



## *Honoring Great Travelers* **GRANDMA GATEWOOD**

Emma Rowena Gatewood, known as “Grandma Gatewood”, was the first person to hike the entire 2,191-mile long Appalachian Trail **three times**: first in 1955 when she was 67 years old, then at age 72, and again at 75. She had 11 children and 23 grandchildren! One day she simply announced to her crowded household, “I’m going for a walk,” and she did. Evidently she had had quite enough of all those kids and grandkids. Successfully solo hiking from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine made her the subject of a 60-minute film *Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story* (PBS documentary). Emma Gatewood was indeed one tough traveling cookie and would have been a fine addition to the Evergreen Club.

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