

TRAILWRITES

MAKING TRAILS RIGHT

November 2016

CHAPEL FALLS PROJECT

This project for Trailwrights to support the Trustees of Reservations at Chapel Brook site culminated in a first, a two day workshop on October 14 and 15.

Earlier in the year, I visited the site for a tour of the requirements and made a movie to show the Trailwrights Board the location and goals for future work.

Later in the end of July, Ralph Potter, Bruce Richards and I traveled down to Chapel Brook in Ashfield, MA from Concord, NH meeting with Trailwright Mike Zlogar from Amherst, MA. to be further briefed on the work required. Mike assisted with the Trustees Grip Hoist and rigging, while we helped install rock steps near Pool #3 approach.

Mike Zlogar subsequently worked two additional days in support of rock steps installations.

On Thursday October 13, I arrived early to the Trustees Notchview Reservation in Windsor, MA. This location was graciously provided for us to reside locally as needed to be close to the Chapel Brook site in Ashfield, MA.

Friday morning, October 14, Fred Ross and John Metzger - Trailwrights working on their 72 Summits requirements arrived by 8:00 a.m. By 8:30 Ralph Potter arrived with the Tool trailer.

When the Trustees staff arrived, Supervisor Josh Knox went over the safety requirements and goals we hoped to accomplish. After introductions, we went through a tour of the four pool areas and access needs off the main trail.

Trailwrights was requested to take on the task of providing safe visitor travel from pool #3 to pool #4 swimming area.

Ralph Potter gave direction, support and received input from us as we used our grip hoist and cable to move more than 5 large stepping stones and those to support them plus the large scree stones to lock them in place.

A large amount of fallen wood debris above the water was relocated to a scree wall along the main trail and then additional small scree filler rocks were gathered. The tools were then secured until the next day.

On Saturday morning, Fred and John were there by 8:00 a.m. I arrived at 8:30AM from Notchview in Windsor, MA. and we moved all our tools to Pool #3 work site.

When Bob Spoerl arrived from Concord, NH, we gave him an update status of work accomplished.

When the Trustees Staff arrived, we introduced Bob and went over the goals for this day. We set about mining and setting in a staircase and scree wall connecting the walk area constructed on Friday, to the main trail access.

With Bob's direction and all our input, we laid in about 10 rock steps and retaining wall. The on site stone

dust material was used to fill around openings and treadway up to main trail.

After a late lunch(->), we were requested to move and set three rocks previously high-lined to the sites by the Trustees and volunteers, one at Pool #2, and two at Pool #1 locations.

We used the same stone dust composite as before as a base to provide a solid foundation. We finished these with surrounding wood chips, to provide a more natural look. These last three rocks were installed to minimize the erosion and safe access to the water areas.

Finally, after sorting our tools, both crews assisted in putting our grip-hoist cable to bed for the year (I hope!). The cable was elevated, wire brushed, oiled with soaked rag, wiped down and coiled back on the reel by Bob.

After all the tools were safely stowed, Bob Spoerl towed the tool trailer back to Concord, NH.

Today, I spoke with the Trustees Supervisor Josh Knox. He is very happy with our support and help in providing safe access to the site pool areas on their property, and hoped we could be available in the future, Respectfully submitted,

Raynold Jackson





TRAILWRIGHTS' STORE

	Member	Non-Member
Blue or gray tee shirts	\$ 8.00	\$10.00
Blue or gray sweatshirt	\$12.00	\$15.00
Hooded sweatshirts	\$15.00	\$17.00
Bumper sticker	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo decal	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo patches	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Pins	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Items available at outings. Please call or email Peggy for sending through the mail.
More pictures can be found on our Facebook page.

Next year:

Trailwrights looks forward to working at Chapel Falls again, to return to Mt. Kinsman Trail, and possibly, to work with BRATTs on the Mt. Major Trail in Alton, NH and any other group that might contact us for help. It is possible the State of NH will allow us to return to their properties if insurance is available.

At our Annual meeting in April, we would like to plan on painting our trailer and the tools for the 2017 workshop season. Both need to be redone. Ralph Potter is going to look into the LOGO plates for the trailer sides, and hopefully get those installed on the trailer at the same time. (Ray Jackson)

Go on our website at www.trailwrights.org or our Facebook page to see any updates

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HELP WANTED:

President
Newsletter editor with graphics experience
Toolmaster willing to attend the tools on each outing and pull the tool trailer
Publicity person able to spread the word
Young people not afraid to work
You!

Don't forget to stop at The Old Man viewing and find our 12x24 paver.

Welcome New members:

Eric Lucido, Pelham, NH
 Joanne McGee, Northfield, MA
 Tom Knapp & Teresa Donovan, Branford, CT
 Sydney Lavigne, Concord NH
 Matthew Steele, Bethlehem, NH
 Elizabeth Ware, Bethlehem, NH
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 Wendy Quinn, Jaffrey, NH
 Steve Brennick, Wells, ME
 Steve Kidder, Laconia, NH
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Bell & Howell automatic professional Slide projector used by Trailwrights for several years when we made presentations to other groups. If anyone is interested, or knows some way to sell this item, could you please notify a member of the Board.

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