Clifford G. Grant Reservation Volunteer Trail Building – Fall 2013 Schedule

Sunday November 24 9AM High School Parking Lot Remaining trail work dates TBD

Earlier this year, the Easton Conservation Commission received a Recreation Trails Grant from the state to build trails in the Clifford Grant Parcel. This fall we start the second phase of this project building puncheon board-walks to link the newly created trail loop.



Work will consist of building wooden puncheon board walks, including moving boardwalk materials & footings into the woods, and final installation (among other activities and projects). Tools will be provided. For any of our work sessions, no experience is necessary, just a desire to work with some great people, having fun working hard and helping contribute to something that benefits all of us. The fall schedule will be updated as time & project work progresses. If you plan on attending, please send an rsvp email to Chris Patrick at <u>mtbchris@gmail.com</u>.

PLEASE BE PREPARED!

We provide you with tools and plenty of work to do, but if you want to help us out you need to be prepared. This means being properly dressed. The right clothes are necessary for your safety and we emphasize safety.

When you arrive for a work party please be wearing:

- A sturdy pair of boots. Standard hiking boots are fine. Tennis shoes are not!
- A long pair of pants. No shorts!
- A long-sleeved shirt.
- Work gloves.

Proper clothing is necessary for your safety.

Please also bring your own bug-repellant, water and snacks.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How much experience do I need?

A. None. We will assign tasks to each of our volunteers, and throughout the time teach about the proper methods of trail construction and maintenance. We hope by investing our time in teaching you trail maintenance you'll come back and join us again.

Q. What should I wear? What should I bring?

A. All volunteers should wear a sturdy pair of boots (no tennis shoes!), long pants and bring work gloves. It's recommended that you wear a long-sleeve shirt too. In addition, bring bug-repellant, water and snack.

Q. May I leave early? Arrive late?

A. Yes: Please indicate if you will be arriving late (if possible) in your rsvp email or call 617 315 5647 (no texting please).

Q. What is the latest date that I can sign up for a work party?

A. An RSVP is not required, but it helps to organize tools and projects if you RSVP. If you are coming last minute, just arrive at the trail work meeting spot and we will get you started on a project. RSVP Chris Patrick at <u>mtbchris@gmail.com</u> or mobile 617 315 5647 if you will be attending (no texting please).

Q. Can I bring my kids?

A. Yes! Anyone under the age of 18 must be signed in by their parent or guardian. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults must sign a formal volunteer release form each day of trail work.

Q. Can I bring my pets?

A. Sorry, please do not bring any pets. We have found that pets can be a significant distraction and in some rare cases a safety hazard.

Q. Can I bring a big group?

A. Yes! But if your group is larger than six people, please contact us to make special arrangements.

Q. Do you still work in bad weather?

A. Sometimes, However Steady Rain will usually cancel. Unless you are notified otherwise, each trail work day our crew leaders will be waiting for you at the trailhead. If the weather turns bad during our work, we may go home early.

Q. Should I bring my own tools?

A. You do not need to. Easton Conservation Commission will supply tools donated by NEMBA. Please contact us if you have a tool that you would like to bring.

Q. Can I bring my chainsaw?

A. No. All major brush & log cutting has been performed for this project.