

2005 BSTRA Trail Report

I am pleased to present our 2005 Trails Report. We had members that were doing trail work in their areas submit the work that they did along with various trail work days that were sponsored by BSTRA.

The Mendon project was definitely a highlight for us. A new parking area and new trails to ride on. Sara Minsk did a great job putting this whole project together!

Values for work is as follows:

\$17.05 (gov. value) for basic labor, \$30 for chainsaw work and \$50 for brush hog work.

Mendon Trail Work Days, Mendon, MA

April 16th - 5 hours, May 4th - 3.5 hours, May 5th - 1.75 hours, May 7th - 7 hours, May 14th - 19.75 hours, May 16th - 4 hours, May 28th - 42.5 hours, May 29 - 4.5 hours.

These work days consisted of laying out a new trail and clearing these trails plus mowing the field that is going to be our new parking lot for the Mendon Trails. All total 88 hours were put in on this project. That gives us a total value of \$1,648.60 put into the Mendon trails system.

Grafton Land Trust property, Grafton, MA

Clearing trails April 10 & 30th. Sept. 5 & 19th. For a total of 6 hours and a value of \$102.30

Assawompsett Pond Complex, Middleborough, MA

March 6th - GPS trail mapping for 3 hours for a value of \$60.

May 21st - This work day consisted of trail clearing, putting up some trail markers and picking up trash.

Workers spent 15 hours total for a value of \$255.75

April 10 - Upton State Forest Trail Work Day, Upton, MA

This work day entailed cutting (chain saw work) and brushing back areas of trails that were getting over grown and clean up of winter dead fall. We were joined by students from Bartlett High School, Webster MA. A total of 52.05 hours was put in for the days work. This gives us a value of \$991.05 of labor that was donated to the Upton State Forest.

April 16th - West Hill Dam Trail Work Day, Uxbridge, MA

Work consisted of removing downed trees, brushing back and cleaning out water bars. Workers put in a total of 24 hours for a value of \$409.20 worth of trail work donated to West Hill Dam's trail system.

April 17th - Earth Day Ride at Upton State Forest, Upton, MA

We had 15 riders that spent their ride picking up trash on the trails at Upton State Forest and hauling it out on horseback. That gave us 30 hours of trash detail with a value of \$511.50 to clean up the trails.

May 14th - Trail Work day at Callahan State Park, Framingham, MA

Clearing winter damage on trails. 2 hours. Value \$34.10

May 28th - Clearing trails on DFW property on Grafton/Millbury line

Four hours for a value of \$68.20

June 25th - Trail Work Day at Callahan State Park, Framingham, MA

Trail workers targeted the two toughest overgrown areas of the park. They spent 12.5 hours of volunteer time with a value of \$213.12 to improving the trails at Callahan.

July 9 & 17th - Clearing trails at Callahan State Park, Framingham, MA

Five hours total for a value of work donated of \$85.25

July 30th - Trail Work Day at Lake Dennison, Winchendon, MA

This work consisted of two groups. One person brush hogged the field and some of the trail sides. The other group worked on a trail that was getting pretty over grown. All total volunteer labor and equipment totaled \$604.60

Aug. 4th - Southern New England Trunkline Trail, Douglas, MA

Brush hog work on SNETT. Three hours with a value of \$150

Aug. 15 - 20th - Clearing trails in Uxbridge, MA

Thirty hours were spent clearing trails to get them ready for the Lea MacInnis Judged Pleasure Ride. That is a value of \$511.50 that was put into trails in Uxbridge.

Summer - Dorothy Francis Rice Wildlife Management Area, Peru, MA

Brush hogging, trail work and weed whacking trails for a total of 68 hours gives us a value of \$2,806.90 put into these trails.

October - Bridge Project, Sudbury, MA

BSTRA donated \$300 to buy materials for a bridge project built by Andrew Gentile of the Sudbury Boy Scouts. The bridge was built on Sudbury Valley Trustees property and was a team effort between the three local community organizations.

Oct. 2nd - Buckhill Management Area, Burrillville, RI

Trail clearing. Three hours for a value of \$51.15

Nov. 6th - Work day at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, MA

Ten hours put in by BSTRA members at NEMBA sponsored trail work day. Value of work was \$170.50

Nov. 25th - Trash pick up at the Upton State Forest, Upton, MA

Three hours for a value of \$51.15

Total:

Add these all up and we come up with a **grand total of \$9,024.87** that BSTRA members put into trails in 2005!