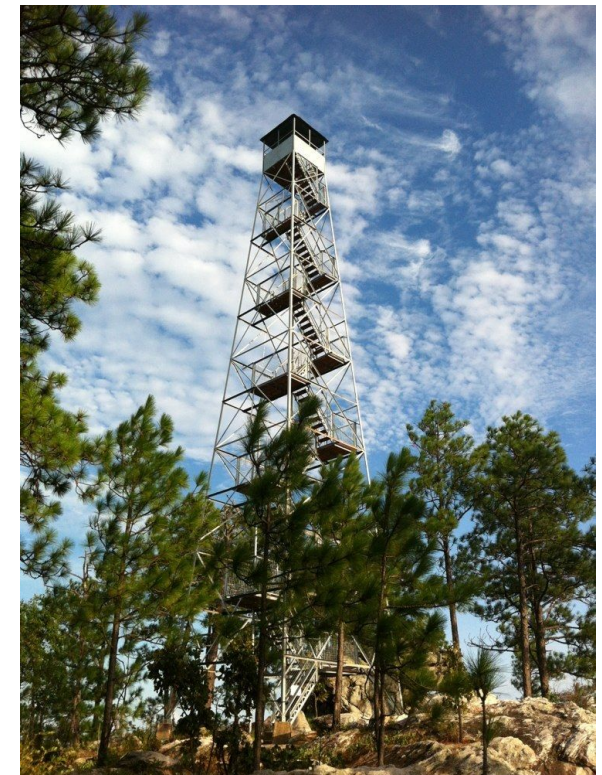
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In October 2021, CRATA volunteers dismantled a fire tower in Virginia and transported it back to Alabama to begin its new life as a landmark on Lake Martin.



This photo of the tower cab illustrates the amount of work needed to refurbish the old tower.



Another Landmark Fire Tower is coming to Lake Martin!

CRATA needs your continued support to maintain our trails and educational exhibits around Lake Martin.