

First Trail Work Day Completed

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Milan Trail Huggers

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We had a dedicated group of 9 volunteers show up for our first trail work day of 2018. The group included Leo Couture, Steve Kellet, Dave Lemiere, John and Jane Ryan, Ed Matton, Donna Eastabrook, Trenton Eastabrook and John Higgins. The crew met at Gord's Corner Store and then were sent out in different directions to do various tasks.

Leo Couture and Steve Kellet were in charge of installing signs. Larry had been working since Friday to get over 200 signs organized. He gave a group of signs to Leo and Steve for a specific area and then they went out, completed the installation and came back to Gord's Store for the next batch of signs.

John and Jane Ryan were in charge of seeding a section of the new Head Pond Trail that did not get done. By the time the excavator work was finished last fall, it was too cold to seed. During the week, club Treasurer Janet Roberge had picked up large bag of grass seed and this was spread out along the ditch lines of the trail by John and Jane Ryan using hand operated spreaders. On the way down the trail access road, they also cut up a half-dozen trees that were blown down in a recent windstorm.

The rest of the volunteers worked on picking up trash long Rt. 110A and Rt. 110B. Bags and safety vests were provided by the State of New Hampshire and it took the group over 6 hours to complete the cleanup along these roads. Once they completed their trail work, John and Jane joined in to help finish the trash cleanup on the state roads.

The cleaning crew then headed west along West Milan Road, Old Rt. 110, Plains Road, Paris Road, Meadow Road and Bell Hill Road and Percy Road. When they got part way down Percy Road, showers broke out the crew called it a day after cleaning up over 10 miles of roads!

It was a great effort by all and our thanks go out to everyone who participated.

We still have to pick up trash along the rest of the Corridor D trail through Stark from Bell Hill Road to the credit card gas station in Stark. We are hoping that some of the local riders will pitch in to clean that section of the trail.

Here are some pictures from Saturday:



John and Jane Ryan cleared some downed trees along the new Head Pond Connector Trail before spreading grass seed on a section of trail that did not get done last fall.



Club volunteers spread out collecting trash thrown out of car windows over the winter. By the end of Saturday, they had cleaned up over 7 miles of Rt. 110A and Rt. 110B that also serve as ATV connector trails in the summer.