



## CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester, MA 01890

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### 2012 report to Members

#### Our Mission

Our thanks to all who contributed time, work, dues, and donations to the CTA in 2012. It was a very successful year in addressing our mission, which is to support and promote the safe use and stewardship of the Evans Notch region of New Hampshire and Maine, through preservation, maintenance of trails and other recreational and natural resources, and through participation in related educational activities.

#### Our 2012 Program

As usual, in 2012, we held three trail maintenance work weekends at A.M.C. Cold River Camp (CRC) and a number of additional training and support activities.

- Forty-two CTA members gathered for our annual Memorial Day weekend for annual “spring cleaning” of all of our trails. Basic maintenance was completed on all our trail mileage.
- Ten members completed additional maintenance work on the National Trails weekend, in spite of persistent rain.
- Twenty-eight members did a major renovation of the western end of the Blueberry Ridge Trail on our fall work weekend, installing stone water bars and raising the treadway in several sections.
- In keeping with the WMNF initiatives for skills training, we promoted WMNF Skills Days training, and our experienced volunteers made presentation to newer volunteers about the WMNF standards and best trail work practices.
- For the sixth season, CTA volunteers partnered with CRC leaders to lead Trail Stewardship hikes. These hikes are our opportunity to introduce CRC guests and hikers to trail construction and maintenance techniques and CTA stewardship practices.
- In addition, we expanded our trail adopter program. There are still many opportunities for you to adopt a trail. Please get in touch with me to learn more.

Altogether 64 volunteers contributed 1,520 hours, including travel time to Cold River Camp (443 hours), hiking time to and from trail work sites (111 hours), and actual trail maintenance work (966 hours). Work was accomplished on 30 trails, including several on the Cold River Camp property.

These program activities are under the direction of Mike Zlogar, past president of the CTA and long-time Trailmaster. A special thank you to Mike and the many people who have volunteered and made 2012 a resounding success in achieving the CTA mission.



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### **Finances**

The CTA is in good shape financially. Our thanks to all who have paid dues and made donations. CTA is a registered non-profit corporation (501[c]3) with the Internal Revenue Service and donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Our Treasurer, Bob Goeke, has completed a draft financial statement for 2012. Some of the donations and dues payments received at the very end of the year or in the first few days of January have not yet been recorded. However, it is clear that CTA had a negative cash flow for 2012 of just under \$1,000. I will update this letter on the website with the highlights of the final financial statement when it is available.

Due primarily to a bequest from long-time CTA member Jack Harrington, CTA has a reserve balance of close to \$100,000.

### **Our 2013 Program**

#### **Please register early for trail work weekends!**

As usual, there will be three trail maintenance work weekends at A.M.C. Cold River Camp in 2013. Please register early. Considerable planning is required for the weekends including preparation for meals, lodging and work projects.

- May 25-27, 2013 This is our annual Memorial Day weekend when we will complete basic trail cleaning, brushing and clearing.
- June 1-2, 2013 This is the National Trails Day work weekend when we'll tackle specific projects. We'll be sharing Cold River Camp this weekend with CRC camp maintenance volunteers.
- October 5-6, 2013 This is our fall work weekend when we will address any open trail problems and aim to complete one or two larger renovation projects.

The White Mountains National Forest will sponsor two Skills Days in 2013. These will be on June 2 and June 9. CTA members are encouraged to attend Skills Days training to become even more effect trail maintainers.

### **CTA Annual Membership Meeting**

CTA holds a general membership meeting each year. It will be held in the Rec Hall at A.M.C. Cold River Camp, as part of our annual Memorial Day trail work weekend.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013



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### How to join the Chatham Trails Association

#### 2013 CTA Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is membership dues of \$5 (five dollars) per person for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I make an additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Chatham Trails Association, Inc.

I make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Memorial Fund in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Chatham Trails Association is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible

Mail to: Robert Goeke, Treasurer, Chatham Trails Association, 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester, MA 01890

### How to Register for a Work Weekend

Volunteers can register on the website at [www.chathamtrails.org](http://www.chathamtrails.org) or by contacting volunteer coordinator Sandy Finn (603-232-1721 or email at [sandycta@comcast.net](mailto:sandycta@comcast.net)). If you have questions about any of our weekends, please contact Sandy. You can also always contact me.

### Get More Involved

You can make a big difference. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of a CTA Trail Work Weekend. Introduce a friend to the CTA. Get involved in one of our essential functions, such as work planning, tools management, sign making, administrative work, training, or publicity. Adopt a Trail. Become an Officer or Director. Contact me to discuss your interests and opportunities.

#### 2013 CTA Volunteer Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend:  Memorial Weekend, May 27-30  June 3-6, National Trails Day Event

Fall Weekend, September 30 – October 3

I would to like help with:  Membership  Tools  Trail Weekends  Publicity

By mail: Sandy Finn, CTA Volunteer Coordinator, 1163 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109

Or e-mail: [sandycta@comcast.net](mailto:sandycta@comcast.net)



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Your work and commitment to the trails are both noticed and appreciated. Hikers express their thanks as they pass, CRC hike leaders and hikers write notes of thanks in their trip reports and the USFS, who cannot do all the work required with their limited resources, recognizes and appreciates our contribution to maintaining the high quality of hiking trails in the WMNF. Thank you for all your dedication, commitment and support for CTA, CRC and the WMNF.

I look forward to seeing you this spring as we renew friendships, meet new friends and spend some time on the trails of Evans Notch.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions or to discuss how you can help keep CTA strong.

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