



SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Field Season Report The Student Conservation Association in Partnership with NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources—NH Parks

Introduction:

During the 2018 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crew completed 16 hitches at various NH state parks. In total the crews worked in 16 different state parks accomplishing a variety of tasks including spring clean-up in campgrounds, shelter building, trail improvements, vegetation removal, bridge building, invasive species removal, and painting.



*Group Site Camp Shelter
Greenfield SP*



*New Bridge on Arethusa Falls
Trail, Crawford Notch SP*

Accomplishments:

2018 was a wonderful season with great projects and excellent crews! Together we improved over 10.4 miles of trails, 60.89 acres of land, and constructed 11 structures in NH Parks. Here is a summary of the various projects we completed throughout the NH State Parks system. Included is work done in parks during trainings, fee-for-service hitch work, and Bear Brook/Spruce Pond Camp improvements.



*Native hemlock retaining wall constructed
during Trail Work Skills Training, Hemlock
Trail, Bear Brook SP*

Trainings

Greenfield

- 2 Camp Shelter Foundations Constructed

Bear Brook

- 2.6 Miles of Trail Improved:
 - 340' New Trail Construction, completing Beaver Pond Trail Reroute
 - 4 Water Bars & 2 Check Steps Built
 - 5 Rock Steps & 15 Gargoyles Installed
 - 15' Timber Retaining Wall Constructed
 - .5 Mile of Trail Corridor Opened
 - 6 Water Bars Maintained



Newly Painted Bathhouse at Moose Brook SP



Felling trees to widen the road corridor at Mount Sunapee SP



A mid-hitch glance at Buckthorn removal at Odiorne SP

Hitch Work

Property & Grounds Maintenance

- 56.52 Acres of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, view sheds, shorelines
- 88,785 sq. ft. Invasive Species Removed
- 11,490 sq. ft. of Parks Buildings & Structures Painted, including 147 picnic tables

Carpentry

- 2 Camping Shelters Built
- 4 Tent Platforms Rebuilt, 1 Constructed
- 3 Lumber Bridges Constructed, including hand carrying roughly 2,500 lbs. of lumber up Arethusa Falls Trail
- 4 Picnic Tables Repaired, 1 Built

Trail Maintenance

- 1100' of New Trail Built
- 4.3 Miles Corridor Clearing
- 20 Blowdown Trees Cleared
- 6 Stairs Constructed
- 1 20' Water Bar Installed
- 80' of Drainages Maintained
- 4408' of Social Trail Closed

Bear Brook State Park Improvements

- 1.6 Acres of Natural Debris Removal & Pond Shore Clearing at Spruce Pond Camp
 - 19,000 Sq. Ft. of Building Roof Maintenance at Spruce Pond Camp
 - Lodge Floor Resurfaced
 - 26 Foundation Screens with Foam Board Insulation Built & Installed in 9 Buildings
 - 180 Hours Snow Removal From Roofs
 - 900' of Spruce Pond Road Corridor Widened During Chainsaw Training
 - 950 sq. ft. Structures Painted including the Boathouse, 4 picnic tables, 2 benches, and 1 Cabin Porch
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8,222.5 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!

- **7,782** Crew Member Service Hours
- **193** David Graham, SCA Crew Supervisor In-Field Technical Support
- **98** Zach Colatch , SCA Conservation Coordinator In-Field Technical Support
- **30** Kara Roberts, SCA Program Assistant In-Field Technical Support
- **119.5** SCA Volunteer Service Hours (On hitch)

2018 SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Conservation Crew Members

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