

New Boston Conservation Trails Newsletter Jan – April 2018



If you have not yet taken a walk on the Rail Trail...What are you waiting for??? Bundle up, grab your snowshoes or X-country skis and take an hour to experience New Boston's BEAUTIFUL Rail Trail alongside the Piscataquog River

*Come Discover
New Boston's
Conservation Trails
Hike with us on
Sundays 1-3 @ 1 mile
family and dog friendly:*

January 14, Saunders Pasture

Saunders Hill Road

February 4, Rail Trail

Time to take down

Xmas decorations

February 11, Skofield

Briar Hill Road

March 11, Bailey Pond

Bailey Pond Road

April 8, Betsy Dodge

Saunders Hill Road



December 4th Rail Trail Xmas Walk
More than 50 people helped decorate
the trail for the holidays.

**Please, all come back on Sunday,
February 4th, 1-3pm
to help take them down**



Exciting Rail Trail Update!

Thanksgiving week was unforgettable. Wednesday started off as an ordinary workday until I opened an email. I could hardly take in what I read and had to re-read its' content...found my whole body energized with excitement... raised my arms making fists while punching air shouting Yes, YES, YES!!! I remember my boss saying, "someone's happy"... I shot out of my seat saying listen to this!!! "The Bureau of Trails has scored all projects and your application

was selected for approval for grant funding. Please reply to this email with either accepting or declining funds". WE THANKFULLY ACCEPT!!!!!!...YIPPEE!!! We now have grant funding to complete the next, already permitted ¼ mile of rail trail through Lang State Forest. You are all invited to walk Phase II with me on Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30am. We'll meet at Lang Station Parking Lot to go over the work that needs to be done.

Louise Robie

**Rail Trail your local
nature connection**

All Welcomed
**RailTrail
Community
Monthly Meetings**
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm
NB Rec Dept
Conference Room

January 11
February 8th
March 8th
April 12th

Rail Trail Census walk run dog bike fish age group town

Rail Trail's first Census was taken on Saturday, September 30, a rainy day, followed by Sunday and Monday,



The only lure was a pop-up-tent, sign, table with clipboard complete with census form and a bowl of home baked cookies. 85 participated

Rail Trail Census Revealed: most users are of ages 21-65, bikers and runners were tied, most walked /many with dogs. Users came mostly from New Boston, and surprisingly 11 other surrounding towns.

2017 Harvest 5 mile
Run/Walk raises \$5K for
the Rail Trail and \$108.00
for the food pantry



Our Family
Address line 1
Address line 2
City, ST ZIP Code

June 8, 2017 **6 mile Bike Ride**
Starting at Library crossed the
New South Branch Footbridge
using Conservation Trails and
Fairgrounds to Lang Station...all
this, and crossed only two
vehicular streets both in the
center of town.



September AmeriCorps
Volunteered 2 days of trail
maintenance and GPSed
5 Conservation Properties



May 2017 Volunteers
clean up glass and metal
dump site at Bailey Pond



SUGGESTED RAIL TRAIL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

REMEMBER: THIS IS YOUR TRAIL...

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer with **trail maintenance** all welcome: ages 10-99 (*once a month especially after a wind storm*) Check out www.nbtrail.com for dates and times
- **Carry in carry out ...**
- While on the trail...**pick up debris and toss it beyond the trail's shoulder:** sticks and tree limbs but *If something is too big to move* find the nearest trail marker, *make note of the* then email: nbtrail@gmail.com describe the obstacle; 8" 10" dia. down tree.....it also helps if you mention close to Lang Station or Fairgrounds or near railing bridge or close to picnic table..
- **Note to dog walkers:** please do not bag your pet's droppings then leave or toss the bag into the woods... Just kick or stick-hit droppings out into the woods... off the trail, beyond the trail's shoulder.
- **Help/staff** public rail trail events
- **Promote the trail** to family, friends and newcomers
- **Encourage business** owners to **support** and sponsor rail trail events
- **Come to monthly Rail Trail Community Meetings** every 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30pm, Rec Dept. Conference room... be in the know...have a say in the completion of the next 2 1/4 miles...see pg 1 for dates
- Note: **During Fairground public events** please park at Lang Station or pay event admission
- **Is marketing your forte???** We can use your help email us: nbtrail@gmail.com
- **Is fundraising your forte???** We can use your help email us: nbtrail@gmail.com



**In November 2017 the Trails Bureau awarded NBRT an 80/20 grant
to complete the next ¼ mile through Lang State Forest**

Your annual financial membership will help maintain and finish this
grant's intention

NBRT Community Membership

Individual **\$20.00** / family **\$ 35.00**

Name: first _____ last _____ email (please write legibly) _____

age _____ trail activity: _____

run walk stroller dog fish bike snowshoe xtry-ski

You will receive windshield/bumper sticker to proudly display your support.

PS: We do not have online payment method...please mail check to:

Town of New Boston...With memo notation: NBRT

Send to: Town of NB Conservation Commission, PO Box 250

Or drop in to the town hall and see Laura Bernard... **Thank you**