



## SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Final Hitch Report

### The Student Conservation Association in Partnership with NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development, NH State Parks

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#### **Introduction:**

During the 2015 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crew completed 16 hitches at various NH State Parks. In total the crews worked in 19 different State Parks and accomplished a variety of tasks from shelter building, vegetation removal, spring clean-up, stone work, trail improvements, bridge building, and painting.



*Camping Shelters  
Greenfield SP*



*Stone Steps  
Mt. Washington SP*



*ADA-Compliant Bridge  
White Lake SP*

#### **Accomplishments:**

2015 was filled with great projects and a great crew! Together we improved over 10 miles of trails, 30 acres of land, and 25 Parks buildings and structures. Here is a summary of the various projects we were able complete throughout the NH State Parks system. Included is work done in parks during trainings, paid hitch projects, and Bear Brook/Spruce Pond Camp improvements.

#### **Trainings**

##### *Pawtuckaway*

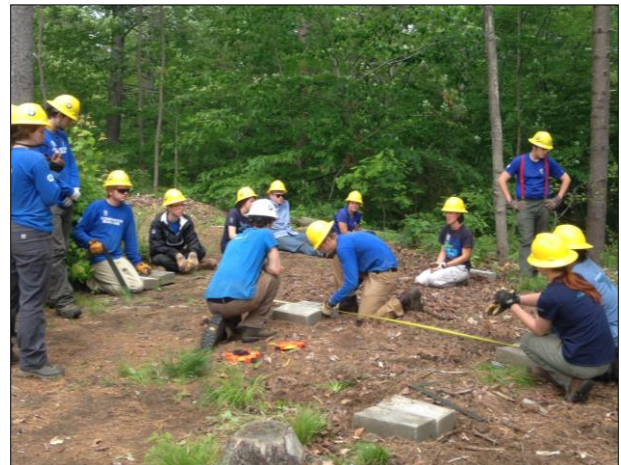
- 4.3 Miles of Trail Corridor Clearing

##### *Greenfield*

- 1 Camping Shelter
- 2 Acres of Tree Removal

##### *Bear Brook*

- 150' New Trail
- 40' Trail Tread Hardening
- 8 Check Steps
- 3 Stone Waterbars
- 40' Timber Bog Bridging
- 4 Stone Steps



*Starting foundation on camping shelter during training at Greenfield Campground, group site A.*



View shed clearing at Miller SP

## Hitch Work

### *Property & Grounds Maintenance*

- 28.2 Acres of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, view sheds, & historic properties
- 18 Parks Buildings Painted
- 140' Fencing
- 2 Acres of Trash Clean-up



Shelter at Greenfield SP

### *Carpentry*

- 4 Camping Shelters
- Railings & Steps on 5 Tent Platforms
- 41' span ADA-Compliant Bridge
- 2 Information Kiosks
- 1 Historical Building Secured at Nansen Ski Jump

### *Trail Maintenance*

- 156' New Trail
- 12' x 3' Stone Retaining Wall
- 46' Timber Turnpike
- 1 Stone Staircase with 11 steps
- 13 Stepping Stones
- 2 Cairns moved & rebuilt
- 4 Miles of Trail Blaze Painting
- ½ Mile of Stone Scree Walls
- ½ Mile of Trail Corridor Clearing
- 920' of Social Trails Closed



Stone Stairs at Mt. Washington SP

## 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
- 68 Hours Snow Removal from roofs
- 300' of New Trail which opened 1400' of newly rerouted trail
- 300' of Trail Tread Hardening
- 60' Timber Turnpike
- 12' Timber Bog Bridging
- 10' x 2' Stone Retaining Wall
- 2 Stone Waterbars



Painting office at Spruce Pond Camp

## 9211 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!

**8529** Crew Member Service Hours

**260** Matt Coughlan, SCA Conservation Coordinator Project Planning & Support

**422** Scott Baumwald, SCA Crew Supervisor Project Support



## 2015 SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Members



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