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MAKING TRAILS RIGHT FOR 20 YEARS

Trailwrights Annual Meeting

May 3, 2009 • 10 a.m - 4 p.m.
Fox Forest Hillsboro, NH

Renew friendships, renew memberships.
Election of officers
Spring, summer planning
Clean, repair, paint our tools and trailer

Potluck lunch will follow

Please see the Calendar for details.

Farmington, NH



Audubon Center, Concord, NH



Trailwrights installed a boardwalk and removed blowdowns at the McLane Center at the Audubon headquarters in Concord, New Hampshire.

Farmington Boy Scouts and friends of Dottie Bean joined forces last summer building 15 waterbars and ditch draining.

Ray's Ramblings

Greetings,

With the snow and ice retreating, the real damage to our forest and trails from the winter storms is becoming more visible. Many clubs have requested our support, especially in the southern New Hampshire region.

Our work last summer on the Bean property in Farmington, NH worked well to provide good drainage. We will revisit Dottie Bean's trail this year to continue that project.

Other opportunities will be available on Audubon properties in Concord and Hancock at Willard Pond as well.

Our schedule also includes some other trail maintenance opportunities. The use of the chainsaw will be important this spring for storm cleanup. We are working to find more training the New Hampshire state agencies for chainsaw safety.

Be sure to check our Web site for additional workshops and hikes.

Dan Doan Trail



Volunteers assisted Trailwrights on the Dan Doan Trail at Smarts Mountain.

Ray Jackson
President

Calendar

Sunday, May 3: Fox Forest, Hillsboro, NH. Trailwrights Annual Meeting. We just received final approval from NH DRED. Div. of Forest & Lands to meet at the Fox Forest headquarters for our annual meeting. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the parking area off Center Road. We hope to sharpen and paint the tools until noon, break for our brown bag lunch. We will provide beverages. The traditional ice cream will be served before the annual meeting which includes election of officers and regular business. We will then discuss our workshops and summer events and conclude with a potluck dinner. Members and newcomers are always welcome. For directions or more information contact Ray Jackson 978-597-8813, rayjanejackson@aol.com or Bob Spoerl, 603-437-0541 or rspoerl@nhvt.net.

Saturday, May 16: Dan Doan Trail. Workday at Orford, NH. Waterbars, drainage and rock work. Questions, registration, contact Hal & Peggy Graham at 603-286-3506 or halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Friday-Monday, May 22-25: Cold River Camp, Chatham Trails Club, Chatham, NH: Annual work weekend to open the camp. Lodging, showers and meals provided. Meals, lodging and projects require preparation and planning, to register contact CTA volunteer coordinator Sandy Finn, 603-232-1721, sandycta@comcast.net. For trails, work information contact CTA president Mike Zlogar mzlogar@comcast.net, 413-253-7522.

Saturday, June 6: Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway, Washington, NH. Helping to clear storm damaged trees off the Greenway. Food and beverages provided at the end of the workday. Contact Ray Jackson 978-597-8813, rayjanejackson@aol.com or Hal & Peg 603-286-3506 or halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Monday, June 15: Board of Directors Meeting. 7 p.m. New Hampshire Audubon Center, McLane Center, Concord, NH. Contact any board member for more information.

Saturday, June 27: Dottie Bean Trails, Chesley Mountain, Farmington, NH. Join us for our second visit to this special trail. We will be continuing waterbars and possibly blazing as needed. Contact Hal & Peg 603-286-3506 or halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Saturday, July 18: Artists' Bluff and Bald Mountain Trail, Franconia Notch, NH. A special location adopted by Trailwrights, maintaining our long term desire to maintain this trail. Needed are more steps, water bars and pruning. We may install a new adopter sign. Hal & Peg 603-286-3506 or halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Additional (non-Trailwright workshop) opportunities

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Saturday, April 4: Saving Special Places, Gilford, NH. All day conference. See Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests website: www.spnhf.org.

Saturday, May 9: Chocorua Mountain Club, Mother's Day Weekend. Lots of trails to work on with various projects planned. Their annual meeting and "top of the line" meals are at the end of the work day. Register with them.

Hiking

Sat., June 20: Mountain wildflower hike to Lakes of the Clouds hut with opportunity to climb Mt. Washington. Very long day. More info call Hal Graham, 286-3506.



Hiking chairman Dan Blanchette and Hal and Peggy Graham, lead hikes throughout the year and welcome Trailwrights and friends to join them. Please e-mail or call to see what's on their schedule and signup. We will try to update the Trailwrights web site on hiking opportunities as well.

North and South Kinsman, July 2008

Bill MacLean is bagging his 4000' peaks and Hal and Peggy volunteered to go with him. We started off on a beautiful late July day on the Mt. Kinsman Trail found on the west side of the mountain, carefully following Dan Doan's description. We didn't find the gorge in the beginning - the herd path wasn't there, and it was strenuous anyway. We didn't think the uphill would ever stop, but finally we made the ridge and while stopping for refreshment, met a group of A-T hikers who were daytripping. They had gotten a ride from the valley so they could leave their heavy packs and hike light across the ridge. North Kinsman was socked in, but we had some views from the South Peak. A short side trip to Bald Peak had much better views. If you would like to join us for the next hike, email Hal & Peggy or call us at 286-3506. halpeg76@metrocast.net

*Thelma Babbit
property,
Hancock, NH*

*Long-time Trailwright
member Darrell Hamilton
placing rock steps for the
reroute of the wet area.*



*Ray Jackson
removing
deteriorating
log bridge.*