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<u>NEXT TWO MONTHS</u>				
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June 16	A.T.: Yellow Mt. Gap to US 19E (Anniversary Hike)	A/2/C	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
June 24	A.T.: Cross Mountain (Tenn. 91) to Watauga Dam Road (Anniversary Hike)	AA/2A	Kent Wilson	423-239-7554
June 30	A.T.: Carvers Gap to Yellow Mt. Gap (Anniversary Hike)	B/2/C	Collins Chew	423-239-6237

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hike Schedule](#).

TEHCC Rental Tents - How to decide on which one?

Submitted by Vic Hasler, Rental Equipment Coordinator,
For someone not familiar with our selection of available tents, the number of choices listed on our [rental](#) page can be daunting. These range from a one-person bivy sack to large six-person A-frame. With inspiration from the Backpacker magazine, I have created a selection guide to help your decision. There are links at the top of the "Tents and Tarps" table on the above hyperlink. The first question is how many people need to fit. Remember that tents are designed for sleeping and are not hotel rooms for all of the gear. The subsequent questions get at the features - less weight, vestibules, and design styles. This exercise has also led me to conclude that the club's next purchases should be a 1-2 person lightweight backpacking design. Any suggestions of good models based on your experience would be greatly appreciated.

Hiking Log - Keep track of you Anniversary Hikes

This year is the 60th Anniversary of TEHCC. As a way of celebrating, a special t-shirt will be designed and awarded to members who hike all of our A.T. maintenance section during 2006. Did you know there is an easy way to record you hikes? The TEHCC web-site has a convenient table which lists our maintenance sections and can be used to record the dates you complete each one. Check out the [Anniversary Hike Table](#) on the Web site and start completing your list!



TEHCC Welcomes New Members



Kat Johnson
Stephen D. Kasten
Michael J. Rehart

New members are eligible for a free dinner at the next Dinner Meeting.

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities (*Future*)

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

Anniversary Hike: A.T. - Dennis Cove Road to Shook Branch, US 321, Friday, May 5, 2006, 8.9 miles, 2200 foot climb.

Leader: Collins Chew, 423-239-6237;

Rating: A/2/B

We should have nice wildflowers and good flow at Laurel Fork Falls. Meet in the parking lot between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights (Tenn. Rte 36, just North of I-81), at 8:00 A. M. on Friday, May 5, 2006. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing.



Family/Beginner: Warrior's Path State Park: Sinking Waters Trail System, May 6, 2006

Leader: Neil Dotson, 423-323-3493

Rating: C/3/C

Open fields, vineyard-skirting, a wetlands boardwalk, a climb, ridgeline hiking, a descent – all in only about 3 miles, and very close to home, with views of the nearby Fox Chase and Park Ridge subdivisions. The trail system comprises three loops, all of which we'll cover; the trail is beginner-friendly, the majority of which I first did with my son Daniel when he was five. We will meet at the trailhead in Warrior's Path State Park at 9:30 a.m., to be done (easily!) by lunchtime. The trailhead is reached as follows: from the bridge over the lake at the State Park, drive just shy of 1.4 miles eastwards on Fall Creek Rd., to turn left on Moody Lane. At the end of Moody Lane, turn left on Cedar Branch Rd.; the trailhead (gravel parking lot) is on the left at 0.35 miles, at the second sharp right turn in the road. Please call for more information as the time approaches, so I can plan for numbers. Dress appropriately for a May hike and bring water and snacks.



27th Anniversary Bluestone River Trip, May 13 & 14, 2006

Ed Montgomery Announcing Per Trip Leader's Request

The annual Bluestone trip is scheduled for May 13 & 14, 2006. A majority of the boaters will arrive on Friday evening and will be resting their paddles at the ultimate take-out, the Pipestem Lodge. After a 9 mile class II-III run, we will pull out boats on shore, walk across the green grass to our rooms and enjoy happy hour on our decks overlooking the river. It doesn't get any better than this unless it is illegal, high fat or sex is involved. Room reservations for May 12 & May 13 can be made by calling 1-800-CALLWVA, asking to be connected to the Pipestem Lodge and making your reservation under the Eastman Hiking and Canoe Club. Note that room rates are \$66 per night and should be put on your personal credit card unless you can charge it to one of your friends that may be unaware of devious financial plans. If you need ideas on how to create some extra funds, my partner recommends the movie "The Accountant". This short film is excellent and is only second to Broke Back Canoe is regards to bonds that are made on the farm and on the river. Please call the trip leader, Terry "Going for 30 years on the Bluestone" Dougherty at 423-323-2647 to sign up for the river run. We normally paddle both days (Saturday May 13 and Sunday May 14), but you can always tram your boat out, if you're a weak neck or padding a kayak. The river is very scenic and passes through a deep West Virginia gorge. It is mostly class II with a couple of class III rapids sprinkled in to keep you on your toes. The second day is mostly class I and suitable for young paddlers, dogs and winos. If you missed this trip last year (T. Pridgen, D. Ingram, R. Culberston and T. Loveless) then you need to get your boat, gear and accessories in order and make this great run. You are guaranteed to be entertained by outlandish stories from the trip leader, excellent camaraderie from yours truly and the best dang take-out this side of New Orleans.

Anniversary Hike: A.T. - Low Gap, US 421 to Damascus, VA, US 321, Friday, May 19, 2006

Leader: Collins Chew, 423-23-6237;

Rating: AA/2/B

We should see nice wildflowers while climbing 2100 feet on this 14.8-mile hike. Meet in the parking lot between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights (Tenn. Rte 36, just North of I-81), at 7:30 A.M. on Friday, May 19. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)

A.T.: Bitter End to Dennis Cove, March 31, 2006

Collins Chew reporting

This 10.4 mile anniversary hike on the A.T., was in pleasant, warm, partly cloudy, and sometimes breezy weather. Many through-hikers are on the move now. Hikers were Olin Babb, Lee Bockman, Kathy Case, Carol and Dave Dunham, Bob Harvey, Jan and Chuck Mather, Glenda O'Neal, and Collins Chew.

A.T.: Dennis Cove Road to Watauga Dam Road, April 18, 2006

Nancy Wilson reporting

It was a beautiful day with sunshine in abundance and lots of wildflowers in bloom for this 13.1-mile anniversary hike. We really enjoyed the bleeding heart on the rocky ledges near Laurel Falls and Watauga Dam. Those hiking were Deb Palermo, Brenda Whitt, and Nancy Wilson.

A.T.: Bitter End to Dennis Cove Road, April 19, 2006

Nancy Wilson reporting

The 10.4-mile hike started off with lots of rain, thunder and lightning, but the sun came out at noon and it was a beautiful day. We enjoyed lunch at Moreland Gap Shelter and a side trip to the old fire tower site. Those hiking were Deb Palermo, Brenda Whitt, Steve Kasten, and Nancy Wilson.

A.T.: Cross Mountain (Tenn 91) to Watauga Dam Road, April 20, 2006

Nancy Wilson reporting; Brenda Whitt - hike leader

The rain held off the entire day, so it was overcast and pleasant hiking for this 15.8-mile anniversary hike. About 15 through-hikers were moving through the area; it was enjoyable talking to them. Those hiking were Deb Palermo and Brenda Whitt.

A.T.: Bitter End to US 19E, April 21, 2006

Collins Chew reporting

This A.T. hike from Bitter End to US 19E (13.4 miles) was in relatively steady rain until 3:00 P.M. Nevertheless, it was windless, not cold, and not uncomfortable (except at lunch). The hike was considerably more fragmented than usual, including a key swap by part of the group and other complications. I have checked; all returned to Colonial Heights safely. I do not remember ever having met more through hikers (25, by one estimate, plus 7 scouts), and since there is no shelter in this section, all were hiking. Everyone in our group and others seemed in good spirits. Jones Falls was spectacular although turbid. A horsetail plume reminded me of the famous Waterwheel Falls of Yosemite. Wildflowers were nice including red, yellow, and painted trillium and many others; but the spectacular gay wings (polygala) was the flower of the day with patches seen throughout the hike. Hikers were Ken Buchanan, Jerry and Kathy Case, Carol and Dave Dunham, Bob Harvey, Steve

Kasten, Jan and Chuck Mather, Debbie Palermo, Nancy Wilson, Brenda Witt, and Collins Chew.

Bays Mountain Trail Relocation April 22, 2006

Carl Fritz reporting

Nine ETSU students and five TEHCC members built about 250 feet of trail on a 1500-foot relocation of a very steep section of Pretty Ridge Trail in Bays Mountain Park. We walked through ankle-deep water in many places to get to the relocation because of all the rain during the night. There will be some trail building challenges on the remaining part of the relocation. ETSU students included Jason Mullins, Amy Richborg, Kellie Simpson, Keri Chandley, Michael Bush, Kari Gregg, Michael McKee, Richard Robinson, and Jonathan Hutchins. TEHCC members were Collins Chew, Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, Greg Kramer, and Ed Oliver.

Anniversary Hike, A.T. - Low Gap (US 421) to Damascus, April 22, 2006

Kent and Nancy Wilson reporting

It rained most of the way on this 14.8-mile hike that covers the northern end of our club's maintenance section. There were no views from the ridge because of the fog. Finally, after the Backbone Rock Trail, the rain stopped and the sun came out for the last part of the hike. This was a very enjoyable hike; we finished in about 5 hours. Hikers were Kent Wilson, Nancy Wilson, and Debra Palermo.

Anniversary Hike - Cross Mountain to Low Gap (US 421), April 23, 2006

Kent and Nancy Wilson reporting

This 6.5-mile Sunday afternoon hike featured the Osborne Farm tract and an easy walk along the ridge between Iron Mountain and Holston Mountain. Even though it rained most of the way up to the trail head, it stopped just as we pulled into the Cross Mountain parking lot. We met three through-hikers at the Double Spring Shelter. One was suffering from a sore throat and cough, so we shared our snacks and some *Sudafed*. There were good views of Shady Valley and back towards South Holston Lake. Joining Kent and Nancy for this quick hike were Brenda Whitt and Debra Palermo.

A.T. Maintenance and Special Project Reports (*Past*)



Name: Garry S. Luttrell

Date: March 14, 2006

Purpose: Maintenance

Location: Section 11b, Canute to Bitter End

People: Garry S Luttrell and Gether Irick

Summary: We spotted a car at Dennis Cove, then started at Bitter End. We removed about a dozen blowdowns, but left one high stepover, 12" in diameter, about 3 miles from Bitter End. The section was in good condition, but we did cut briars and limbs away from the trail and repainted a few blazes. The shelter is in good condition, except for a few small holes in the roof, one of which is over the bunk area. A tarp was hung across the front of the

shelter. There was a small amount of trash to be carried out. The blueblazed trails to water sources from the shelter and Canute Place were well marked. We expected to see through-hikers, but saw no-one along the entire section until we got to the parking lot at Dennis Cove.

Name: John Arwood

Date: March 15, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and check shelter

Location: Section 7, Watauga Dam Road north to Vandeventer Shelter

People: Craig Deloach and John Arwood

Summary: We had beautiful weather as we hiked north from Watauga Dam Road looking for blowdowns. Along the way to Vandeventer Shelter we cleared four blowdowns and cut back numerous rhododendron and greenbrier. The water source at 2.7 miles in was filled with silt, so we dug it out. At Vandeventer Shelter we placed a new register, retrieved the old register, picked up the small amount of trash, and enjoyed the fine view while having lunch. A quick hike out was a fitting end to a wonderful day in the woods.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: March 19, 2006

Purpose: Replace privy seat at Overmountain Shelter

Location: Section 14a, Overmountain Shelter

People: Tim Conner

Summary: Tim carried in a new toilet seat as he was hiking and installed it on the privy at Overmountain Shelter. The seat was broken during the moving of the privy several weeks ago.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: March 22, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 8 near US 321 and Section 9a on north side of Pond Flats

People: Bob Peoples

Summary: Bob cleared a large pine blowdown about a half-mile north of US 321. Then he cleared three blowdowns on north side of Pond Flats with a buck saw.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: March 29, 2006

Purpose: Prepare new shelter site

Location: Section 12b, Shelter site at Mountaineer Falls

People: Paul Benfield, Bruce Cunningham, Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, Ron Lapp, Chuck Mather, Bill Murdoch, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples

Summary: We finished cutting down trees at the new shelter site. We also completed about 80% of a 2.5-foot rock-crib wall at the front of the shelter. We used high line to move some large rocks to the site. We also did some digging to level the site for the shelter. Part of the crew cut out access trails to the shelter and water. A crew also repaired the current A.T. where it crosses the water from Mountaineer Falls. Water was spreading across trail.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: March 31 to April 2, 2003

Purpose: Attend ATC Southern Partnership Meeting

Location: Mountain Lake Hotel in Virginia

People: Mary Cunningham and Bruce Cunningham

Summary: We represented TEHCC at the Southern Partnership Meeting.

Name: Steve Banks

Date: April 1, 2006

Purpose: Cut blowdowns and clear waterbars

Location: Section 3b, McQueens Gap to US 421

People: Tim McClain and Steve Banks

Summary: We cut blowdowns and cleared the waterbars between McQueens Gap and US 421. We also put up two green and white A.T. signs, one south of McQueens Gap and one north of U.S. 421, and picked up litter north of U.S. 421. We left one 12-inch head-high blowdown about one mile south of McQueens Gap. It is fairly easily ducked under, but should be taken out.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 4, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 13b, Doll Flats to Hump Mountain

People: Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, and Chuck Mather

Summary: We picked a sunny day to clear blowdowns near Hump Mountain. However, even though it was in the mid 50's in Kingsport, we had a half-inch of snow from Dolls Flat up. The rime ice in tree tops and grass survived the entire day. We removed several blowdowns close to the treeline on Hump Mountain. One was a tangle of two large trees that were suspended. This trail section is now clear. Buster, Chuck's golden retriever, should get credit for removing some branches off trail. We stopped a few minutes and removed a bad blowdown 300 feet north of 19E on Section 12d.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 4, 2006

Purpose: Prepare new shelter site

Location: Section 12b, New Mountaineer Falls Shelter

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples and Hikers Robert Torbert WAYFARER, PINKY Worley-Prieto, Wayne Ross BIGFOOT, Dave Loom BLEACH, Craig Stanley LOCKJAW, Brad Sisk COCONUT MONKEY, Josh Spence SLIP&SLIDE, Chris Cook KAPTAIN KANGAROO, Michael Kaiser OPA, Ray Tiley SUNSHINE, Steve Howard TEAM STEVE

Summary: We completed a rock wall and much of the excavation at the new shelter site. We also gathered rocks for rubble on the slope behind the shelter. We dug most of the access trail and trail to water. We also worked on installing rock steps at the water source.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: April 4, 2006

Purpose: A.T. Committee Meeting

Location: Eastman Bldg. 310

People: Steve Banks, Bruce Cunningham, Joe DeLoach, Carl Fritz, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, and John Thompson

Summary: We agreed to name the new shelter Mountaineer Falls Shelter. Bruce gave a very good report of the ATC Southern management meeting near Blacksburg that he attended on the Club's behalf. We were granted our full request for four weeks Konnarock

time in both 2008 and 2009, and we accepted the Carolina Mountain Club's offer of an extra week of Konnarock time in 2006. Two campsites were proposed for the Konnarock Crew, and we will ask Ken Buchanan to contact the Unicoi County Sheriff for any other suggestions. We agreed to purchase two new Echo string trimmers, estimated cost around \$700. Ed reviewed the route flagged for a relocation between Bear Branch Road and Bishop Hollow which Joe will submit to the Watauga Ranger District for approval. We reviewed a map of proposed land sales in the Cherokee and Pisgah National Forests. We've documented some specific problems with vandalism, trash, and illegal use of the A.T. that we need to discuss with the Forest Service. Our list of open-area management priorities were reviewed and some additional areas need to be categorized. We will plan to review these at our upcoming meeting with the Forest Service and ATC. An agenda was set for the meeting on April 18.

Name: Randall Simpson

Date: April 5, 2006

Purpose: Spring maintenance

Location: Section 15, Carvers Gap to the Old Cloudland Motel

People: Randall Simpson

Summary: I checked the trail condition, cleaned water bars, cut three small blowdowns, pruned back growth, checked the shelter and added new register, and checked the water source. I had to move very slowly in some places where the trail was covered with ice and snow.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 9, 2006

Purpose: Prepare new shelter site

Location: Section 12b, Mountaineer Falls

People: Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Carl Fritz, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples; ASU: Dave Hutchison, Shari Galiarch, Sarah Roth, Drew Reigneer, Vanna May, Jenny Flanery, Beth Champion, Asia James, Ashlee Lafferty, Corwyn Sergent, Pat Clark; HIKERS: Mitch Relfe, SWANSONS, KURLY, Ray Ward, Larry Parker STICKER, Ren Mclmone TOFURKY

Summary: Do not under estimate enthusiastic hikers and college students. After being rained out on Saturday, some of the Appalachian State University (ASU) students wanted to reschedule for Sunday. A total of eleven showed up from ASU, plus six hikers and six Club members. We warmed up by toting 600 pounds of concrete 1.5 miles to the shelter site. A crew installed the trail to water with a side log and fill. They also completed about five rock steps at water. Everyone else located rocks on the hillside above the shelter, completed leveling the shelter site, and used rocks to build an excellent rip-rap on the four-foot high bank behind the shelter. The rip-rap is so stable it can be walked on without moving.

Name: Jim Foster

Date: April 10, 2006

Purpose: Clean water bars and take new broom to the shelter

Location: Section 16a, Hughes Gap to Greasy Creek Gap

People: Jim Foster

Summary: I walked from Hughes Gap almost to Greasy Creek cleaning almost 90 water

bars and installing 3 more. I also delivered a new broom to the shelter to replace the one that was destroyed. I also picked up some trash and cleared a couple of blowdowns from the trail. I couldn't do anything with a dead wild hog that was left at the trailhead; all I had was a hoe, so I couldn't give it a decent burial.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 11, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 3a, About one mile trail south of McQueens Gap

People: Bob Peoples and Larry Parker STICKER

Summary: Bob and hiker, Sticker, drove to McQueen's Gap and cut out two blowdowns south of the gap. Bob was surprised how far a chainsaw can throw water when the overhead tree was hollow and full of water. Fortunately, it was a warm day! The trail is clear as far as they went.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 11, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and lop section

Location: Section 6, Iron Mountain Shelter to Big Laurel Branch Wilderness boundary (north)

People: Ken Buchanan, Bruce Cunningham, Dave Dunham, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, Chuck Mather, Darrol Nickels

Summary: We accessed the trail near the power line. Ken sawed all the blowdowns, only a couple of which were much of a problem to hikers. We painted blazes on the northern half of the section. We lopped the entire section especially concentrating on the rhododendrons within a mile or two of wilderness boundary.

The property owners, who kindly allow us special access by road to trail, invited us for refreshments after a long, hot day. We've seldom seen views like the ones from their home at 3400 feet. The views were visible from the living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom, and even the basement family room. When it rains, the winds are usually so strong that the water travels up the windows rather than down.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 13, 2006

Purpose: Flag trail relocation north of 19E

Location: Section 12d, Just north of Bear Branch

People: Jim Foster and Ed Oliver

Summary: Jim and Ed finished flagging the trail relocation starting at the north side of Bear Branch bridge. The relocation works out well with several switchbacks, and will take the trail away from the stream and the trash along the road. They also picked up several bags of trash where the trail crosses the road. They found a couple of prescription bottles with the name of the dumper and delivered them to US Forest Service law enforcement.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: April 13, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 15, Carvers Gap

People: Craig DeLoach and Joe DeLoach

Summary: We cut a large spruce from across the A.T. on the relocation just south of

Carvers Gap (many limbs had been previously removed, but tall backpackers would have to duck under), and another dead spruce or fir from the shortest side trail from the bathrooms and back parking area to the A.T.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 14, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and lop sections

Location: Sections 4a and 4b, US 421 to TN 91

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, and Waylon Jenkins

Summary: We cut twelve blowdowns on these sections. Several were more than inconvenient for hikers and the rest were difficult stepovers. We lopped the sections also. Blazes were painted in both directions from TN 91 to a half-mile north of Double Springs Shelter. Both the shelter and water source are in good shape. The shelter still had a log book, two shovels, and a bow saw.

A learning for all of us: Bruce stopped at a gas station and filled his van with \$45.72 worth of gas. Without any signs posted, the station would not accept credit cards and Bruce only had \$5 cash. Fortunately, Bill had \$41 so between them they left with 28 cents.

Name: John Arwood

Date: April 16, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 7, From Watauga Dam Road -north

People: Catherine Batts and John Arwood

Summary: We installed new pack hangers and picked up trash at Vandeventer Shelter. From the shelter north we cleared approximately seven blowdowns and cut back numerous greenbrier and rhododendron. This section is now clear of blowdowns.

Name: Jim Foster

Date: April 18, 2006

Purpose: Cut blowdowns

Location: Section 16a, Greasy Creek Gap to just beyond Clyde Smith Shelter

People: Ken Buchanan and Jim Foster

Summary: We started from Greasy Creek and cut five blowdowns going north to just past Clyde Smith Shelter. The trail is in fine shape.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 18, 2006

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 20b, Just south of Temple Hill Gap

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, Darrol Nickels, and John Thompson

Summary: We cut out a large blowdown that crossed both the A.T. and the blue blazed trail.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 20, 2006

Purpose: Prepare shelter site

Location: Section 12b, Mountaineer Falls

People: Paul Benfield, Carl Fritz, Mike Hupko, Bob Peoples, HIKERS Moo Juice, Beagle, Squirrel, Rat Puke, LEES MCRAE Gary Homann, Heather Langston, Kerry Aldridge,

Sarah Elyse Robins, Maverick, Muchtarava Mahira, Kayla Blevins, Patrick Brahe, Andrew Becutoil, Marc McClure, and Aubin Hooker

Summary: Lees McRae students and professors joined us for Earth Day. With the help of hikers we carried in 130 pounds additional concrete, some pressure treated lumber, and tools. We did some digging at the shelter site, laid out the shelter, and dug some of the post holes.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: April 20, 2006

Purpose: Relocate trail

Location: Sections 14a and 14b, Grassy Ridge to Bradley Gap

People: Jim Foster and Ed Oliver

Summary: Jim and Ed met with Joe McGuinness to get a map and details of endangered species in area of Grassy Ridge to Bradley Gap. This will aid the attempt to relocate trail in this area.

Name: Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: April 24, 2006

Purpose: To assure the trail is clear for hikers

Location: Sections 17 and 18, working from Low Gap to the Beauty Spot

People: Faye Guinn, Lou Haase, Howard Guinn, Jim McCall, Connie McCall, Rick Culbertson, Gil Derouen, Carl Kincheloe, Bob Spencer, CB Willis

Summary: Cleared several blowdowns, two of size. Cleaned springs, clipped encroaching thickets, cleaned out bog ditches, installed new waterbar on Unaka Mountain, rearranged rocks on a mud bog, collected litter and inspected trail.