



AmeriCorps

SCA New Hampshire Conservation Corps 2020 Field Season Report The Student Conservation Association in Partnership with NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources—NH Parks



Introduction:

During the 2020 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crews completed service projects at two NH State Parks locations — Bear Brook State Park and Franklin Pierce Homestead Historic Site.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the program concluded prior to the start of the planned field season and ultimately allowed for only a few weeks of service in parks. While the field-based service only lasted a short time, all ten interpretive ranger members joined the 17 conservation stewards to tackle the campground projects as a large team.

Accomplishments:

After completing the education season and doing alternative service tasks during the early stages of the pandemic, members were excited and energized to get out and do manual labor service projects. We had an excellent group with a driving work ethic that completed service during mostly rainy cold spring days.

Together we improved 9.5 acres of land in NH Parks. At both Bear Brook State Park and Franklin Pierce Homestead Historic Site, crews worked to prepare the sites for spring openings and visitors. This work consisted primarily of wood and debris removal, limbing and cutting brush back, raking, and in the case of the Bear Brook campground, making a massive burn pile that the crews really enjoyed.

Here is a summary of the various projects we completed in partnership with NH State Parks. Included is service projects completed at two park locations and Spruce Pond Camp improvements.



Service Work

Property & Grounds Maintenance & Improvement

- 413,820 sq. ft. of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, open spaces, around park buildings
- Cleared 101 Campsites
- 500 sq.' of Lake Shoreline Cleared
- 50+ Trees Limbed, Topped, & Stump Cut
- 480 sq. ft. of Picnic Tables Painted



Spruce Pond Camp Maintenance

- 19,000 Sq. Ft. of Building Roof Maintenance/Sweeping at Spruce Pond Camp
- 54 Hours Snow Removal from Roofs Storm windows



914 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!

- **882** Crew Member Service Hours
- **20** Zach Colatch, SCA Conservation Coordinator In-Field Technical Support
- **12** Marcella Olds, SCA Program Assistant In-Field Technical Support

2020 SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Conservation Crew Members

Jared Clough	Canterbury, NH
Haylee Smith	Hampton, VA
Girard Marotto	Amherst, NY
Jessica Ohrenberger	Northwood, NH
Charlotte Brennan	Upper Brookville, NY
Hayley Darke	Shakopee, MN
Adam Thomas	McMinnville, OR
Alana Whelan	North Olmsted, OH
Michael Audie	Miami, FL
Katherine Kelly	New Lenox, IL
Robyn Dudrick	Eaton Center, NH
Candice Guerrero	San Antonio, TX
Caitlin Exum	Fredericksburg, VA
Erica DesJardins	Detroit, MI
Emma Tilton	Costa Mesa, CA
Kearstyn Cook	Watsontown, PA
Alexi McHugh	Osprey, FL
Jessie Perez	Franklin, WI
Stephane Fortin	East Windsor, CT
Gregory Hufford	Carmichael, CA
Hope Kaliski	Elmhurst, IL
Kara Ogilvie	Macon, GA
Jessie Beck	Monticello, FL
Jillian Henrichon	Southampton, MA
Chelsey Harrington	Thornton, NH



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