

THE COHOS TREKKER

TWENTY YEARS SWEATING IT ON THE COHOS TRAIL

This is it. We made it to our 20th year. From its humble begins with the first blowdown cut from the Old Summer Club Trail north of Christine Lake in Stark to the last screw placed in the metal roof of the new Devil's Rest Shelter not too far from where the original clearing work began, the Cohos Trail is now increasingly a "must do" trail in the Northeast.

Right this minute, there are more thru-hikers and section hikers on the CT than at any time in the long path's history. In the last several years alone, interest in the trek has increased rapidly as trampers seek new and more secluded terrain to wander through, in their effort to beat the crowds and traffic in the high peaks country to the south.

What began as a simple idea and an editorial in the Coos County Democrat newspaper in Lancaster in 1978, has become a 170-mile (and more) foot-trail system that spans the entire length of Coos, New Hampshire's largest county, and links with the Sentiers Frontaliers system in Quebec to create the second international system in the East.

In order to make this a reality, hundreds of

people volunteered to pitch in over the years, from a young Tracy Rexford working largely by himself in the Coos County backcountry to Ray and Joan Chaput of Twin Mountain, both young octogenarians. Over the years we've had no small measure of support from the New
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Message Board

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

As we get closer to the fall, trail workers and hikers alike welcome cooler, bugless days. As I look forward to this year's leaf color change, I am reflecting on the 2018 Cohos Trail season with pride and astonishment at all we accomplished.

October 2017's storm brought major challenges to our trail, extending our workload beyond the trail upkeep awaiting us each spring. Add to that a new lean-to, the prettily-situated and beautifully-constructed Devil's Rest, and reconstruction of the Moose Alley Trail.... Well, we had a busy spring. Those heroic volunteers – the ones who show up for every trail project – worked nearly every weekend in June!

The needs of a small hiking trail organization are many.

COHOS TRAIL 20th ANNIVERSARY BACKWOODS BASH

Saturday, Sept. 22

Coleman Estates

Diamond Ponds Road

Stewartstown, NH

1. 9 a.m.: Work day on trails
 2. 4 p.m.: Cookout, Socializing
 3. 7 p.m.: Slide Show and Talk
- RSVP if joining the Cookout
DETAILS INSIDE

Construction begins on Panorama Shelter
in the early years of the Cohos Trail



There is the on-the-ground work, such as routine trail maintenance, building new trails, and constructing lean-tos; and, the behind-the-scenes work, such as managing the paperwork and the money, promoting merchandise and membership, maintaining the website and database, and ensuring our private and government landowners are informed and happy. We called upon the dedication and skills of our volunteers throughout the year to get it all done.

Behind every task completed is an individual. I won't be able to name them all, but some do stand out. Sue Wentworth, CT board member and trails coordinator, has done an exceptional job finding adopters for trails – nearly every mile has a caretaker! She's been a tremendous resource to new and old adopters, delivering materials and supplies, as well as providing encouragement and her own labor to keep trails in shape.

Two of our more senior trail adopters, octogenarians Ray and Joan Chaput, continue to tend the R&J Chaput Trail and Ray still constructs signs for the CT. Many of you have appreciated seeing his work – it's nice to know you are on the right path!

Dana Southworth and his talented crew at

Garland Mill built us a beautiful lean-to and contributed many hours helping us construct it on site. The Devil's Rest Shelter in the Kauffmann Forest in Stark is a must-see!

And, what's a shelter without a latrine. Jack Pepau continues to build the finest latrines in the north country. The latest went up with Devil's Rest.

Shelters need roofs, too! John Higgins, with materials donated from Pride Roofing, did all the planning and construction of the lean-to roof. John is also a trail adopter and CT board member.

So many more to mention: Yvan Guay, who has a vast range of skills and limitless energy, is always there to lend a hand to trail and lean-to projects. Kristin McLane has settled in as website guru, supporting Carla Schneider who hosts the website and has taken on automating membership renewals. Tom Adams and his granddaughters adopted one of the more remote and challenging sections, that of the Gadwah Notch Trail, which encompasses a number of

high elevation meadows, Muise Bowl, Gadwah Notch itself, the Sims Stream Valley, and Baldhead Mt. and its summit shelter. Look for their posts on Facebook! Tom's excellent at providing glimpses of their time on the trail.

We have many adopters, who each year clear blowdowns, cut brush, and do the hard work of keeping trails open: Armand Buteau, Kristina Callaghan, Laine Castine, the Clogston family, Carol L. Horn DiLernia, Steve Erdody, Roxanna Forsyth, Tammy and Mike Hirschhorn, Nick Jolles, Kevin Lacasse, Joe Perkins, Kris Pieper, Wes Shallow, Mary Sturtevant, and Gary Wentworth (along with canine Bonnie Wentworth too!).

Bruce Brekke, trail adopter and the Cohos Trail treasurer, keeps the finances in check. Kim Votta, another trail adopter, successfully wrote two grants for us in 2018.

Lastly, the Cohos Trail Association's Board of Directors, some I mentioned already, keep the organization on task and in good shape. Other board members include Tom Adams, Tammy Hirschhorn (Secretary too!), Ray Chaput, Yvan Guay, Carla Schneider, and our fearless leader, Kim Nilsen. Kim is the visionary and driving force of the Cohos Trail.

I am sure I forgot to thank someone. There are so many individuals and organizations who made the Cohos Trail possible. My apologies if you are not listed here – just know we appreciate your support, in whatever form you gave it, whether in time or money.

The Cohos Trail Association is celebrating twenty years of effort on the long pathway in 2018. We own no land. We exist today because private and government landowners permit us to cross their land and because you pitched in. As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary this fall at Coleman Estates in Stewartstown (Join us on September 22 and see the related story), I will think back on the fun we had this past season and all the challenges we'll need to tackle next year. I'll be comforted knowing there's a crew of you out there willing to come out and work hard. I thank every one of you for your efforts on behalf of the Cohos Trail.

--Ken Vallery



SHELTERING THE DEVIL

Soon after the new Devil's Rest Shelter was completed within the Kauffmann Forest just south of the southern border of the Nash Stream Forest, a moose paid a visit while Michael and Tammy Hirschhorn were staying there to oogle the handiwork. The great creature gave a nod of approval and moved on.

Thanks to nearly two dozen volunteers working in concert over three days, the Cohos Trail's fifth and newest lean-to is complete and open for visitors. The structure that can sleep eight is exceptional, an exquisite example of the woodcrafter's art. The structure was milled out and detailed by Garland Mill Timberframe Company of Lancaster. (See the photo gallery for images of the construction process.)

MOOSE ALLEY TRAIL GETS A REBUILD BY TWO CREWS

The Cohos Trail winds a good deal through working forest, where periodic timber harvests are a fact of life. Our lengthy Moose Alley Trail was impacted last year by a large logging cut. So, on National Trails Day in June, ten volunteers descended on the pathway, divided into two crews and worked all day to reestablish the route, clear logging debris, and reblaze the trail.

By day's end, hikers could thread their way along the approximate original route without difficulty. The timber cut opened up expansive views in several areas, and those views should be with us for a good decade before the new resprouted forest fills in.



Why are these volunteers smiling? Yvan Guay, left, Tom Adams, right, Sue Wentworth, center, Lainie Castine, behind Yvan, and John Higgins in orange haul a heavy timber into the site of the new Neil Tillotson Hut lean-to in northern Pittsburg last year.

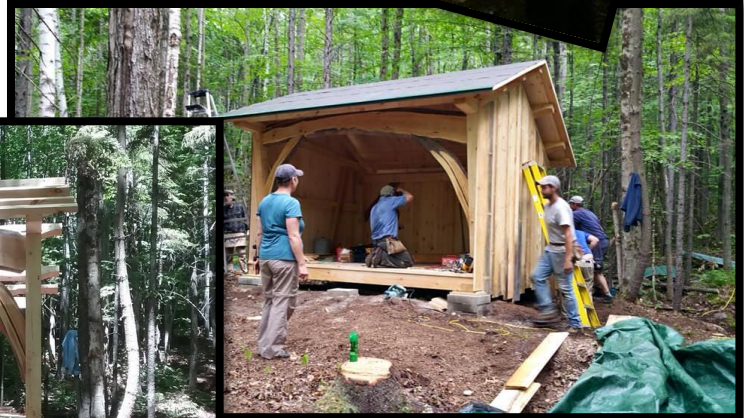
100% OF TRAILS ADOPTED

For years The Cohos Trail Association (TCTA) has been trying to cajole volunteers into taking on the maintenance of any one of the many trails within the CT system outside of the White Mountain National Forest. Today, thanks to the determination of Sue Wentworth of Lancaster, one of TCTA's directors, every one of the pathways has an adopter, and almost all are dedicated to their annual task and put in real effort to make their sections worthy of the hikers who make the journey. Interest in the Cohos Trail has been growing rapidly and so, too, is the desire to maintain the long treadway on the part of folks who have experience on the long, wild system.

The view from Bulldozer Flat high on the Gadwah Notch Trail westward toward 3,724-foot Bunnell Mountain, standing on the western boundary of the Nash Stream Forest.



PHOTO GALLERY



Over the course of three days, nearly two dozen folks came out to build the new Devil's Rest Shelter and its attendant composting latrine in the Kauffmann Forest just south of the southern border of the Nash Stream Forest.

The shelter was the product of Garland Mill Timberframe Company of Lancaster and the latrine was pre-fabricated by Jack Pepau of Stark. Signs were produced by Ray Chaput of Twin Mountain.

The Devil's Rest is the fifth shelter in the Cohos Trail system and perhaps the most beautiful to behold.



TWENTY YEARS...

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Hampshire Bureau of Forests and Lands, the NH Trails Bureau and NH Fish and Game, from the Tillotson family and Steve Barba formerly of the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, several anonymous donors, and from Sandy Young, the manager of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Working Forest acreage at the top of the state.

Timberland owners have been gracious over the years as we pushed farther and farther north. And small land holders have made it possible to thread the trail through sometimes restrictive landholding spots so we could keep a contiguous trail on the map.

We've had a savior, in Lainie Castine of Stewartstown, who salvaged the trail from closing in mid-life, and we've had a volunteer and board member since day one in Yvan Guay of Jefferson.

Just as remarkable have been the donation of shelters or shelter materials from the late Thomas Abbott, Dana Southworth of the Garland Mill Timberframe Co., and John Nininger of the Vermont Log House Co. The Pride Roofing Co. has donated metal roofing materials on several structures, as well.

There have been Herculean efforts put in by ex-president Chad Pepau, formerly of Stark, and current president Ken Vallery of Lancaster. Ken has shepherded TCTA out of its adolescence and into full adulthood, having spent literally hundreds of hours behind a computer, on the telephone, in meetings, out on the trails, and on the road from Concord to Fourth Connecticut Lake doing the face to face work essential to making a long-distance trail operate on all cylinders.

Mark Your Calendar

20th ANNIVERSARY BASH A MUST: SEPTEMBER 22nd

By now, many of you know that The Cohos Trail Association will hold a 20th anniversary celebration and work day at Coleman Estates and Coleman State Park throughout the day and evening on September 22nd.

There are some things you need to know and take care of if you wish to join us.

Most importantly, if you wish to be on hand all day or in the evening, and you wish to spend the night after the festivities are over, you should make a reservation for a campsite at Coleman State Park or for a room at Coleman Estates, close by. To reach Coleman State Park, dial 603-237-5382.

Directions to Coleman State Park are simple enough. Travel Route 3 to Colebrook or Route 16 to Errol. Pick up Route 26 eastbound from Colebrook or westbound from Errol. From Colebrook travel about eight miles. Pass Diamond Peaks General Store and Motel and watch on your left for Diamond Ponds Road.

The view from the summit of Mt. Crawford due north to Stairs Mountain and the southern Presidential Range.
Photo by Chris Whiton
whitemountainimages.com



There is a large sign pointing the way to Coleman State Park.

From Errol headed west on Route 26, travel completely through Dixville Notch and descend into the valley of the Mohawk River. About three miles from the notch, watch on your right for Diamond Ponds Road and the Coleman State Park Sign.

Travel the Diamond Ponds Road (its uphill most of the way) a long three miles until you reach the height of land. Just before the height of land a sign for Coleman Estates will be on your right. To reach the campground, continue straight ahead a short distance until the campground buildings come into view. The main building will be on your right.

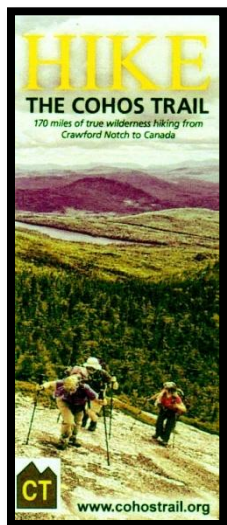
The afternoon and evening bash will be at Coleman Estates, not at the campground. The rendezvous point for the work day on trails in the area will be at the large parking lot in the campground north of the main building.

It would be beneficial if you could let folks know if you intend to attend. Leave a message with cohos@cohostrail.org and/or post on Facebook's Friends of the Cohos Trail page.

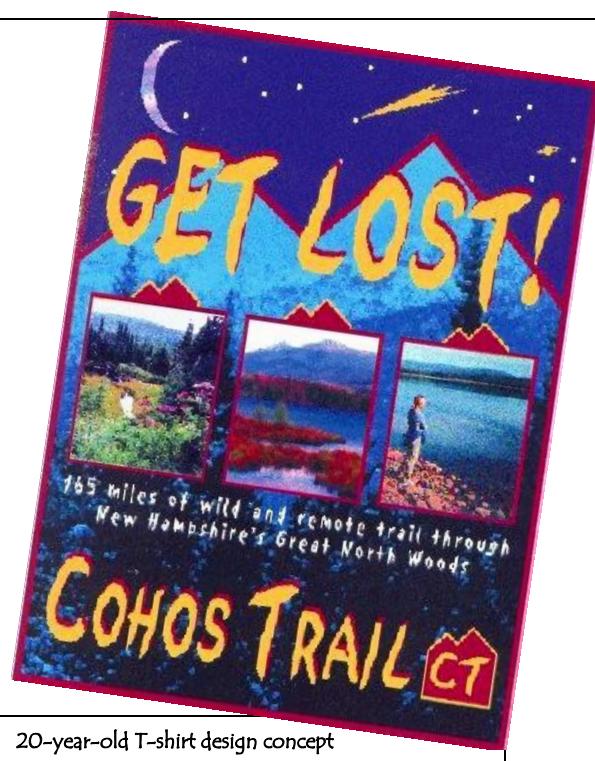
The day's activities will include working on the Tumbledick Mt. Trail and the Sugar Hill Trail south of Coleman State Park, a social hour and cookout dinner, and an hour-long slide presentation.

CT RACK CARD DESIGNED

With half its economy tied to tourism, it's little wonder that there are tourism racks at most state waysides, state parks and emporiums, and in private businesses by the hundreds.



The Cohos Trail Association, through a grant from the Coos Economic Development Corporation, is developing a full-color, two-sided rack card that will help put us on the map, so to speak, through displays on tourism racks far and wide. The rack card features exceptional



20-year-old T-shirt design concept

North Country photos from Chris Whiton (whitemountainimages.com), John Compton, Robert John Kozlow and Ken MacGray. It also displays a simplified map of the entire trail system, so there's no mistaking the size and reach of the 170-mile Cohos Trail in the North Country. The card is being designed by Denise Siraco of Elementary Design Studio and will be printed by Smith and Town Printers of Berlin.

KILKENNY RIDGE TRAIL MAKEOVER

The powerful October storm of 2017 impacted the forests of Coos County rather dramatically in many areas, but perhaps none more so than within the Kilkenny Division of the White Mountain National Forest. The high elevation, lengthy eastern ridgeline of Mt. Waumbek and the three summits of the Mt. Weeks chain were pummeled by high velocity winds, causing extensive damage.

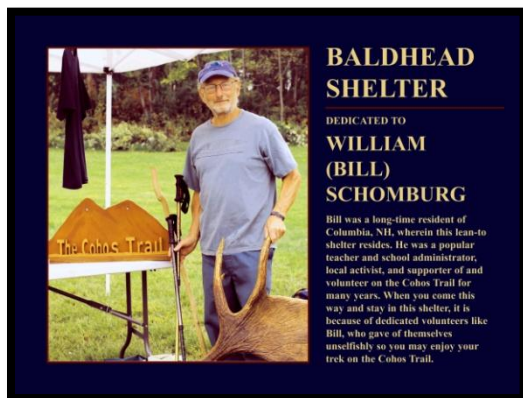
We received word from early hikers this year that there were many hundreds of trees snapped off or uprooted by last fall's nasty weather. Just before the hiking season began in earnest, a Forest Service crew spent days in the high country cutting and cutting and cutting to clear a hasty path through the heavy tangle.

In August, Cohos Trail volunteers scheduled a work day with the Forest Service to get back into that country, to Terrace Mt., to do cutting,

cleaning, branch lopping and blazing so the trail is all the more improved and easily followed.

Terrace's three summits proved manageable with hand tools. Mt. Waumbek's long ridge, however, like some sections of the highly exposed Davis Path on the Montalban Ridge south of Mt. Washington, is a bit more exposed to fierce elements and trees on the heights routinely take a savage beating.

A TRIBUTE TO CT BOOSTER, BILL SCHOMBURG



The Cohos Trail Association lost a valued member of its trail fraternity when William (Bill) Schomburg of Columbia Township passed away early this year.

Bill was a member of the board of directors, a long-time Cohos Trail booster, an active trail maintainer, and a real pleasure to work with regardless of the task. He was well known in the region. He taught history at Colebrook Academy for years, was a school administrator, participated in many local civic organizations, and was a force within our trail association.

We very much miss Bill. He was a gift to all of us who build and maintain the CT.

PULLING OFF NILSEN'S LEG

TCTA President Ken Vallery and founder Kim Nilsen have been working in tandem to try to develop a new direct pathway north from

Coleman State Park in Stewartstown to the dual inlet bridges at the easternmost extent



of Lake Francis in the town of Clarksville.

The goal of creating a new path is to pull the Cohos Trail off ATV traveled routes altogether and find a fully forested avenue north. Such a trail, were it to be built, would make it possible for hikers to move between Coleman State Park and Lake Francis State Park in a single day.

Over the course of a year, Nilsen tramped about some of the territory and created several optional maps based on what he found, and Vallery met with the LandVest timberowners and Sandy Young, manager of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Working Forest (CLHWF) to try to formalize a route that would be satisfactory to all.

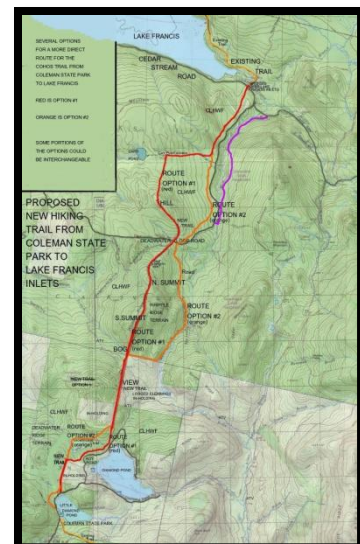
To speed things along, Vallery, with the help of his wife, Kim Votta, wrote a small Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund grant in the hopes of being able to contract with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center in E. Charleston, Vermont to provide a backcountry crew who could layout the route if and when it was signed off.

The grant money was forthcoming and the NWSC crew has been contracted with to do the work in the fall. All this was done with a mind toward brushing out a new trail in 2019 at the earliest or 2020 at the latest.

If built, the new pathway would be approximately seven miles in length. The new route would cut out many miles of walking on road and ATV corridor.

After a bit of searching for a name for the new path, the suggestion "Nilsen's Leg" seems to have a toehold, at least so far.

At the right is a map with various alternative routes penciled in for a proposed new foot path between Coleman State Park and Lake Francis' eastern stream inlet bridges. Such a trail would allow the CT to get off of ATV corridors altogether. In all likelihood, the path will follow the more eastern lines on this map.





A semi-permanent tent "city concept illustration for a hiker hostel compound created 20 years ago atop an image taken on Dixville Peak.

FACEBOOK CT MEMBERS CLIMBING, CLIMBING

Gauging the extent of the interest in the Cohos Trail was impossible before the advent of Facebook. Right now, the Friends of the Cohos Trail page is getting a goodly share of traffic and the number of members is climbing quickly.

Within a month or so of the publication of this *Cohos Trekker* newsletter, the number of Facebook 'Friends' should reach 1,500 and may actually run up to as high as 1,700 by the end of the year.

What is happening now is this: as more people join the page, others that they are acquainted with a member hear about the trail and the content of the page and they want to join, as well. So a trickle over the last few years has become a stream.

Facebook has been instrumental in reaching folks who wish to help us maintain the trail and even adopt a path. It has been very useful in recruiting folks to join us when we build new trail infrastructure, such as the Tillotston Hut lean-to and the new Devil's Rest Shelter.

Byline: TCTA Secretary Tammy Hirschhorn

MEMBERSHIP REVAMP

Over the last few months, The Cohos Trail Association has made a real effort to address membership renewals. Now, once you sign up as a member of TCTA, you will automatically

receive a renewal notice once your membership renewal comes due. Because you are critical to the life of the Cohos Trail, we want to keep you in the know. We want you to continue to receive newsletters, special invitations, work day dates and such via your email.

Byline: TCTA Secretary Tammy Hirschhorn

HALL OF FAME UPDATE

The completion of a thru-hike of the Cohos Trail is a substantial accomplishment. We would like to recognize our youngest members to our Hall of Fame.

THRU-HIKE

First female 12 and younger: Sage Herr, 12

First male 12 and younger: Aloysius Franzen, 11

SECTION HIKE

First female 12 and younger: Misty Rose

Adams, 11 and Annalee Marie Adams, 12

First male 12 and younger: *

*As you can see, we have an opening for the first male 12 and younger to section hike the Cohos Trail. If you know some young person who should be listed in that slot in the Hall of Fame, let us know.

A SHADY, FORESTED ASCENT OF DIXVILLE PEAK

Twenty years ago, the trek out of Kelsey Notch to the summit of Dixville Peak was considerably more pleasant than it is today. In the last decade, the Kelsey Notch Road was converted from a grassy woods lane into a busy ATV corridor and the climb up Dixville Peak was converted from an old winding jeep track into what looks a bit like Interstate highway northbound lanes in width because the way was widened substantially so that huge construction vehicles could get wind-turbine tower steel up onto the mountain.

We have been talking about a direct bypass of all that by running due north from our Kelsey Notch Trail from a location about half way up Baldhead Mountain to our Dixville Bypass trail a bit below the summit of Dixville Peak.

We now have figured out a distinct route that is promising, both because it can be readily traced in the forests of the area and because



At Trailblazer bridge over Nash Stream in the Nash Stream Forest, Mt. Whitcomb stands tall to the north.

it follows, for the most part, township, state forestland and Forest Society land boundaries that should stay intact even if timber harvests are undertaken in the vicinity.

Here is a brief rundown of the proposed route. We'll start a little less than half way up the north flank of Baldhead Mountain on the present Kelsey Notch Trail. At that point, the Kelsey Notch Trail crosses the eastern boundary of the township of Columbia and conjoined eastern boundary of the Nash Stream. From that point, the trail would strike north on a straight track following the Columbia/NFS boundary line. After falling downhill for less than half a mile, the new path would cross directly over the Kelsey Notch Road and begin tracking uphill in moderate to moderately steep terrain.

The treadway north of the Kelsey Notch Road would soon cross an east/west boundary line of the unincorporated town of Dixville and continue following the Nash Stream Forest boundary north. About two fifths of a mile north of the road, the route would come up on a blue-blazed corner and turn almost 90-degrees due east. In a short stretch the path would leave the Nash Stream Forest for good, hug the ridge at about 3,000 feet elevation and intersect with a narrow parcel of land that is managed by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The new pathway would thread that

narrow high ridge parcel until it reaches the existing Dixville Bypass near that trail's southeastern end. On the northern end of the Bypass, we would eventually like to cross the ATV trail there and thread a treadway parallel to it 100 feet to the east until it reaches the our Wilderness Link.

If built, this extension of the Kelsey Notch Trail would greatly improve the hiking experience in the area and provide new vistas from the southeast to the southwest.

THE NEXT 20 YEARS

Crystal Ball time! Imagine the Cohos Trail in 2038. There are already ideas

circulating about things that could be accomplished on the long pathway.

Here are some pie-in-the-sky thoughts.

#1: The Cohos Trail Association builds a hiker hostel/headquarters in Stark just off Route 110 near the Upper Ammonoosuc River or not far from Pike Pond within feet of the Nash Stream Forest.

#2: Deer Mountain firetower is restored as a four-story viewing platform.

#3: There are several tent platforms in Jefferson near the Col. Whipple Road and two near the branch of Clear Stream in Dixville Notch.

#4: A thru-trail is built between Deer Mt. firetower and Fourth Connecticut Lake on the Canadian border.

#5: A direct trail is laid out from the north end of the Col. Whipple Trail to the vicinity of the AppleBrook B&B in Jefferson, a path that leaps the Israel River on a simple swinging bridge.

#6: Pond Brook Falls Trail gets a new bridge, too, maybe a covered bridge.

#7: Baldhead Mt. gets a new composting latrine.

#8: Coon Brook Bridge is fully restored

#9: The Cohos Trail gets longer (longer than the Appalachian Trail in NH), starting in Bartlett and running over Mt. Parker and Resolution to make use of the Mt. Langdon Shelter.

#10: We partner with the Sentiers Frontaliers in Quebec to put tent platforms on Mt. D'Urban smack on the border at 3,000 feet elevation.

#11: We help the Forest Service restore the Mt. Cabot watchman's cabin.

THE LAST WORD

LOPSTICK LYNX

Lopstick Cabins in Pittsburg posted several photos of a rare lynx nearby their resort a few weeks ago. Lynx tracks were reported in snow in Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge nearly a decade ago. Apparently, the remarkable cat with the ear tufts and huge feet is making a bit of a comeback.

MORE MOOSE

More moose sightings have been reported of late, but only about 50 percent of calves make it through their first year, largely because they succumb to anemia from loss of blood due to tick infestation.

MT. CABOT CABIN

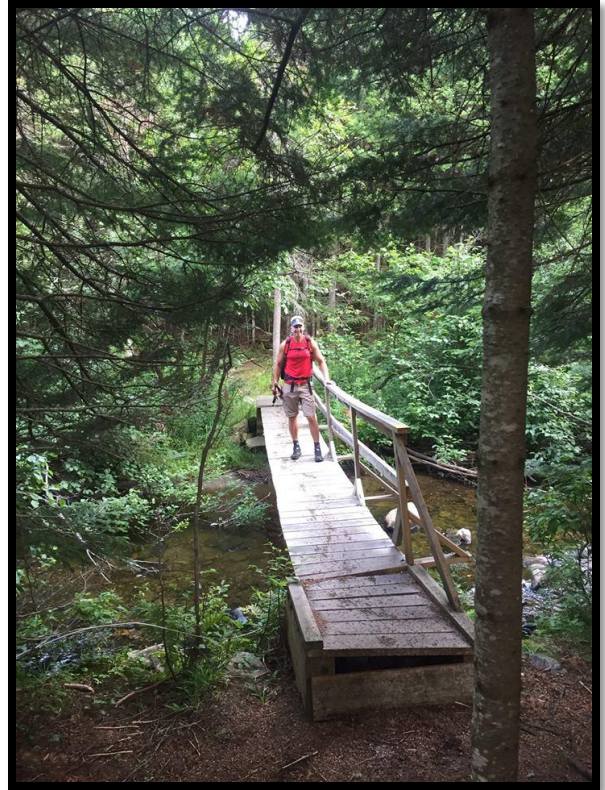
WMNF Ranger Nat Peters speculated that the Mt. Cabot watchman's cabin a quarter mile from the summit of the mountain might get a reworking in a year or two. He said that the interior would likely be converted into one large room, a picnic table installed, the bunks removed, and the ceiling removed to create a vaulted ceiling overhead (now a favorite place for rodents to hide).

TALUS SLOPE VIEW

Speaking of Mt. Cabot, about half way between the cabin and Bunnell Rock lookout a bit farther down the mountain, the Mt. Cabot Trail passes a vast talus slope with extraordinary views. However, it is not readily apparent to folks moving up and down the mountain that that talus slope is very close by. One way to find it is to watch carefully on the right (going uphill) or left (going downhill) for what seems like the forest thinning a bit and a fair collection of stone atop the ground. By striking east in that vicinity, you may in a under a minute approach the talus and the grand view it provides. In all of the Pilot and Pliny Ranges there is no better viewpoint.

LAINIE'S LAIR

On the R&J Chaput Trail just northwest of Second Connecticut Lake there is an interesting glacial erratic boulder assembly that provides a low roof for those who are caught out in the rain



Crossing Big Brook Bridge, a critical link in the Falls in the River Trail in northern Pittsburg. Photo by Lori Hall Innes.

and want to take cover for a while. There is a fine sign that marks the location in northern Pittsburg.

Ken MacGray, the guru behind 52 With A View, has been helpful to the Cohos Trail cause by getting people familiar with Great North Woods summits such as the North Percy Peak, The Horn, Sugarloaf (Stratford), and Magalloway. Ken has also donated photography to the Cohos Trail Association.

The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville has been closed now going into its eighth year.

A sincere Thank You to the literally hundreds of folks who have given us at The Cohos Trail Association a helping hand over our first twenty years. It's one thing to conjure an idea. It's quite another to make that idea a reality. Volunteers made the mighty Cohos Trail!



The Last Word continued

Speaking of volunteers, in August several crews assembled to move out into the forests to tackle problems on the pathways from the Kilkenny to northern Pittsburg Township.



Upper left and center right, an impromptu crew helps trail adopter Mary Sturtevant make improvements on the popular Falls in the River Trail in northern Pittsburg Township.

Top and bottom right, another motley crew of CT volunteers works the pathway over the three summits of Terrace Mt. and breaks for lunch near the summit.

Bottom left. Bonnie puts the final touches on a new bog bridge.

Photos by Tammy Hirschhorn, David Drew, and Sue Wentworth.

