



North Country CEDS Meeting

AMC & North
Country Recreation
Economy

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- 35-year AMC career, Sugar, NH resident
- Represent and support NH-based policy priorities aligned with broader AMC conservation goals.
- Develop and maintain productive federal, state, and other partnerships
- Support securing mission-based trail contracts and public services.



AMC at a Glance - nearly 150 years

Fostering the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the outdoors.

- 1800+ miles of trails
- 260 miles of the Appalachian Trail
- **Professional Trail Building & Conservation Corps**
- Thousands of **outdoor recreation & conservation activities** each year
- Resource for gear, trip information, **outdoor experiences**
- Land and **recreation managers**
- **Agency, NGO, and community collaborations**
- Researchers
- Advocates
- National LWCF Coalition Coordination





Trails & Recreation Management



Professional
Trail Crews

AmeriCorps
Crews

Regional



Youth Workforce
Development Crews

Staff-led
Volunteer Opportunities

Trail Training and



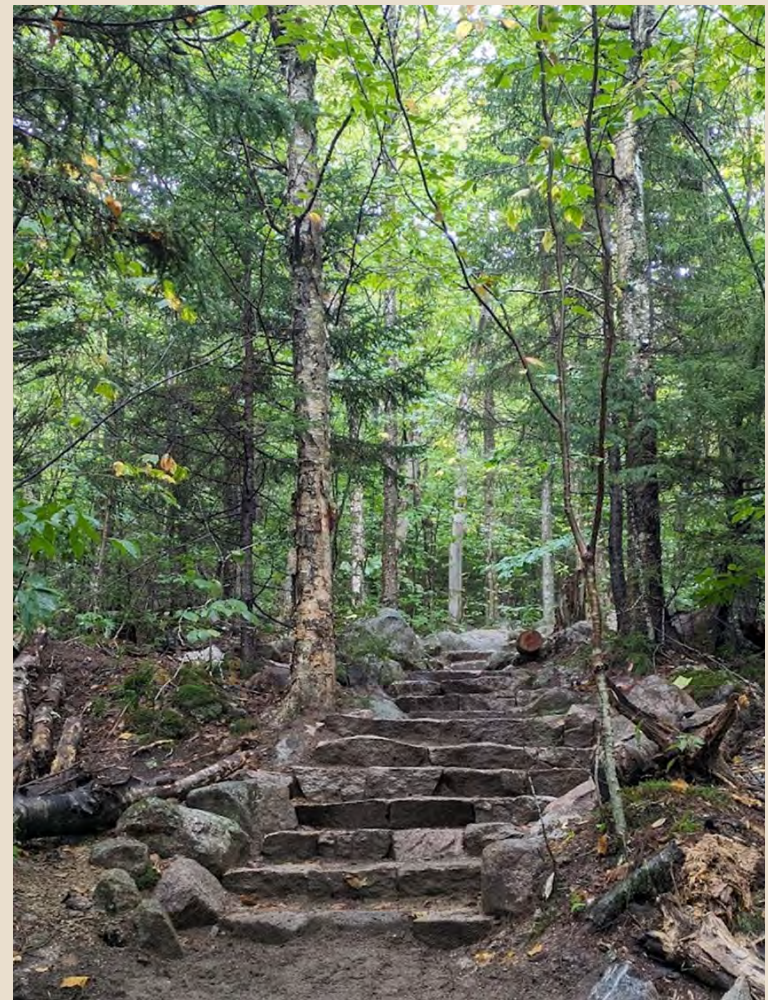
Backcountry Resource
Management

Professional Trail Services.



2024 NH Trail Projects

- Sweet Trail Trail Signs - Nature Conservancy
- Privy Project (year 2 of 2) - GAOA WMNF
- Level 1 Wilderness Youth Engagement WMNF
- Lancaster Town Forest Trail Signs - Northern Forest Center
- Dartmouth College Trail Skills Training
- Cold River Camp Trail Sign Contract
- Twinway Trail & Kinsman Ridge Trail - ATC
- Staff-Led Volunteer Events on Old Bridle Path - WTN
- Rumney Rocks Project - GAOA WMNF
- Green Hills Preserve Trail Projects - TNC-NH
- Franconia Loops Trails (Year 3 of 5)
- Andro Area Trails GAOA - WMNF
- Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail Project - GAOA WMNF
- Meredith Conservation Commission Trail Bridge
- Lancaster Town Forest Trail Construction - Northern Forest Center
- Dublin Trail Mt Monadnock Trail Project - SPNHF



Outdoor Experiences



High Huts

Backcountry
Campsites

Hiker Shuttle



White Mountain Lodges

Volunteer Camps & Cabins

Roadside Visitor Centers



Guided Adventures

Groups

Custom Adventures

Outdoor Experiences

Recreation Services

- 100,000+ guest bednights in Huts & Lodges
- 136 A Mountain Classroom trips engaging 3,776 students
- 24 trips supported by the Outdoor Journey Fund
- 49, 281 hiker interactions in the Huts concerning trip planning; 2, 780 hiker plans changed for the better
- 540 unexpected overnights in Huts
- 120 Information Volunteers providing 5945 hours of hiking safety information
- 28 Alpine Stewards providing 896 hours of hiking safety information
- 99 search and rescue calls, 777 hours of service

* Year-end 2023 data





