

Bay State Trail Riders Association

Trails Report for 2012

We use the MA estimate for the value of non-skilled adult volunteer work of \$22.46. Some of these are organized trail work days; others are BSTRA members working on trails in their area.

March 31st: Trail Care Day Wompatuck State Forest Hingham MA

SE Chapter BSTRA members joined the Friends of Wompatuck State Park and NEMBA for a soggy trail work day. The project of the day was to build an extensive bridge for bikes along a typically wet and muddy section of trail.

A total of 6 hours were volunteered by BSTRA members for a value of \$134.76



April 14th: West Hill Dam Uxbridge MA.

BSTRA members along with Tri-Valley Front Runners Club members worked on cutting and brushing back trails and around gates along with cleaning out water bars to keep them working. While doing this the volunteers also picked up two bags of trash.

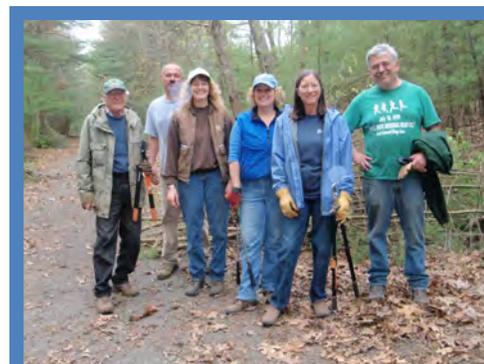
The volunteers put in 36 hours of work on the trails for a value of \$808.56



April 17th, 22nd, and May 1st: Southern New England Trunkline Trail in Douglas MA

We targeted the section between Franklin Street and Depot Street that had a lot of damage from the Halloween snowstorm. This entailed cleaning up trees that were down from that storm plus getting rid of the overgrowth on both sides of the trail.

The volunteers put in a total of 21.5 hours for a value of \$482.89



April 22nd: Earth Day Southern New England Trunkline Trail in Bellingham MA

A huge clean up with the town of Bellingham, girl scouts, boy scouts and even Joe Kennedy (now a Congressman) joined the event.

The clean up targeted Center Street to Rt. 126. The effort filled the 30 yard dumpster donated by the Town of Bellingham.

Water and snacks were also donated by Whole Foods Market in Bellingham.

At the end of the day, 172 hours were logged in for a value of \$3,863.12



April 28th: Park Serve Day Upton State Forest MA

BSTRA members joined the Friends of the Upton State Forest with cleaning up around the parking area and all the buildings.

A total of 22 hours were put in by BSTRA members for a value of \$494.12



April 22nd: Park Serve Day Myles Standish State Forest Carver MA

The SE Chapter of BSTRA members joined the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest in working on the Equestrian Campground. They also worked on the trails coming into and out of the campground by clearing them and removing roots and stumps.

Nine hours were put in by BSTRA members for a value of \$202.14

HERD Chapter also donated \$413.93 towards equipment rental and fuel that was used that day.



Jan. and April: Douglas State Forest

Clearing trails for a total of 19 hours valued at \$426.74

May 6th: Conant Dam Monson MA

BSTRA members joined in a trail clean up to target the higher branches that were in the way for horseback riders, downed trees from the Halloween Snowstorm and stack brush off to the sides of the trail.

Our BSTRA members put in a total 4 hours for a value of \$89.84

May 27th: Greenbrier Recreation Area Oxford MA

Open up trail from the recreation area to the river for a total of 3 hours valued at \$67.38

Oct. 14th: Borderland State Park Easton MA

Clearing trails for a total of 4 hours valued at \$89.84

Oct: McDonald Nature Preserve Wilbraham MA

Clearing trails for a total of 23.5 hours with a value of \$527.81

January to December: Peru State Forest and Dorothy Francis Rice Wildlife Management Area Peru MA

Trail maintenance involving mowing, chainsaw work, brush hog work, and weed whacking to keep the trails open. A total of 125.5 hours were put in for a value of \$2,818.73

December: Donation by HERD Chapter to the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest of \$1,000

Sweetwilliam Farm Upton MA

BSTRA purchased two signs along with the posts and lags to install them. The signs were needed to keep all trail users on the trail easement and out of the working hay fields.

The signs were installed on Nov. 24th. The installation took 3 hours and 45 minutes. So the value of the labor and the cost of the signs, posts and hardware came to a total of \$241.74

July 17th and Aug. 10th: Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area Mendon MA

Clearing trails for a total of 9 hours valued at \$202.14

What a great year. I am very proud of our members and what they gave back to trails for 2012.

All totaled there was 458.25 hours volunteered for trail work. That is worth \$10,292.30!

Plus the donations and signs that were purchased totaled \$8,071.44

That gives us a grand total of \$18,363.74 that was put back into the trail system in Massachusetts.

Thank you all for your support and dedication. Becky



June: Spencer MA

BSTRA donated \$5,000 towards the purchase of the former Sibley and Warner Farms that totaled 352 acres. This land has trails that connect to the MA Snowmobile Trail Route 71, Buck Hill/4-H Camp Marshall, the Mid-State Trail and eventually to Spencer State Forest.

Horses will be allowed with plenty of parking access for trailers.

This was certainly a win-win situation for all trail users.



October: Sweetwilliam Farm Upton MA

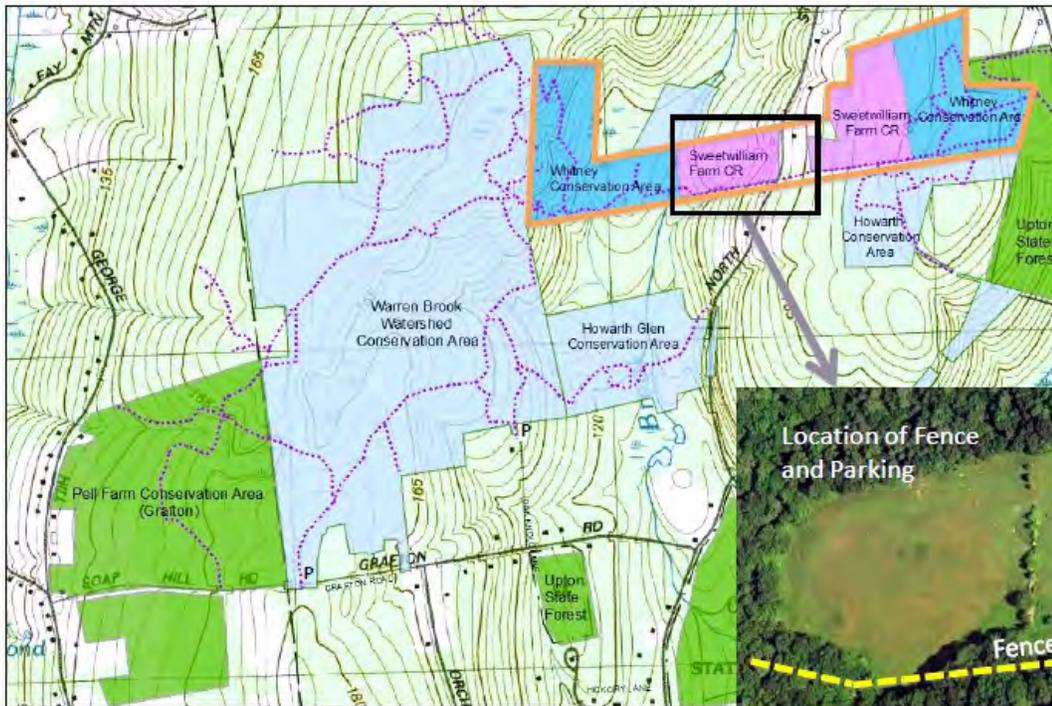
BSTRA donated \$1,500 towards the cost of purchasing and installing a 1/4 mile of fencing. This was the last section that to be completed in order to connect a 15 mile trail network.

This network connects Sweetwilliam Farm (town owned) to Upton State Forest, Warren Brook Watershed, Howarth Glen Conservation Area and Grafton's Pell Farm Conservation Area.

The Trail Network

This map shows the trail network that will exist after the trail across Sweetwilliam Farm and the Whitney Conservation Area is completed. The inset shows the location of the fence and the parking lot

The trail will connect trails in Upton State Forest and Howarth Conservation Area to trails in Warren Brook Conservation Area, Howarth Glen Conservation Area, and Grafton's Pell Farm Conservation Area. This will create a 15+ mile trail network with loops of various lengths and terrains with access from Grafton Road, Oak Knoll Lane, North Street, Howarth Drive and the Upton State Forest.



The trail across the Whitney Conservation Areas and Sweetwilliam Farm is complete except for a quarter-mile that skirts the pasture on the west side of North Street. The key to completing this portion of the trail is installing a fence to safely separate trail-users from animals in the pasture.

Location of Fence and Parking

Fence

North St

