



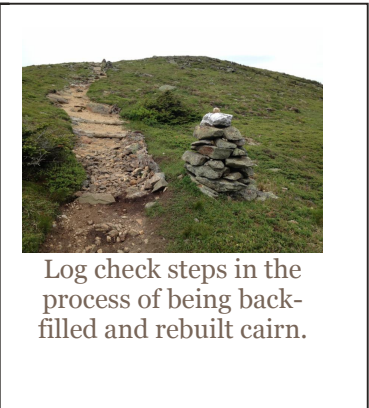
Trail Crew Alumni Association Update

Updates for alumni and current crew.

June 2017 (Seriously overdue!)

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Trail Crew 2017...

The 2017 Trails season is well underway. An average, and often wet, patrol season has wrapped up and we're now into our woods projects.

We have three crews working on the...

- Eisenhower Loop,
- Crawford Path, and
- the Lonesome Lake Trail (LLT).

These three projects will take up the bulk of our season. Both the Eisenhower and Crawford projects are slated for 8 weeks of work and the Lonesome Lake Trail will get 6 weeks of summer crews then an additional two weeks from the fall crew.

Work on the LLT is focused between the junctions of the Hi - Cannon Trail and the Dodge Cutoff. We have worked with NH State Parks to close this section of trail from the general public while we work on it during the busy summer season. We are detouring users up the Hi - Cannon Trail and Dodge Cutoff in order to reach the lake, hut, and other trails. Crews are installing new rock steps, replacing eroded drainage structures, and reestablishing the tread in areas where it's been severely blown out.

With the Crawford Path approaching 200 years old in 2019 (same anniversary year as the AMC Trail Crew) the USFS and AMC have been working together to give the oldest continuously maintained footpath in the United States a much needed uplift. AMC crews



Archie (TM) and Nova (4th year) walking through the rigging systems and laughing at the doom and gloom coming their way (storm clouds).

spent five weeks on the path in 2016 and our 2017 work picks up where we left off (work is below Mizpah Cutoff). Work consists of what I like to call "standard" trail rehab and repair; rock stairs and rock drainages, consisting of replacements and repairs. There are plans to continue work on the Crawford Path in 2018 as well.

The Eisenhower Loop which had an AMC Pro Crew on it not too long ago is getting some rehab and repair work. The log check steps are holding up well but with all the foot traffic and weather events the soil behind many steps has disappeared, crews are hauling crush to backfill the steps that need it. Additionally, we're rebuilding cairns and scree to help with trail definition and protect the alpine vegetation from being trampled more than it already is. This project has posed one major challenge, abundant and available rock. This summit is lacking rock that is exposed and not in soil. The crew leader, Smathers, was able to find a good pocket of rock about 100 feet off trail, surrounded by *Diapensia lapponica* and other fragile alpine plants. Crews hauled up the rigging gear plus two steel tripods that will help us get material from the quarry site to the trail with minimal impacts to the alpine vegetation. Included are some photos of the work on Eisenhower and the tripods and rigging system.

It's a busy summer!

---Zack Urgese, Supervisor of Trails

Annual Reunion - Plan to attend!

Saturday, November 11th, 2017



It's not too early to make a reservation at Joe Dodge Lodge -

Group Reservation # 348887

Call Pinkham at 603/466-2727.

Room rate (bunk room) is \$58 pp/night includes dinner and breakfast.

Calling all parents of Trail Crew...

What was is like when your son/daughter joined Trail Crew the first time?

What were they like when you got them back?

How has it changed their and your lives?

What was the wildest, most awesome story you have heard?

Soliciting articles for Chips & Clippings! Copy needed by 8/15.

Contact Barbara Whiton at bwhiton@maine.rr.com

Thank you to all alumni who have recently paid their dues!

**If you have not already sent your dues
P.O. Box 100
Washington, VT 05675
or paid on-line www.amctca.org,
please make payment now!
We can not maintain the cabin and
other association activities without your contribution.**

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