

## May 2014 Volunteer PATH Report

Thursday May-15th: Jim Houck took duff buckets into Chatfield Shelter privy, Knocked down the cone & added duff.

Friday May-16th: Steve Yonts, Ron Hudnell & Jim Houck hiked into Davis Farm campsite to check things out. The Blue blaze trail, in & out is fine, with a few easy(tree)step-overs. Some minor tread rehab could be done. The stream/water source was flowing well. The campsite showed little use with only a few ashes in the fire ring. Cribbing around the campsite is old, but is serviceable.

Chris Bracknell & Andrew Sam did D.R. mowing in the I-81 & Settlers Museum areas.

Saturday May-17th: The crew set out on the 2.5 hour hike into Jenkins shelter, carrying tools & supplies. Sylvia Swain, Kay Laffoon, Jeff Brown & Dan Tito applied a gallon of stain on the shelter exterior & cleaned up around.

Herb MacDonald, David Faucette, Hayden Faucette & Andrew Sam constructed rock steps leading down to the shelter water source.

Jim Houck switched the privy & cleaned out the bid, leaving a large empty collection bin. Should be OK till next spring.

We finished up around 1:30pm & hiked the 2.5 hours(huffing&puffing) back out to the VA-615 parking lot. It was a good, clear, cool day for hiking & working.

Meanwhile:

Barry Hester cleared 2 blowdowns & did trail assessment, North of VA-615.

Martha & David Emrey did weed eating along The boardwalk at Dry Run, and also along the puncheons at the N. Fork of the Holston River.

They also cleaned up trash at several trail heads.

Martha & David took time to visit with Jonan Repass in Wytheville assisted living home. They report that she looks quite well & being around people in the home may be giving her a needed boost & purpose.

I was quite pleased with the projects we completed.

We now only have Knot Maul shelter to do, then all 5 of our shelters will have been spruced up.

Returning to Stony Fork, we enjoyed companionship, conversation & pot-luck. Yum-yum.

Walt & Charlene hosted the Pot-luck meal at the Stony Fork cabin on Saturday evening.

On Sunday & Monday they did trail assessment & some lopping & clearing of the Nature trail at the campground.

See weekend pictures at: <http://www.path-at.org/gallery/index.php/Path---2014?page=6>

### Weekend Attendees:

Chris Bracknell - 1

Jeff Brown - 1

Charlene Davis - 2

Walt Davis - 2

David Emrey - 1

Martha Emrey - 1

David Faucette - 1

Hayden Faucette - 1

Barry Hester - 1

Ron Hudnell - 1  
Kay Laffoon - 1  
Jim Houck - 3  
Herb MacDonald - 1  
Andrew Sam - 2  
Sylvia Swain - 1  
Dan Tito - 1  
Steve Yonts - 1

A good, productive, fun weekend.  
Thanks to all who could make it.

Next outing: June 19-23, Summerfest on Tilson Farmstead.

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