

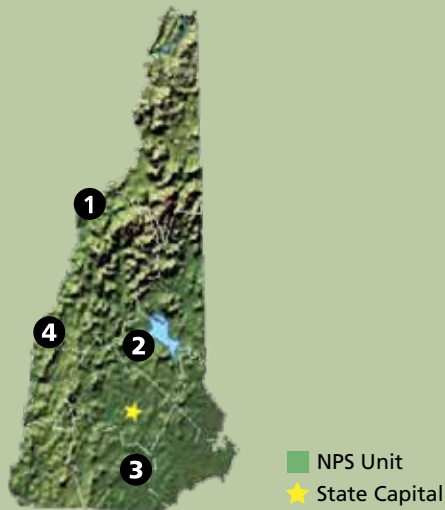


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Mt. Cardigan: Terminus of the Quabbin to Cardigan Trail. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail
Vermont River Conservancy
2. Meredith Village Eco-Trail
Town of Meredith
3. Souhegan River Walk
Merrimack Town Center Committee
4. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps
Upper Valley Trail Alliance

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Recent Successes

Upper Valley High School Trail Corps Completes First Successful Year

In the summer of 2013, ten high school girls from five different towns in New Hampshire and Vermont, experienced what it is like to work in the outdoor recreation sector as members of



Members of the Upper Valley High School Trail Corps.
Photo: John Taylor, Upper Valley Trails Alliance

the Upper Valley High School Trail Corps. The members spent two weeks with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and the National Park Service splitting their time between learning trail work, acquiring outdoor knowledge, and having fun. The corps worked on ten trails in six Upper Valley towns. They also enjoyed working alongside the Dartmouth Outing Club's trail crew for a couple of days, and a crew of Student Conservation Association volunteers, stationed at Marsh-Billings-

Rockefeller National Historical Park, who helped them finish an accessible trail at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science.

The Upper Valley High School Trail Corps members had a great time building their team and learning together. In addition to rail-trail clearing, building solid water bars, and brushing out new trail, the corps also tried stand-up paddle boarding, explored a local science museum, and slid down a zip-line. After such a successful first year, the program will continue in 2014 with the goal of expanding into the school year.

We're Here For You!

Could your project benefit from NPS Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.



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2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

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Current Projects

1. Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail

Project Partners: VT River Conservancy, St. Gaudens National Historical Park, Conte National Wildlife Refuge, Connecticut River National Blueway
NPS Contact: Lelia Mellen
Location: CT River through NH and VT
Congressional Districts: NH - 2; VT - 1

Project Goal

Strengthen the trail and assist those groups working on the trail.

NPS Role

Assist with improving stewardship of existing and potential access points, developing shared stewardship and a network of site adopters, outreach, trail expansion, and strategic planning.

2. Meredith Village Eco-Trail

Project Partner: Town of Meredith
NPS Contact: Lelia Mellen
Location: Meredith
Congressional District: NH - 1

Project Goal

Build the trail, develop a funding plan, and create a boardwalk design.

NPS Role

Develop an in-town trail that connects the village, along the stream, to the Meredith recreation area.

3. Souhegan River Walk

Project Partner: Merrimack Town Center Committee
NPS Contact: Lelia Mellen
Location: Merrimack
Congressional District: NH - 1

Project Goal

Build non-motorized connections through Merrimack.

NPS Role

Develop a trail through Merrimack which connects the middle and high school, conservation land, and the downtown. The trail will be along the river where a dam has been removed.



A busy launch site on the Connecticut River.
Photo: NPS

4. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps

Project Partner: Upper Valley Trails Alliance
NPS Contact: Lelia Mellen
Location: Lebanon and Hanover, NH; Hartford and Norwich, VT
Congressional Districts: NH - 2; VT - 1

Project Goal

Inspire kids to get outside, give back to their communities, and learn outdoor skills; help with local trail efforts.

NPS Role

Continue assistance with the Upper Valley High School Trail Corps by broadening and strengthening the program, including connecting with the Dartmouth Outing Club.

"The successful pilot of the Upper Valley High School Trail Program was a great milestone for our organization... the assistance provided by the NPS was invaluable to the project and we are excited to move the project to the next level in 2014."

- Russell Hirschler, Executive Director, Upper Valley Trails Alliance.