

# TRAILWRITES

## MAKING TRAILS RIGHT

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### Ray's Ramblings

**December 2014**

This season has been one our most productive experiences for all of our members in a while. There have been well over 25 workdays scheduled by Trailwrights, or the members contributing their time to other trail systems. Younger volunteers came forward this year, and came away with many new skills learned. Some of the participants have returned to other workshops as well. Our membership has been growing slowly, and with their continued success, they have enjoyed their experiences.

Our Single-wheeled Hauler debuted at the recent Mt. Tom bridge building on Sunday 16 November to easily move large and heavy lumber to the bridge site. This was engineered by Trailwrights member Mike Zlogar, and

constructed by the one and only Paul Chartier, Trailwrights member and iron worker extraordinaire. There was a short period of snow flakes falling as we finished the bridge, marking the near end of this trail work season. Good fall and winter hiking to you all.

Happy Trails,

Raynold Jackson, President

### **Report of Summer/Fall work**

July 19 - NH Trail Day at Fox Forest - Cleared the trail and moved some big rocks to harden it. (below)

July 26 - Dan Doan Trail- Trail repairs (below)



August 2 - Monadnock Training Day - Eight eager trail workers gathered at the Mt Monadnock Half Way House trailhead, joined by Trailwrights members Mike and Sue Zlogar, and Ray Jackson.

We were requested to offer our experience maintaining 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 hands-on and discussion, we hiked to our first drainage challenge. Two logs (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 days 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 share in the ownership and care of the Monadnock trails system.

Aug. 2 Mt. Pemigewasset Trail - built staircase in a very deep gully. Met Nate.



Sept. 20 - Kearsarge North - Purchased and placed gravel in treadway.

Oct. 18 - Artist's Bluff - cleaned waterbars. Met Matt.



Go on our website at [www.trailwrights.org](http://www.trailwrights.org) or our Facebook page to see reports of our workdays.

Go to our Facebook page for more photos!

## 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

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

Items available at outings. Please call or email Peggy for sending through the mail.

### Trailwrights Directory

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Welcome new members!  
Matthew Lightsey from Warwick, RI  
George Prive, Hampton

For winter hiking, please contact Dan Blanchette at 226-0762.

Alex Herr finished her 72 Summits with her mother, Trish, they are now working on their trailwork hours.



## 72 Summits Club Information

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity and a challenge to the serious hiker in a mountain environment; to develop his or her skills in areas of navigation on and off trails; to spread the impact of hikers over a larger area and less often visited peaks; to discover each peak as a unique entity; and to give the hiker a well-rounded experience in mountain weather and topography.

To provide an awareness of stewardship for the trails we enjoy.

**Requirements:** Hike to and from the 72 peaks on the official list from the trailhead, and complete 72 hours of documented trail work, 21 hours of which must be done with Trailwrights.

**Reward:** Trailwrights 72 patch, and the satisfaction of being a mountaineer.

Our website provides listings of Trailwrights outings as well as others' outings. We publish their outings as a "Courtesy" to them, but they do not qualify for the 21 hours of Trailwrights' work, though they do qualify for the 72 hours.

### **HELP WANTED:**

Newsletter editor with graphics experience

Toolmaster willing to attend the tools and pull the trailer on each outing

Publicity person able to spread the word

Young people not afraid to work

You!

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Walking among white slow moving gnomes,  
The air fresh and cold,  
The wind blowing from the north.  
I labor onward, upward,  
My snowshoes taking me to the treetops.  
Then I stand atop a white dome  
And look out over the gnomes.