

PATH Workday – 07-23-21

One-day

Drove up to the new Dry Run Turnpike to take photos with the NEEF grant sign for the final report. Very nice work, Jim and crews, on the new turnpike! Also checked out the sobo new steps installed by Jerry Kyle with his work crew. He asked me while at Sugar Grove for the June PATH work weekend if I had seen them. He was rightly proud of that work.



Drove to VA42 Olystery to walk into Lynn Camp Creek Bridge project area (bridge and possible relo to a creek ford spot) to take photos with the NEEF grant sign for the final report. Saw one black snake, 6 deer, and one humanoid (not sure about this one though as he/she had on earphones and I could only get a grunt acknowledgement). Picked up one heavy duty shirt (not typical hiker lightweight) in the woods near the Knot Maul Creek bridge. There was no human (or remnants thereof) attached. Took the shirt to the Knot Maul Shelter for hiker retrieval or future disposal. I intend to post something on "Friends of the AT" Facebook and/or Guthooks in case this is an heirloom. The long picnic table at Knot Maul Shelter is beginning to show signs of deterioration. In my opinion, it could use a short term fix of sealing/staining. The small "café" picnic table is now at the tenting site just sobo of the shelter. There was a large blowdown sobo of the shelter – 62" off the ground so a duck under if you are watching. If not, you will remember it for a while. It will take a chain saw. It can be done with the one-man crosscut but dependent on age, you will either retire or expire before it is finished. A few other small, stepover blowdowns, and some low-hanging rhodos needing lopping. Some poison ivy on the short approach trail from the parking lot.





Drove up to the Flat Hollow Road area north/east of Bland to give Steve Yonts the old NOLS WFA training manual and retrieve the "PATH 40-mile Club" patches from Diana Billups. (bag of 74 retrieved). **Jim, I can hang on to these and administer this program unless someone else really has a craving.**