

October 2013 Trail Reports.

**From: Herb MacDonald**

**Subject:** Oct-19th Work Day Activities!

I went to my Sugar Grove section(Partnership-South) and hiked into the third creek crossing. I installed a plastic yard mesh on the foot bridge to improve traction on frosty mornings.

Hiked out by noon and drove to my Bland section(VA-615, South to Jenkins Shelter). Went to the area of my planned step project and sorted through rocks until I found the makings of five rock steps and stacked them, for when I can get some help with the project.

**Spent 10 hours on the work day, travel and trail work.**

Herb

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**From: Kay Laffoon**

**Subject:** Oct- 20th Work Day Activities!

Charlotte, Abby, and I worked my section from Partnership shelter, down to the bridge on Sunday. We cleared the water bars and did some lopping as well. While working, we met 4 hikers coming toward Partnership Shelter. All informed us that the trail was clearno trees down and thanked us for our work. The mesh Herb put on the bridge looks great and will help with the cold and snowy season approaching.

We cleaned our equipment we used and put it back in our tool barn at Sugar Grove. Including driving time, we worked 10 hours.

Abby really enjoyed her time on the trail and hopes to bring both her parents up on our final hike soon. We plan to hike the same section of trail we did with the 5 high school students last year- from 86 to Settlers Museum.

Kay

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**From: William Burke.**

**Subject:** Trail work report.

Oct. 18, I finished clearing weeds and brush along boardwalk south of VA- 617 that I started in Aug.

Oct.19, I went with Chris to cut down a tree across the trail just north of the road just north of the Chatfield shelter. Then went to the boardwalk just north of the RR for the rest of the day with

Barbara and Chris. It looks a lot better. Barbara took a picture before and after.

Will Burke, 16 hours + Travel

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**From: Walt Davis.**

**Subject:** October Trail report.

After the cabin reopened on the 24th following the gov shutdown we were fortunate to be able to rebook our cabin reservations to this past Monday, Oct 28th.

We walked our section Wednesday (Oct 30) and found it to be in excellent condition. Apparently, Chris had cut it with the DR mower. Also, weeds had been cut on both sides of the puncheon, a big improvement. The steps and path to the Davis Family Cemetery were also in good shape. We spent 4 hours, including travel time from Stony Fork, pruning and lopping blackberry briars.

We walked the Stony Fork nature trail yesterday. We need to see if we can locate more of the yellow metal blazes because, with leaves covering the trail, we wondered at times if we were still on the trail. There are 3 fallen trees across the trail but none too large to step over.

10 hours each for Walt & Charlene.

Walt and Charlene Davis

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**From: Chris Bracknell**

**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2013 6:48 PM

**Subject:** Oct 19th work weekend

**Barbara Council** - 8hrs, travel & work ( Brush cutting at the board walk)

**Chris Bracknell** - 8 hrs, travel & work (Cleared tree below 644/FS86, water control dips south of railroad, and cut brush around boardwalk.)

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**From: Mark Stanley**

**Subject:** Oct 19th work weekend

Oct 20. Lopped poor valley to the pond. Everything fine.

Also,

There is a huge oak across the trail North of 615, about 3/4 of the way in to the Trail Boss intersection. Will need chainsaw to cut out a section, or a nice notch cut in it to step across and to keep 4 wheelers out. Photo attached. I guess it fell in this weeks high winds. Otherwise things looked good.

See picture @: <http://www.path-at.org/gallery/index.php/Trail-Management-Committee>

10 hours + Travel.

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**From: Steven Fishback**

**Subject:** Oct 19th work weekend

Fri Oct 18th - Finished staining or applying 2nd coat on chestnut shelter. Various other piddly things.

Met a number of older section hikers going north or south. All had good things to say about our sections. None had anything to report as far as problems or blow downs.

Spring at Big pond - flowing well

Spring on jeep trail - dry

Spring at Walker Gap - flowing well.

7 hours travel time; 8 hours work.