

June 2009 Work Trip

Workers attending and days credited: Bill Boudman - 8, Jim Houck - 10, Paul Haag - 1, Tom Dillon - 2, Mark Doty - 4, Norma Johnson - 4, John Hartpence - 5, Andrew Mitchell - 5, Bill Sadler - 7, Greg Weaver - 8, Walter Trogdon - 1, Michael Poore - 5, Margaret Wainwright - 5, Karl Kunkel - 1, Steve Yonts - 2, Mark Stanley - 1, Will Merritt - 1, Chris Bracknell - 3, David Faucette - 2, Betsy Trusscott - 1, David Emrey - 1, Martha Emrey - 1,
If I have left out anyone or days worked let me know so I can send it to Paul.

Work Accomplished:

Monday - Review/walk of Nelson-Tilson Homestead, Olystery walk thru
Tuesday - Rainout of walk through to Jenkins, Walked Trail Boss Section and AT loop- USFS worked on it.
Wednesday - Productive meeting on Nelson-Tilson Homestead. Praise for Steve and Greg
Thursday/Saturday - Chatfield to Settlers Museum work/Olystery cribbing (50 feet of cribbing/trail building)
1.75 of trail Lopped
12 ft. of gravel laid
7 water bars, 1 rock, 4 added crush and fill/ all fanned
14 check dams, 2 rock
9 ft. rail added to slope for steps at 644 (future worktrip will add 3-4 steps)
Stepping stones added to stream crossing
90 ft. of Berm removed
2 spring and stream diversions constructed to move water across trail
2- 25 ft. logs placed to aid in a high water stream crossing
1 blow down removed
1 spring diversion
2 dips put in to remove water
1 spring diversion across trail
1 - 3 plank stream crossing constructed/replacement

Thanks before hand to Margaret Wainwright and David Faucette for their visit on Monday to our NC Representatives from Congress in appreciation for their support of the purchase of the Nelson/Tilson Homestead and the Tract of land on and around Erwin, Tennessee. (I forgot the name of it.)

Some of you will be receiving in the mail your hours bars in the coming weeks.

Thanks to all of those that came to work. I am very sorry that we had to close up early. Please accept my apologies but it was a necessary. Those things just happen.

Bill Boudman
PATH
Trail Supervisor

June Trip review by John Hartpence-Secretary

Just arrived home from the "Wet and Wonderful" AT. We had a great Summerfest 8. We had around 16 members present this week and a few volunteer through hikers who helped us out on the trail.

We spent most of the week working from Va. 644 to the Settler's Museum . On Thursday the water in the Vaught Creek was the highest most of us ever saw. The Big Project--Get the Water off the AT and be able to cross the creeks. This was accomplished by putting in numerous water bars and check dams. Some were rock water bars and check dams. The rest were made from Locust Logs. We made 3 stream crossings. With the help of 5 "young" Thru hikers we were able to put two 20 foot stringers across one of the streams. One crossing we put large flat rocks in the stream to act as stepping stones. We cleaned out the creek and used rocks along the shoreline to help prevent erosion and aid in the crossing. We used crush stones to aid entrance to the trail on both sides of the AT at Va. 644.

Chris Bracknell used the new mower to cut behind Cumbos(US 11) and at the Kegley property. He says it is like have an "MG" on the trail!!

One crew finished up the project at O'Lystery and changed over the compost latrine at Knot Maul Shelter.

Thanks to Andrew Mitchell for leading the Va. 644 project!!!

On Wednesday we had a meeting with the ATC, USFS, and Path at Sugar Grove on the Nelson Tract(off Va. 610). According to Laura Belleville from the ATC, we should have the sale finalized in about 60 days. Discussion was made on topics about what were The Points to Address concerning the Nelson Tract. Twenty "concerns" were presented and discussed. We will be working on these concerns in the near future. The promise for the Nelson Tract is fantastic. Thanks to Greg Weaver, from PATH, for facilitating this meeting.

Thanks to Michael Poore for camp sitting and acting as chief cook. At breakfast Sweet Willie, Attila and "patter" John boy made breakfast. Michael made his famous Salmon Cakes on Saturday night.

Congratulation go out to Kim Wall and Andrew Mitchell on their arrival Friday night of their 5th grandchild--a beautiful baby girl(In Raleigh). Andrew left Saturday night to pay his first visit to the newest Mitchell. What a great birthday-June 19-Same as John Boy (who again celebrated his birthday at Summerfest).

Norma Johnson from Chapel Hill attended her first worktrip. She learned very quickly how to sidehill and make check dams and waterbars. On Saturday morning she got word that her brother was very ill in Pa. She had to leave to go to Pa. (A follow up note indicated that her brother had finally stabilized and on his way to recovery... Our

prayers go out to Norma, her brother and her whole family---PATH is really an extended family)