

THE TRAILWRIGHTS NEWSLETTER

MAKING TRAILS RIGHT

APRIL 2024

# 2024 WORK SCHEDULE

5.18 FOX FOREST

6.8 ARTIST'S BLUFF

6.22 MT. PEMI

7.20 BELKNAP -OR-GUNSTOCK

8.3 & 8.10 SUGARLOAFS

9.7 & 9.21 EAST POND TRAIL - KANC SIDE

10.26 ARTIST'S BLUFF



**SPRING IS HERE: BELIEVE IT OR NOT** 



- SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING
- LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY
- 2024 TRAIL WORK SCHEDULE

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## **LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY:**

Do you sometimes hike on trails that look like they need some loving care, or trails so eroded that you look for places to actually avoid the trail and walk along the edge? ALL trails need care. Since 2020 when hoards of people came to NH to hike, trails have been moaning with overuse. The Forest Service cannot be everywhere to fix all those trails, and their volunteers are a wonderful help, but that's not enough. So, you hiked all 48 4000 footers? And the grid, etc. etc.? If even half the people who did all those lists would go out and work on the trails, they wouldn't be in such dire straits.

TRAILWRIGHTS is only one organization that is attempting to prevent further erosion and rebuild the "lost" trails. We work with the U.S. Forest Service volunteers, the State of New Hampshire, and other public lands' groups. But we can't do everything, either. Our volunteers learn how to maintain trails, then find one in their own neighborhood or with other organizations, and spread the knowledge and skills. You can find a list of those we have helped on the back of our brochure, though there are many more.

We welcome anyone, hikers or not, who just love to be outside, work hard, and enjoy the company of others doing the same. Every one of our outings is a teaching workshop, so don't be afraid to just try us. Just come out.

We start all of our work days at 8:30, and try to be done by 4:00PM. The more the merrier, they say! Let's hope we have a great season this year, and the trails will appreciate it.

Peggy Graham, Secretary



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## TRAILWRIGHTS WORK SCHEDULE - OPEN TO ALL:

## All trailwork meeting times are 8:30 AM.

Reach out to any director for meeting places

- Scheduled Trailwork Days:
  - April 20: Annual meeting at Fox Forest
  - May 18: Fox Forest, Hillsboro Cleaning trail
  - o June 8: Artist's Bluff, Franconia Notch
  - June 22: Mt. Pemigewasset, Franconia Notch
  - July 20: Belknap or Gunstock with Belknap Range Trail Tenders (BRATTs)
- Future Projects (Save the Dates)
  - August 3 & 20: Sugarloafs
  - September 7 & 21: East Pond Trail, Kancamagus
  - o October 26: Artist's Bluff

# Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on meeting locations!

For other trail work opportunities, contact **Andy Furey** at <u>NH Trail Workers</u> on Facebook
Visit our website at <u>www.trailwrights.org</u> or our <u>Facebook</u> page to see any updates and contacts.



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## **2024 ANNUAL MEETING: WE NEED YOU!**

### You're Invited to the Trailwrights Annual Meeting!

Mark your calendars for a day of camaraderie and contribution on **Saturday, April 20th,** starting at 9:00 AM at Fox State Forest in Hillsboro, NH.

This isn't just any meeting; it's an opportunity to shape the future of our beloved trails together.

#### Here's what we've got planned:

- Kickstarting the day with some hands-on care for our tools and trails
- Enjoying a sweet treat with ice cream
- Participating in the important election of officers
- Collaboratively solidifying our schedule for the first half of the year
- · Catching up on all the latest news
- And wrapping up with a delightful potluck

Come and be a part of the community, for the shared love of our trails and experience the spirit that makes us Trailwrights. Together we will set the stage for another year of adventure and stewardship.

See you there!



<u>Visit www.Trailwrights.org to learn more about the organization and view our constitution and bylaws</u>



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Blue or gray T-shirts \$10 Blue or gray hoodie \$15 **Bumper Sticker** \$1.00 Logo Decal \$1.00 **Logo Patch** \$5.00 \$5.00 Logo Pin

Available for sale at events

Call/email Peggy for mail order

## **WANTED:**

**NEW MEMBERS IN 2024 TRAILWRIGHTS 72 SUMMITS CLUB** 

Get the patch,

Improve the trails, Earn the respect!

- Hike to 72 Peaks
- Complete 72hrs of trailwork
- Learn valuable skills and gain an amazing experience

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