Introduction:
During the 2017 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crew completed 15 hitches at various NH State Parks. In total the crews worked in 23 different State Parks & Historic Sites accomplishing a variety of tasks including spring clean-up in campgrounds, shelter building, trail improvements, vegetation removal, bridge building, and painting.

Accomplishments:
2017 was a wonderful season with great projects and excellent crews! Together we improved over 18.5 miles of trails, 80.6 acres of land, and constructed 15 Parks structures. Here is a summary of the various projects we completed throughout the NH State Parks system. Included is work done in parks during trainings, paid hitch work, and Bear Brook/Spruce Pond Camp improvements.

Trainings

Crawford Notch
- 1st Half of Camp Shelter & Kiosk Constructed

Bear Brook
- 1.15 Miles of Trail Improved
  - 300’ New Trail Construction
  - 160’ Trail Resurfaced
  - 8 Rock Steps & 2 Gargoyles Installed
  - 12’ Rock Retaining Wall Constructed
  - 8 Drainage Features Installed

Attaching waney-edge siding on a camping shelter during training at Crawford Notch SP
Hitch Work

Property & Grounds Maintenance
- 73.7 Acres of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, view sheds, shorelines, & historic properties
- 18900 sq. ft. Invasive Species Removed
- 117, 883 sq.ft. of Parks Buildings & Structures Painted, including 134 picnic tables

Carpentry
- 2 Camping Shelters
- 10 Tent platforms
- 2 Composting Toilet Outhouses
- 150’ Split Rail Fence Nansen Ski Jump

Trail Maintenance
- 368’ of New Trail Built
- 328’ of Trail Rebuilt
- 11.36 Miles Corridor Clearing
- 80’ Bog Bridging Built
- 13 Stepping Stones Installed
- 26 Rock Steps Installed
- 32 Rock Gargoyles Installed
- 21 Timber Crib Steps Built
- 1180’ Timber Retaining Walls Built
- 400’ of Social Trail Closed

Bear Brook State Park Improvements
- 2.5 Acres of Natural Debris Removal around Spruce Pond Camp
- 25,500 Sq. Ft. of Building Roof Maintenance at Spruce Pond Camp
- Constructed Fuel Storage Shed at Spruce Pond Camp
- 1200 sq. ft. Buildings Painted at Spruce Pond Camp
- 160 Hours Snow Removal From Roofs
- 2 Timber Bog Bridges Built
The SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Program is a partnership between the Student Conservation Association, The New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, 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.