



## Trail Crew Alumni Association Update

Updates for alumni and current crew.

July 2016 (missed June-Sorry)

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2016 Crew

### Trail Crew 2016 News

Our 18 person Trail Crew is into the mid-season enjoying their well-earned long days during the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Patrols went without much hiccup, cleaning drains on all AMC trails again this season and with few blowdowns to chop (pros and cons to that!).

Here's a brief rundown of our work for this summer...



--Zach Urgese  
White Mountain Trails Supervisor

### Mahoosuc Trail (A.T.)

Work is scheduled all summer long, from the steep climb up to Fulling Mill south towards the east Peak of Goose Eye, with replacement of over 160 bog bridges, most of them being milled 3x8x8 cedar stringers on cedar logs. The crew has installed about a dozen native bridges near the Full Goose Campsite as well thus far. The photo included shows a before and after of a pair of native log ladders on the verge of failure and our final install of metal staples - these should last much longer than any wood structure, thus greatly reducing our maintenance efforts for this particular spot. In cooperation with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and the State of Maine, we were able to

identify two short trail relocations that move the trail out of the fragile alpine bogs along the ridge onto more exposed rock and fir pockets.

#### Mahoosuc Trail Work - 2016



Before



New Ladder - 2015

#### Crawford Path

Below Mizpah Cutoff, crews are working on major erosion issues, implementing classic trail work techniques; rock staircases and rock water bars. This path was heavily scoured after Irene and the look and feel of it has changed a bit since the tropical storm rolled through in 2011. We're wrapping up here after five weeks and All Crew days.

#### Nineteen Mile Brook Trail

Last Summer and Fall Crews completed two relocations and installation of a new 40 foot glulam bridge, below the junction of the Carter Dome Trail. This summer, we spent a quick two weeks near the height of land tackling a handful of serious gullies by installing rock stairs, waterbars, and a few log checks, in an effort to speed things up and get a hold on some of the knee deep gullies.

#### Sabbaday Brook and Champney Falls Trails

Although spittin' distance from one trailhead to the other on the Kancamagus Highway, crews will be working in very different ways on these two trails for the rest of the summer.

Champney will be a great exercise for the crew in using more advanced rigging operations, as well as rock breaking and setting, as we work on the popular spur that affords hikers easy access to the falls. This is our second season on the Champney Falls Trail and we plan to be working here through the fall of 2016.

Work on the Sabbaday Brook Trail will focus mostly inside the Wilderness Area of the Sandwich Range. While our crews mainly use hand tools regardless of land designation, trail work in the Wilderness Areas don't come around too often. Work will consist of replacing a lot of failing wood water bars with rock.

Champney Falls Trail Work - 2016



## Annual Reunion - Mark your Calendar!

**Saturday, November 12th**

**Attend to hear about planning for  
the 100th Anniversary of Trail Crew (2019)!**

Visit the Web site soon for complete information.



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