

BSTRA 2008 TRAILS REPORT

The following trail work projects were either BSTRA sponsored trail work days, other trail users or land owning agencies sponsored trail work days (NEMBA or Trustees of Reservations) or BSTRA members performing trail work on trails in their area. To figure the value of everyone's labor we used the latest Massachusetts estimate for the value of non-skilled adult volunteer time \$22.46/hr.

- February BSTRA donates \$500 to help with the Silvermine Horse Camp overhaul project in Natchaug State Forest, CT. Phase I of this project is to bring 2 new eco toilets, picnic tables and install a kiosk for information and maps.
- Purchase - BSTRA purchases two signs for \$110. These were installed at the Upton State Forest. The signs read "Please Remove Animal Waste, Trash & Hay from Parking Area."
- Donation - BSTRA donated \$150 to the DCR Partnership Matching Funds Program. This combined with the Friends of the Upton State Forest donation of \$150 made a total of \$300 donation. The Partnership Program matched the \$300. So there was a total of \$600 to rebuild the inner bridge on Hopkinton Spring Trail.
- March 16th Trail Work Day Wompatuck State Forest - Hingham, MA. Two BSTRA members contributed 11 hours for a value of \$247.06.
- March 29th Trail Work Day at Myles Standish State Forest - Carver, MA. Four BSTRA members worked on removing "whoops" on a 1/4 mile section of trail. 14 hours were put in by these members for a value of \$314.44.
- April 12th Trail Work Day at Upton State Forest - Upton, MA. Nine BSTRA members participated in this work day doing trail work, clean up around the headquarters area and road clean up. A total of 37 hours were put in by our members for a value of \$831.02.
- April 12th French River Greenway. Trail clearing of 3 hours contributed by a BSTRA member for a value of \$67.38.
- April 19th Trail Work Day at West Hill Dam - Uxbridge, MA We targeted the Woodland Trail on the east side of the river. Volunteers cleaned out all the water bars, cleaned up winter debris and did a bit of brushing back. A total of 21 hours were put in on this trail work day for a value of \$471.66 plus \$32.35 to feed the workers.
- April 20th Earth Day Ride Upton State Forest, Upton, MA Fifteen riders spent a total of 22.5 hours in the woods picking up trash on the trails. A total of 33 pounds of trash were picked up. Our trash pick up had a value of \$505.35.
- May 10th Trail Marking & Clean Up at APC (Assawompset Pond Complex) Middleboro area. The work crew was able to mark all of the 4.2 miles planned for Phase 2. While they were out working they also picked up six large bags of trash. A total of 20 hours gives us a value of \$449.20 for this days work.
- July 18th Wompatuck State Forest Bridge Project. Gathering quotes and drafting plans for bridge replacement entailed 4 hours of work for a value of \$89.84.

- July 21st Wompatuck State Forest Bridge Project. Meeting to discuss bridge project took 2.5 hours for a value of \$56.15
- August 3rd Douglas State Forest. Cleaned up two trees blocking trails 2 hours by BSTRA members worth \$44.92
- August 24th Wompatuck State Forest Bridge Project. First work day for bridge replacement. Dug holes and poured concrete footings for bridge. This 7 hours is worth \$157.22
- August 28th Donated \$100 to Grafton Land Trust towards trails on their property.
- Sept. 13th Wompatuck State Forest Bridge Project. Preassembled and cut lumber for bridge. This took 3.5 hours for a value of \$78.61
- Sept. 14th Wompatuck State Forest Second work day to actually construct the bridge. BSTRA members put in 6 hours for a value of \$134.76 plus food of \$31.50. Total materials purchased for this project was \$466.72
- October 9th Donated \$630.57 to The Trustees of Reservations to be used on trails in their Dover properties.
- November 9th Wompatuck State Forest Trail Work day. Worked on gravel grades and repositioned another bridge that had shifted. 5 hours of work is valued at \$112.30
- December 6th Cormier Woods Uxbridge MA (TTOR) Trail clearing & maintenance by a BSTRA member. Her 4 hours is worth \$89.84
- April thru December - Dorothy Francis Rice Sanctuary for Wildlife, Peru, MA. Marking trails, mowing, 2 new bridges installed, benches constructed, and trail maintenance. 194 hours was put in by two BSTRA members for a value of \$4,357.24
- May thru November - Peru State Forest Peru MA. Trail work and water bars constructed. Two BSTRA members put in 14 hours for a value of \$314.44

All of these trail work days, donations and purchases gives us a grand total of \$10,342.57 that BSTRA and its members put into trails for 2008. Keep in mind this doesn't count the hours spent going to meetings that concern some of these projects. This is just the on the ground work, not all the behind the scenes work which would make that figure quite a bit bigger!

I hope you are impressed because you should be. Name one other horse organization in New England that even comes close to what we are doing. Nice job everyone and lets carry that dedication into the 2009 season.