



Trailwrights End of year Trail Work Report for 2014

The following reports are from Projects that I was in the lead other than the Fox forest project led by Ray Jackson with the report submitted by Ray.

This report contains highlights rather than how many this or how many that etc. Full figures can be found either on facebook or the Web Site.

May 17th. Artist Bluff/ Bald Mountain.

We did our Basic Maintenance and some additional drainage. Cleared the Short Circuit trail on the way back. 5 T/W and 25 hrs.

June 7th. Mt. Kearsarge Winslow Trail as a project for DRED on Earth Day:

We held a discussion on Tools and safety followed by instruction on water bars and how to clean them properly. Performed Basic Maintenance To the half way Rocks. Stabilized a couple rock steps and added 4 more along with rebuilding two Wood bars.

13 participants for 83.5 hrs.

July 14, Fox Forest as participants in N.H. Trails Day Ridge Trail:

Basic Maintenance Rebuilt large Culvert, removed blow downs and Installed 15 step stones.

11 Participants 77 hrs.

July 26th The Dan Doan Trail:

This project included a 200 Feet relocation and some Rock steps as well as Basic Maintenance

7 Participants for 63 Hrs.

August 2nd. Mt. Pemigewasset Trail Franconia Notch S.P.:

This project consisted of building a 12 rock stair case, rebuilt an old Water bar.

10 participants including one hiker that pitched in to help for a total 85 hrs.

October 18th. Artist Bluff/Bald Mtn:

This was our fall basic. Maintenance trip on our only adopted trail to get the trail ready for spring.

All drainages cleaned and blow downs cleared.

An inventory of additional needs for the future was made.

10 participants for 41 hrs.

The over all statistics for these project include 34 different Volunteers for 376.5 hrs.

Submitted by Ray Jackson:

August 2 - Monadnock Training Day - Eight eager trail workers gathered at the Mt. Monadnock Half Way House trailhead, joined by Trailwright's members Mike and Sue Zlogar and Ray Jackson. We were requested to offer our experience Maintenance hiking trails with the Monadnock Park volunteer trail manager, Lee Willette and the Vigilante Volunteers who maintain the 40 miles of trails on the most climbed mountain in New Hampshire.

After a tools and safety hand-on and discussion, we hiked to our first drainage challenge. Two longs (peeled by Lee and friends earlier) were transported and laid into trenches, dug by the group. When these log waterbars were completed, the groups split into two task areas. One addressed a 30-foot corridor where the rocks were moved uphill on the treadway and tamped in to allow the water to drain in the dug trench. This afforded a more comfortable experience for the hikers, as well as getting the water off the trail.

Two rock water bars were rebuilt, with rocks added to lengthen the cross trail coverage as well as providing better outlet drainage. Although all of us were muddy and tired at the end of the day, there were still smiles on all faces.

A special thank you to Sue Zlogar for not only documenting the day's work with over 150 pictures, but working on each area as well.

The work experience was sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), who shares in the ownership and care of the Monadnock trails system. A great day. Raynold Jackson

Monadnock Trails Week: July 7th. 4 T/W's for 28 hrs. July 15th. 2 T/W's for 11 hrs. There were 3 other T/W's but I have no report as it was being handled by The SPNHF.

October 9th. Rollins Trail Rollins State Park:

3 Trailwrights spent a day installing additional drainages after completing cleaning of all water bars and repaired two cairns. 3 participants for 21 hrs.

Additional work:

Trailwright Gene Bouley had additional basic maintenance hours on the Pemigewasset Trail worth noting: He completed some 61.5 hrs. of Basic Maintenance on his trail.

From Mike Zlogar helping Chatham Trails assoc. the following:

Memorial week end was spring patrol, basic and an assessment to identify future needs.

2 T/W's for 14 hrs.

National trails weekend saw replacing 72 Lin feet of Bog bridging and rehab the trail on each side of the bog bridging.

2 T/W's for 21 hrs.

Fall weekend was corridor definition water bar Maintenance on Bicknell Ridge trail.

5 T/W's for 35 hrs.

Ray and Mike have been involved in several projects on the Mt. Tom Reservation (Mass.) as well as a request to help with a deteriorating foot bridge.

Last but not least is the amount of hours that Bruce Richards put in on his adopted Mt. Kinsman Trail. Some 172 hrs alone and another 83.5 hrs. some included in the T/W's and other groups for a whopping 256.5 hrs.

Other Trailwrights have also contributed to other organizations showing a dedication to trail Maintenance To which I say a job well done.

This report submitted by Hal Graham.