



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 2019 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crews completed 17 hitches at various NH State Parks. In total the crews worked in 16 parks, some parks more than once, accomplishing a variety of tasks including spring clean-up in campgrounds, shelter & kiosk building, trail maintenance, rock staircases, invasive species removal, and painting.



*Group Site Camp Shelters,
Greenfield SP*



Crib Stairs, Pawtuckaway SP



*Invasive Species Removal,
Odiorne Point SP*

Accomplishments:

2019 was a successful season with engaging projects and excellent crews. Together we improved 16.8 miles of trails, 79.04 acres of land, and constructed 20 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.



Group posing on one of two Adirondack-style camp shelter frames during carpentry training at Greenfield SP. The shelters were completed during a subsequent hitch.

Trainings

Pillsbury SP-Camp Skills

- 3.5 Miles of Trail Corridor Opened on 3 Trails

Greenfield SP- Carpentry

- 2 Camp Shelter Foundations and Frames Constructed

Bear Brook SP- Conservation Work Skills

- 2.5 Miles of Trail Improved on 6 Trails:
 - 250' New Trail Construction
 - 7 Native Timber Check Steps Built
 - 6 Native Timber Crib Steps Built
 - 16' Native Timber Turnpike Built
 - 3 Rock Steps & 6 Gargoyles Installed
 - 8 Water Bars, 10 Drain Dips Maintained



Freshly Painted Store at Ellacoya SP



Timber-Rock Hybrid Stairs Constructed on the Bryce Path at Echo Lake SP



Rock staircase constructed on the White Cross Trail during one of five hitches at Monadnock SP.

Hitch Work

Property & Grounds Maintenance & Improvement

- 69.78 Acres of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, view sheds, shorelines
- 335,412 sq. ft. Invasive Species Removed
- 37,342 sq. ft. of Parks Buildings & Structures Painted

Carpentry

- 2 Camping Shelters Built
- 6 Kiosks Constructed
- 2 Tent Platforms Repaired
- 1 Store Ramp Re-decked
- 11 Composting Toilet Foundations Built

Trail Maintenance

- 950' of Trail Built or Reopened
- 57 Rock Stairs Set
- 79 Rock Stepping Stones Set
- 60 Rock Gargoyles Installed
- 98 Water Bars Maintained
- 19 Crib Steps Installed
- 2 Timber Check Steps Installed
- 4 Native Timber Steps Built
- 101' of Scree Wall Built

Bear Brook State Park Improvements

- 5.1 Miles of Trail & Road Corridor Cleared, and the Spruce Pond Camp Portions Chipped
- 19,000 Sq. Ft. of Building Roof Maintenance/Sweeping at Spruce Pond Camp
- 2 Cabins Painted
- 103 Hours Snow Removal from Roofs
- 800' of Shingle Pond Road Corridor Widened During Chainsaw Training
- 6 Large Trees Bucked and Hauled out of Bear Hill Camp

9,358 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!

- **8,751** Crew Member Service Hours
- **331** David Graham, SCA Crew Supervisor In-Field Technical Support
- **157** Zach Colatch, SCA Conservation Coordinator In-Field Technical Support
- **52** Marcella Olds, SCA Program Assistant In-Field Technical Support
- **67** SCA Volunteer Service Hours (On hitch)

**2019 SCA New Hampshire
AmeriCorps Conservation Crew Members**

Steve Vang	Chico, CA
Alyssa Elgart	Gaylord, MI
Jasmine Scott	Atlanta, GA
Deron Clark	Cleveland, OH
Sam Bybee	DeKalb, IL
Eric Kim	Los Angeles, CA
Kate Primmer	Madison, WI
Sydney Memminger	Charleston, SC
Kelly Brigham	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Tyler Sessions	Camden, AL
Rocio Ronquillo	El Paso, TX
Evan Brock	Montrose, AL
Angela Spain	Hickory Creek, TX
Leslie Lopez	Mohegan Lake, NY
Courtney Dillon	Rindge, NH
Nathan Handley	Dothan, AL
Charlie Ferens	Saginaw, MI
Griffin Gansworth	Niagara Falls, NY

Crew Supervisor, **David Graham** Ashville, NC
Coordinator, **Zach Colatch** Concord, NH



The SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Program is a partnership between the Student Conservation Association, The New Hampshire Department Natural & Cultural Resources, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Since 1994, SCA NH AmeriCorps has provided nearly one million hours of service to the lands and people of New Hampshire. Each year, 30 full time volunteers contribute more than 50,000 service hours, providing environmental education programming to the state's residents and visitors, and completing conservation service projects that improve and protect the state's cultural, recreational, and natural resources.