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2012 Trail Projects **Come Join Us!**

Maine Trail Crew Projects are a joint venture between the Maine AT Club, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Student Conservation Association. Work trips are scheduled Saturday - Wednesday. MATC members are welcome to join us for a day or longer !



Chairback Mountain

Erosion Control

June 16, 23, 30

Chairback Mountain's name comes from the profile viewed from Katahdin Iron Works. A series of slopes and cliffs make it look like a giant chair. The Crew will be building rock steps and rebuilding old waterbars. Hand tools and Griphoist gear will be used to bring rocks to the trail. This project is located near the famous Gulf Hagas. *The crew will carcamp in the area and hike a mile or so up the mountain each day.—Moderate*

Moderate

Horns Pond Trail

Erosion Control

June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21

The Horns Pond Trail climbs the southern slope of Bigelow Mountain on it's way to the Horn's Pond campsite. It is a very heavily used trail with lots of work that needs to be done. Bigelow Mountain is often called "Maine's Second Mountain" with numerous peaks and trails second only to Katahdin. The crew will use hand tools and Griphoist equipment to move rocks into place for waterbars and stone steps.

The crew will backpack 2 to 3 miles to a campsite close to the worksite.

More difficult





Nahmakanta Stream

Step Stones

July 28, August 4 and 11

The AT follows Nahmakanta Stream on its way between Nahmakanta and Pemadumcook Lakes.

There is much logging history to be seen here.

Several wet and muddy areas are encountered along the way. Hand tools such as mattocks, shovels, and pry bars will be used to put in step stones. There is a very nice campsite next to the stream.

The crew will backpack 3 miles to a campsite near the work areas.

Moderate

Gulf Hagas

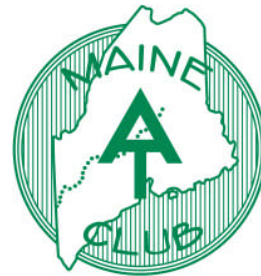
Erosion Control

July 7, July 14, July 21

Often called the "Grand Canyon of the East". Gulf Hagas features a 3 mile canyon with numerous pools and waterfalls. Shovels, pry bars, mattocks, and Griphoist equipment will be used to build stone steps along the approach to the gorge.

The crew will car camp in the valley and hike 1-1/2 miles to the project site each day.

Moderate



See you on the Trail!

Rainbow Lake

Step Stones and Drainage Ditches

July 28, August 4 and 11

Rainbow Lake is the last large lake that hikers pass on their way to Katahdin. It's deep clear water and boulder strewn shores make for a beautiful wilderness scene. Extensive wet areas call for step stones and drainage ditches. Pry bars, shovels and mattocks will be used to build improvements along the trail.

The crew will backpack 3-1/2 miles to a lakeside campsite near Rainbow Dam.

More Difficult.

NOTE:

Maine Trail Crew projects involve construction conditions. MTC will provide safety gear such as hard hats and eye protection. You must bring sturdy boots, long pants and gloves.

Please be sure to contact the Maine Trail Crew before planning to join the crew so you know where to meet them. Many project approaches involve using bushwhacks to save time reaching the site instead of hiking in along the AT.