## **AMC 4000 FOOTER CLUB TRAIL DONATIONS**

Every year the AMC 4000-Footer Club makes a significant donation to support the work of the AMC Trail Crew and other maintainers of trails that ascend 4000-footers. These donations are made possible through the sale of our merchandise and the generosity of our members. In addition, we contribute \$1,000 annually to the Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship, which works for the protection of alpine areas of the Northeast. Listed below is a summary of our trail contributions from 2014 through 2025. For more details, see our web page at www.amc4000footer.org/trail-work-opportunities-.html. Please consider contributing to support our efforts, or for another trail maintenance program of your choice. Thank you!

2014 (\$18,500)  Avalon Trail/Mount Tom Spur/Willey Range Trail  Nineteen Mile Brook Trail Bridge  Guyot Campsite Improvements  Falling Waters Trail  Caps Ridge Trail  Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$7,500 \$5,000 \$2,000 \$1,500 \$1,500 \$1,000
2015 (\$15,000)  Mount Osceola Trail Fishin' Jimmy Trail Spur Trail (RMC)  Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$5,000 \$5,000 \$4,000 \$1,000
2016 (\$17,000) Guyot Campsite Tent Platforms Randolph Path (RMC) Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$10,000 \$6,000 \$1,000
2017 (\$11,000) Twinway Lonesome Lake Trail Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$5,000 \$5,000 \$1,000
2018 (\$16,000) AMC Trails: Damage Cleanup from Oct. 2017 Storm Crawford Path Project Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$10,000 \$5,000 \$1,000
2019 (\$15,500) Osgood Trail Old Speck Trail Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$12,500 \$2,000 \$1,000
2020 (\$26,000) Camp Dodge Training Bog Bridges on Twinway Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$16,000 \$9,000 \$1,000
<b>2021</b> (\$16,000) AMC Trail Fund Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$15,000 \$1,000
<b>2022</b> (\$11,000) Webster Cliff Trail Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$10,000 \$1,000
<b>2023</b> (\$11,000) Old Bridle Path Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$10,000 \$1,000
2024 (\$11,000) Old Bridle Path Short Line Trail (Randolph Mountain Club) Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$6,000 \$4,000 \$1,000
2025 (\$8,500) Guyot Shelter Waterman Fund for Alpine Stewardship	\$7,500 \$1,000

## **GIVING BACK TO THE TRAILS**

The Four Thousand Footer Committee requests that hikers who use the trails on a regular basis devote at least one day a year to working on trail maintenance. Volunteers are the backbone of trail maintenance, especially in these times of lean recreation budgets for the Forest Service and other public agencies.

There are many ways to get involved in trail maintenance, from participating in a single-day work trip to "adopting" a trail as your own. Most volunteer trail work involves simple tasks such as brushing, blazing, removing blowdowns, and, most importantly, cleaning drainages to prevent trail erosion.

The rewards of trail work are great. There is satisfaction with giving back, of working for the good of the mountains and the hiking community. You enjoy the fine companionship of your fellow trail workers, and moments of humor are mixed in with the sweat. Whether you are cleaning water bars or trimming an overgrown trail, at day's end you can see tangible evidence of your efforts.

Listed below are organizations that provide volunteer trail maintenance opportunities in the White Mountains. For details and schedules please visit the appropriate websites. Additional information is available at the "NH Trail Workers Group" on Facebook.

Appalachian Mountain Club: There are volunteer opportunities listed on the AMC website, www.outdoors.org. On the home page, under "Get Involved," click on "Trail Maintenance." There are one day, weekend, and week-long trail work trips. Many additional work trips are organized by the individual chapters of the club – there are links to chapter websites on the main AMC site. Those who want to make a larger commitment can check out the AMC Adopt-A-Trail program, in which you take over basic maintenance responsibilities for a specific trail. This involves a minimum of three work trips per year.

**Chatham Trails Association:** The CTA maintains trails in the Evans Notch area. See **www.chathamtrails.org** and click on "Get Involved" for trail information and a schedule of work trips.

Chocorua Mountain Club: The CMC sponsors volunteer work trips each spring on their trails on Mount Chocorua and Mount Paugus. At present the club does not have its own website, but information may be found at www.chocorualake.org/chocorua-mountain-club

**Cohos Trail Association:** This volunteer group is responsible for miles of trail in the North Country. TCTA sponsors work trips and has an Adopt-a-Trail program; visit **www.cohostrail.org** and click on "Get Involved."

**Dartmouth Outing Club:** The DOC maintains trails on Mt. Moosilauke and on the A.T. south to Hanover. It has an Adopt-a-Trail program open to all, whether or not you are affiliated with Dartmouth. Visit **outdoors.dartmouth.edu/doc/** and click on "Get Involved."

**Randolph Mountain Club:** The RMC runs multiple volunteer work trips each year on the Northern Presidentials and Crescent Range. For trip schedule go to **www.randolphmountainclub.org** and click on "Mountain Jobs," then "Volunteer."

**Shelburne Trails Club:** The STC conducts volunteer work trips on its trails in the Shelburne area. The trips are publicized on the club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ShelburneTrails

**Squam Lakes Association:** The SLA maintains trails around Squam Lake and in the western Sandwich Range. They have Trail Work Days and an Adopt-a-Trail program; visit **www.squamlakes.org** and click on "Join & Support," then "Volunteer."

**Trailwrights:** This volunteer trail maintenance organization works on major projects throughout New Hampshire, often in partnership with other clubs. For a schedule of trips visit **www.trailwrights.org** and click on "Calendar."

Waterville Valley Athletic & Improvement Association: The WVAIA runs multiple volunteer work trips each year on Waterville Valley trails. Visit www.wvaia.org and click on "Activities" and then "Trail Work."

**Wonalancet Out Door Club:** The WODC tends to the trails in the Sandwich Range and organizes multiple work trips each year. The club also has its own Adopt-A-Trail program. Visit **www.wodc.org** and click on "Trail Tending" and then "Adopter Center."

White Mountain National Forest: The WMNF has its own Adopt-A-Trail program, which is managed by the individual ranger district offices. Pemigewasset: Bruce Richards at bruce4trails@gmail.com. Saco: Cristin Bailey at cristin.bailey@usda.gov. Androscoggin: James Vittetau at james.vittetau@usda.gov. WMNF Volunteer Coordinator: John Marunowski at john.marunowski@usda.gov. Or visit www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain and click on "Working With Us," then "Volunteering."

The following clubs and organizations welcome trail volunteers in New Hampshire outside the Whites:

Belknap Range Trail Tenders:
Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail Club:
Friends of the Wapack:
Lakes Region Conservation Trust:
Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition:

www.belknaprangetrailtenders.org www.msgtc.org www.wapack.org www.lrct.org www.srkg.org

Wherever you live and hike, we encourage you to get out there and lend a hand!