



SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Final Hitch Report

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

Introduction:

During the 2016 season the SCA NH AmeriCorps Conservation Crew completed 14 hitches at various NH State Parks. In total the crews worked in 18 different State Parks and accomplished a variety of tasks including spring clean-up, shelter building, trail improvements, vegetation removal, bridge building, and painting.



*Top O' Gorge Rain Shelter
Flume Gorge SP*



*Upper Stairs
Nansen Ski Jump*



*Backcountry Bridge
Crawford Notch SP*

Accomplishments:

2016 was filled with great projects and a great crew! Together we improved over 14.5 miles of trails, 52.5 acres of land, and 12 Parks buildings and 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

White Lake

- 1st half of Camping Shelter

Bear Brook

- 4.3 Miles of Trail Improved
 - Corridor Maintenance
 - New Trail Construction
 - Stone & Timber Structures
 - Tread & Drainage Maintenance



Starting foundation on camping shelter during training at White Lake State Park

Hitch Work



Beach clean-up at White Lake SP

Property & Grounds Maintenance

- 47.5 Acres of Natural Debris Removal from camp sites, view sheds, shorelines, & historic properties
- 5,000 sq.ft. of Parks Buildings Painted
- 197 Picnic Tables Painted

Carpentry

- 2 Camping Shelters
- 3 Rain Shelters
- 20' span Backcountry Bridge
- Top 3rd of Stairway rebuilt at Nansen Ski Jump
- 1 Rustic Log Picnic Table Built



Moving rock at Hell Gate Brook Falls

Trail Maintenance

- ½ Mile of New Trail Built
- ½ Mile of Trail Rebuilt
- 7 Miles Corridor Clearing
- 100' Bog Bridging Built
- 70' Bridge Repair
- 15 Stepping Stones Installed
- 19 Check Steps Installed
- 2 Timber Retaining Walls Installed
- Closed 200' of Social Trail



Carrying lumber for bridge up Arethusa Falls Trail

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
- 40 Hours Snow Removal from roofs

8286 Total Hours Worked in NH State Parks!

7786 Crew Member Service Hours

192 Matt Coughlan, SCA Conservation Coordinator In-Field Technical Support

308 Marcella Olds, SCA Crew Supervisor In-Field Technical Support

2016 SCA New Hampshire AmeriCorps Conservation Crew Members



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