



## 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 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.



*Dry River Campground Shelter  
Crawford Notch SP*



*Crib Stairs  
Pawtuckaway SP*



*Split Rail Fence  
Nansen Ski Jump Historic Site*

#### 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.



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

#### Trainings

##### *Crawford Notch*

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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



*Posing on completed stone staircase and retaining wall at Silver Lake SP*



*Constructing tent platform at Umbagog SP*



*Painting bathhouse at Wallis Sands SB*

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## **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
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**7282 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!**

**7085.5** Crew Member Service Hours

**144.5** Evan Craig, SCA Crew Supervisor In-Field Technical Support

**42** Zach Colatch , SCA Conservation Coordinator In-Field Technical Support

**20** Kelsey Allen, SCA Program Assistant In-Field Technical Support

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**2017 SCA New Hampshire  
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