



# Trail Skills College

**May 15-18, 2025**  
**Camp Dodge Trails Center**  
**Gorham, NH**

Join the trails community for five days of learning, sharing, and connecting in the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains!



This event is for the entire trails community – volunteer and professional trail stewards with all levels of experience.

Whether you are just starting out and looking for ways to get involved, or a professional looking to further your skills and build your network, this event offers opportunities for everyone and **all are welcome!**



*The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) are partnering to host this event.*

*Additional thanks to the greater trails community for supporting training programs at Camp Dodge.*

# Program Schedule

**Thursday, May 15**

Breakfast and Trail Lunches Available 6:30-8 AM

## **Rigging for Trailwork (Day 1 of 3)**

**Instructor:**  
Matt Coughlan:

**9 AM – 4:30 PM    Cost: \$300**

The Rigging for Trail Work Workshop is for anyone interested in the use of Griphoists and rigging systems for trail work, regardless of prior experience. Over the course of three days, this workshop will cover rigging fundamentals, safe setup and operation of Griphoist ground and high line systems for situations involving pulling, lowering, lifting and moving heavy loads on and off of the ground. Rigging in trail work entails using hoists, wire ropes, and mechanical advantage systems for moving heavy loads. High line operations utilize hoists, wire ropes, elevated spar locations, belays, hauling and mechanical advantage systems with a variety of slings, blocks, shackles, belay and anchoring equipment. Participants in this workshop will learn how to safely design, setup and operate ground and aerial rigging systems, and will get hands-on experience. This will include learning about the different pieces of equipment, their working load limits (WLL), tree climbing and anchor building, how to identify and quantify forces, and safe operational practices.

## **Axe Workshop**

**Instructors:**  
AMC and WMNF

**9 AM – 4 PM    Cost: \$50**

This one-day workshop is designed for individuals who use axes in the maintenance of recreational hiking trails. Over the course of a very full day, we will cover the history of the axe, reviving an old axe, rehanging axes, sharpening, safety, and axe use techniques (bucking and limbing). There is a classroom portion in the morning followed by some time in the tool shed, and we will wrap up the day with chopping in the woods. This full day axe workshop can fulfill the axe training requirement for axe use on the White Mountain National Forest. Participants are encouraged to bring their own axe that is already hung on a handle so they have something to practice sharpening and to use for the chopping portion of the day. Participants may also bring an old un-hung axe head to start the process of bringing it back to life. There will be other axe heads and hung axes for use in the workshop as well.



Thursday, May 15 (continued)

**Crosscut Saw Training 1  
(Day 1 of 2)**

**Instructors:**  
USFS

**9 AM – 5 PM**

**Cost: \$50**

The Crosscut Saw Training Course is for basic to intermediate crosscut saw users. The course is designed to provide the technical knowledge and skills that employees or volunteers will need to use crosscut saws safely through a combination of classroom and field training.

*A prerequisite for this course is current First Aid and CPR certification.*

**Assessing Existing Trails for Accessibility  
(Day 1 of 2)**

**Instructor:**  
Peter Jensen

**9AM – 5PM**

**Cost:**  
\$225

Many organizations want to jump on the bandwagon of accessible trails (All Persons Trails) but are stymied as to where to begin. This 2-day workshop will delve into what technical data needs to be collected on an existing trail and how to interpret it so an informed decision can be made. We will review the US Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines, methods for assessing an existing trail, and then how to turn that information into a viable trail conversion project. The first day will focus on classroom presentations as well as developing a knowledge of tools used in the assessment process. The second day will be field oriented, undertaking an assessment of an existing trail, discussing the findings, working out problem areas, and reviewing how to bring a project to the construction phase. This session will be limited to 10 participants and each participant must attend both days.

**Rock Work Progression (Day1):  
Intro to Rock Work**

**Instructor(s):**  
AMC, USFS, Northwoods  
Stewardship Center

**8 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Cost: \$75**

Ever hike a trail and find yourself amazed by the rock structures you, see? If so, then this is the workshop for you! This is day one of a four-day rock work progression training, this introductory class focusing on the fundamentals of rock work. Learn about body mechanics, how to safely quarry and move rocks to build trail structures.



## Welcome Reception and Dinner

5-7 PM in the Highland Trails Training Pavilion

Dinner @ 6 PM

*Dinner will be available to purchase on site*

***Wicked Steep Trails of the White Mountains  
Presentation after Dinner!***



**Presentation: Trail Work  
in the White Mountains**

**Presenter:  
AMC and USFS (WMNF)**

**7:15-8:00 PM**

**Cost: Free**

White Mountain National Forest has over 1,600 miles of trail. How are these trails maintained? Forest Service staff, partners, and volunteers work together to maintain these trails for safety and public enjoyment. Recently, partners have come together for larger scale trail projects at Rumney Rocks Climbing Area and Franconia Ridge. Come learn more about the collaborations that make your recreation experiences in the White Mountains so enjoyable.

### Friday, May 16

Breakfast and Trail Lunches Available 6:30-8 AM

**Rigging for Trailwork (Day 2 of 3)**

**Instructor:**  
Matt Coughlan

**8 AM – 4:30  
PM**

**Crosscut Saw Training 1  
(Day 2 of 2)**

**Instructors:**  
USFS

**8 AM – 5 PM**

**Assessing Existing Trails for  
Accessibility  
(Day 2 of 2)**

**Instructor:**  
Peter Jensen

**8 AM – 5 PM**

*Friday, May 16 (continued)*

**Chainsaw A or B Bucking and Limbing  
(Day 1 of 2)**

**Instructors:**

Karl Gifford  
Peter Jensen & Associates

**9 AM – 5 PM**

**Cost:**  
\$275

Participants will learn the basics of using a chainsaw safely. Participants will learn in a classroom setting as well as hands on in the field using the US Forest Service Chainsaw Curriculum. The first day will focus on chainsaw safety, components of a chainsaw, personal protective equipment (PPE), proper handling of a chainsaw, and basic cutting skills. On day two, participants will be in the field learning cutting techniques for dealing with cutting blowdowns on trails. Objectives, hazards, log analysis, escape, and cutting plans will be the primary focus. A certificate of completion will be given to each participant at the end of the second day.

*A prerequisite for this course is current First Aid and CPR certification.*

**Rock Work Progression (Day 2):  
Moving Rocks on the Ground**

**Instructors:**

AMC and USFS

**8 AM – 4:30 PM    Cost: \$75**

This second day rock work program focuses on how to safely and effectively move rocks to work with. Participants will learn terms and techniques such as the flip, pick and pry, wrap, drag, waddle, and row in order to get rock onto the trail and staged to build with. This is a must for anyone trying to build their skill set and want to learn how much goes into rock work.

**Dinner @ 6 PM**

*Dinner will be available to purchase on site*

**Stick around after dinner for an  
evening presentation!**



**Presentation:  
Community and  
Communal Living**

**Speaker:**

John Neptune

**7:15 PM**

**Cost: Free**

This evening's presentation is about our relationship and responsibilities to all living things through the lens of indigenous people. We are lucky to be joined by representatives of the Penobscot Nation and Wabanaki Youth in Science to lead this amazing program.

## Saturday, May 17

Breakfast and Trail Lunches Available 6:30-8 AM

### Critical Trail Maintenance (Level 1 Maintenance) Training 1

**Instructors:**  
AMC and USFS

**9 AM – 3 PM**

**Cost: \$25**

This workshop covers the critical trail maintenance (also called level 1 maintenance) responsibilities of trail adopters, maintainers, and others. Participants will be provided with a training video to watch ahead of time, so this training will focus on field instruction, tool use, safety, techniques and best practices for drainage structure maintenance, corridor clearing, and trail marking. This training will meet the basic training requirements for AMC and WMNF trail adopters.

### Trail Analysis: Developing a Trail Eye

**Instructors:**  
AMC

**10 AM – 3 PM**

**Cost: \$25**

This will be a hands-on analysis, interpretation and prescription workshop for trail workers. It is geared towards Northeastern Hiking trails but not exclusive. Multi-use, cross-country ski, and bike trails all may apply. The audience for this workshop is for professional field staff. **Entry level workers and volunteer maintainers are welcomed as well but a Critical Trail Maintenance Training or equivalent is a prerequisite.** The goal is to encourage folks to develop a trail eye and empower them to make real time decisions to prioritize trail issues. This is not a Critical Maintenance course, though much of the conversation will talk about the impacts of trail maintenance.

Most of the Workshop will consist of walking and discussing what we find on the trail. Observations, interpretation, and discussion will be the bulk of the time. An initial meet and greet will include a ½ hour to line out some of the core fundamentals of trail design such as identifying fall line vs sidehill trails, fundamental features, slope and grades, the ½ rule, common issues of different styles of trail, and how trails evolve over time.

For TSC we will walk the 19-Mile Brook trail and observe most of the common trail issues that people will encounter. There will also be examples of different prescriptions for these common issues. More importantly, in-depth discussion about reading the trails history, hiker psychology and predicting future trail problems before they arise will be emphasized. Everything we need to cover can be found within 2 miles of the trailhead. Be prepared for a full day in the field.

### Rock Work Progression (Day 3): Setting and Building

**Instructors:**  
AMC and USFS

**8 AM – 4:30 PM** **Cost: \$75**

This third day of rock work focuses on the best techniques and standards for how to set rocks in order to build various trail structures. Learn about how to best dig a hole for your rocks, crush setting, and the reason why we build the way we do. Learn from some of the region's best stone workers in this in-depth hands-on course that rocks!

*Saturday, May 17 (continued)*

**All Persons Trail Workshop:  
Sustainable Design & Accessibility**

**Instructors:**  
Jed Talbot and Erin Amadon

**8 AM – 4 PM**

**Cost: \$125**

Led by Jed Talbot of OBP Trailworks, LLC and Erin Amadon of Town 4 Trail Services, LLC, Join us for an informative workshop focused on sustainable trail layout and design, with an emphasis on ensuring accessibility for all. This session will cover the technical requirements and best practices outlined in the U.S. Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guidelines (FSTAG/FSORAG) and the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards (ABAAS). Attendees will learn key trail construction techniques, including understanding the relationship between rise and run, implementing essential design features such as tread width, resting intervals, passing spaces, and managing tread obstacles. The workshop will also address safety concerns related to trail openings, protruding objects, and signage.

The workshop will begin with a classroom session in the morning, followed by hands-on practice along the Example Trail and in the outdoor areas at Camp Dodge, where participants will practice layout and design skills before concluding with a brief Q&A session indoors. By the end of this workshop, participants will better understand how to create trails accessible to all users.

**High-Efficiency Trail Assessment  
Process (HETAP) Training  
(Day 1 of 2)**

**Instructor:**  
Todd Ackerman

**8 AM – 4:30 PM    Cost: \$350**

The Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP), the High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP), and the Manual Efficient Trail Assessment Process (METAP) collect objective information about trail conditions such as grade, cross slope, typical and minimum clearance width, surface type, firmness, and obstructions. Through classroom and practical, hands-on trail assessment experience, participants will learn how to objectively measure trails using UTAP, HETAP, and METAP. Participants will also learn the details of UTAP measurements, semi-automated wheeled information sensor package measurements, and HETAP 3.0 Software. This 2-day workshop will discuss the benefits of objective information, the application of UTAP, HETAP, and METAP in diverse environments, how to disseminate Trail Access Information (TAI), and how that dissemination meets the requirements of the new federal accessibility guidelines for outdoor developed areas.

**Learning Objectives**

1.) How to objectively measure trails using HETAP. 2.) The details of the semi-automated wheeled information sensor package measurements and HETAP 3.0 Software. 3.) How to disseminate Trail Access Information (TAI).

**Chainsaw A or B Bucking and Limbing  
(Day 2 of 2)**

**Instructors:**  
Peter Jensen  
Karl Gifford

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*Saturday, May 17 (continued)*

**Rigging for Trailwork (Day 3 of 3)**

**Instructor:**  
Matt Coughlan

**8 AM – 4:30  
PM**

## Trails Community Expo and Dinner



**5-8 PM @ Big Day Brewing**

**Dinner @ 6 PM (*Dinner will be available to purchase on site*)**

**Don't miss this gathering of the trails community!**

All are welcome, and there is no cost to participate.

Peruse the tents and tables set up by land managers, trail clubs, contractors, vendors, and more. Get the word out about your products, services, and opportunities for volunteers and job seekers.

(If you are interested in tabling at the Expo, please fill out the [online reservation form](#).)

Help support a local north country business who advocates for trails and acts as the hub for the Coos Trails Mountain Bike System while catching up with new and old acquaintances and enjoying a casual dinner and social.





## Sunday, May 19

Breakfast and Trail Lunches Available 6:30-8 AM

### Rock Work Progression (Day 4): Rock Splitting and Shaping

**Instructor(s):**  
Jed Talbot and Erin Amadon

**8 AM – 4:30 PM**   **Cost: \$125**

Led by Jed Talbot of OBP Trailworks, LLC and Erin Amadon of Town 4 Trail Services, LLC, this session will consist of a half day of presentation followed by a half day of hands-on activity. The morning will offer a wide-ranging overview of many different trail-based rock structures and construction techniques. Specialized stone working tools such as rock drills, feathers and wedges, carbide hammers and chisels, and rifting hammers will be introduced. Participants will then have the opportunity to practice using these tools to split and shape rock. Bring eye protection and gloves.

### High-Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HETAP) Training (Day 2 of 2)

**Instructor:**  
Todd Ackerman

**8 AM – 4:30 PM**

### Trail Analysis: Developing a Trail Eye

**Instructor:**  
AMC

**10 AM-3 PM**   **Cost: \$25**

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*Sunday, May 18 (continued)*

**Critical Trail Maintenance (Level 1 Maintenance) Training 2**

**Instructors:**  
AMC and WMNF Staff

**9 AM – 3 PM**

**Cost: \$25**

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**AMC Research Workshop: Contribute to Science on the Trail!**

**Instructor:** AMC-  
Georgia Murray

**10 AM-2 PM**

**Cost: \$20**

Scientists studying shifting seasons and the impacts to plants and wildlife need help to track changes in mountains where more complex landscapes require more spatially dispersed monitoring. You can help! Learn skills in leading hikes on trail-side community science with AMC's Senior Scientist Georgia Murray. We will travel to Pinkham Notch and start with a short indoor presentation on AMC's plant phenology monitoring and climate studies, the key plants in our study, and how they help us understand climate change in mountains. We will then hike on the Appalachian Trail from Pinkham Notch about 1.5 miles making observations along the way and discussing how to incorporate community science in your work and outdoor activities. Bring your smartphone with the iNaturalist app installed and your lunch!

Dinner Available 6-7 PM

**Thank you to all our partners for supporting and helping instruct in this year's event!**



# About Camp Dodge Trails Center



Camp Dodge Trails Center is a U.S. Forest Service Facility, operated by the Appalachian Mountain Club through a special use permit. Recently renovated, the new Camp Dodge provides housing for AMC and WMNF trail staff, hosts numerous trail volunteers throughout the season, and now serves as a regional trails training center. Our goal is to provide accessible opportunities for skill development, mentorship, networking, and capacity building to support our region's diverse trail community. Camp Dodge is open seasonally from May through October.

## Location

Camp Dodge is located at [1 Camp Dodge Road, Gorham, NH 03581](#) – just north of the Mt. Washington Auto Road, and about 10 minutes south of the town of Gorham, NH on the east side of Rt. 16. Situated to the east of Mt. Washington and the Great Gulf Wilderness and to the west of the Carter Moriah Range, Camp Dodge offers excellent access to a wide variety of trails and recreation opportunities.

**Office Phone (May-October): 603-466-7127 ext. 7100**



## Lodging and Meals

Lodging at Camp Dodge is available in shared bunkhouses. The bunkhouses are rustic but comfortable – mattresses are provided, electricity is available, and the bathhouse with flush toilets and showers is a short walk away. We recommend bringing a sleeping bag or bed linens and a pillow, towel and toiletries, and a headlamp for navigating campus after dark. WiFi is available on campus.

Meals are served buffet-style in the Camp Dodge servery, and pre-ordered trail lunches with a choice of sandwich, snacks, and dessert are available to-go at breakfast.



## 2025 Rates:

Lodging per night: \$15

Breakfast: \$12

Trail Lunch: \$10

Dinner: \$15



# Instructor Information

**Alexander DeLucia**, AMC Director of Trails - Alex has worked with AMC's Trails Department since 2001 supporting all aspects of the department's operations over the years. Beginning with a degree from Unity College in Adventure Education and Outdoor Program Administration, to working in a number of outdoor leadership roles and conservation stewardship roles, Alex found a love for trail work in the White Mountains of NH with the Appalachian Mountain Club. That passion for resource protection and recreation management has led to the continued engagement with AMC's efforts to protect and maintain trails from D.C to northern Maine. Among the many tools a trail worker can utilize none quite compare to the versatility, aesthetics, and personal connection of the axe. Alex looks forward to sharing his knowledge and passion for this timeless and essential tool, the axe.

**Ben Toth**- WMNF Pemigewasset Ranger District's Trail Crew Leader

**Connor Piechota**- Connor is the Southern New England Trails Volunteer Programs Supervisor with the Appalachian Mountain Club. His trails career began in New Hampshire with the Squam Lakes Association, and has since worked with the USFS in New Hampshire, the Red Rocks of Sedona, Arizona, and the Cascades in Oregon. He's now happy to be back in New England to continue his journey! He is an experienced B sawyer (chainsaw and crosscut) and is passionate about keeping trails sustainable and enjoyable. Connor has extensive experience in rock work with multiple professional seasons of using dry stone masonry skills and teaching volunteers and beginners how to build 'bomber' structures.

**Craig Heinselman**- Craig is AMC's Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator. In this function he works with over 160 trail adopters on critical and alpine maintenance on 440 miles of trails in New England. In addition, Craig coordinates the sign monitoring program. He is a long-time volunteer in the White Mountains in various capacities and brings an engineering background to his role at AMC.

**Cristin Bailey** - Cristin Bailey, aka "Bailey", has been working on remote, backcountry trails in the Northeastern United States since 1997. She became the Appalachian Mountain Club's Trails Supervisor in the fall of 2001 until 2006 when she accepted her current position as a Forestry Technician-Trails Manager for the White Mountain National Forest's Saco Ranger District in Conway, NH. This position allows Bailey to continue to work down in the dirt as she has for close to 20 years, alongside volunteers, partners and professional trail builders. In 2021 Bailey became part of the USFS Chief's Trail Advisory Group, representing Region 9.

**Deanna Eastman**- WMNF Saco Ranger District's Trail Crew Leader

**Dusty May**- Conservation Corps Director at NorthWoods Stewardship Center Dusty has been part of the professional trail building and conservation profession since 2016 and the construction and landscaping industry for over 20 years. Through these experiences he has developed a passion for rock work. He has constructed numerous masonry structures throughout his career including projects in Northern Vermont and New Hampshire ranging from stone access steps on Lake Willoughby, stone retaining walls at Glen Ellis Falls, Stone steps on Camels Hump Mtn. to stone tread and scree walls on Crawford Path. Annual he teams up with NorthWoods Staff to train crews in all aspects of trail work as well as managing conservation and trail projects throughout New England. Dusty has always been an avid outdoorsman and loves to recreate in the outdoors in a variety of ways including, Hunting, Fishing, Skiing, Mountain Biking and Hiking.

**Emily Wight** -(They/Them) Emily is the AMC Maine Woods Trails Manager. They grew up building mountain bike trails at Pine Hill Park in Rutland Vermont. Emily started seasonally with the AMC in 2021 and has worked all across New England including on the Old Bridle Path, several locations along the Appalachian Trail, and currently in the AMC 100-mile Wilderness.

**Erin Amadon** – Erin brings over 24 years of trail-building experience to this event. Her passion for trail work began over two decades ago when she first served as a member of a youth conservation corps, and she has been doing trail work ever since. Erin is the owner of Town 4 Trail Services LLC, founded in 2017.

**Erik Samia** – Erik is the Trails Training Programs Supervisor for the Appalachian Mountain Club. For the past 13 years, Erik has been dedicated to trails and overall stewardship of all public lands. From leading volunteer and professional trail crews from New Hampshire to Alaska and a few other places in between, Erik has found his sense of place in the



mountains, forests, and waterways that we all love. Born and raised here in the White Mountains, Erik is excited to host this fourth annual trail community event.

**Georgia Murray** – Georgia is a Senior Scientist with the Appalachian Mountain Club. Previously she has conducted biogeochemical research for the Marine Biological Laboratory's Ecosystem Center at Toolik, Alaska a Long-term Ecological Research site and worked at the University of Washington maintaining a long-term small watershed monitoring site within Olympic National Park. Georgia currently oversees Appalachian Mountain Club's ambient air pollution program in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service including mountain-based monitoring of cloud, rain, and stream water chemistry in Wilderness areas in the White Mountain National Forest. She also leads AMC's plant phenology monitoring work using Nature's Notebook, which incorporates community science, and conducts mountain climate research.

**James Vittetau**- James has been working on trails and in the backcountry of the White Mountain National Forest seasonally since 2012. He worked seven seasons with the AMC trails dept. before starting with the USFS as a seasonal Backcountry Ranger in 2019. In February of 2023 he started full time with the FS as the Androscoggin Ranger District Trails Manager.

**Jed Talbot** – Jed is the owner of OBP Trailworks, LLC is a trail design and construction company with a focus on education and training. In 2004, Jed Talbot founded Off the Beaten Path as a more formal extension of the trail based activities that he had already been engaged in for years. In 2016, the name was officially changed to OBP Trailworks, LLC. During the warmer months Jed and crew specialize in technical stonework, accessible trails, backcountry rigging systems, and technical trail skills training. In the winter, they conduct small scale timber harvesting operations in Maine. Since 2017, they have also fielded crews in Patagonia during the US winter months.

**John Neptune**- John Neptune is the husband of Rhonda London from the Houlton Band of Maliseet and has 3 kids and 2 stepchildren. John currently works for the Penobscot Nation Youth Program and is in his 30<sup>th</sup> year working with mostly indigenous youth ages 6-18 years old. He is also serving in his 4<sup>th</sup> term on tribal council for the Penobscot Nation. John has lived on Indian Island most of his life. Growing up, John was that strange kid that loved listening to stories of the "olden days" and spending time with the elders and cultural knowledge sharers of the Penobscot Nation. John basically lived in the outdoors and spent most of his time fishing, hunting, and exploring the river and the forest. John Neptune's biggest accomplishment is having the honor of sharing the experiences and knowledge he has acquired over the years about indigenous knowledge to anyone that wants to know. Giving back and respecting the relationships we have with all living things is what will make the next 7 generations stronger and healthier.

**Jon Szalewicz**- Jon has a problem with mountains! His first memory is as a 2-year-old with a bowl cut taking the Cog Railway up Mount Washington. Jon grew up playing in the woods of Taconic Mts and moved to NH for high school and college. After hiking the Long Trail in 2000, Jon realized that he could actually get paid to work on trails. He started his career in trails as a Volunteer Crew Leader for AMC in 2002. Over the years Jon has worked across the US from Haleakala National park on Maui to House Island in Maine. Since 02' Jon has taken jobs trail building, caretaking, and wilderness ranger-ing for the AMC, RMC, GMC, NPS, USFS, Washington Trails Association, Pacific Crest Trails Association, etc. For the past 15 plus years in the off season, Jon built and groomed XC ski trails at his home in Craftsbury VT. In 2023 Jon was recruited to turn full circle and rejoin the AMC. Jon is excited to be back and inspired to see the growth and potential in the AMC trails program.

**Karl Gifford**- Karl started doing trail work in 1999 as a summer job with the Maine Appalachian Trail Club. He continued working seasonal trail jobs throughout New England until 2012 when he started a small stonework company specializing in dry stone work. He has continued teaching workshops, trail skills and helping with trail projects for others when time permits. Besides teaching chainsaw skills, most chainsaw use involves putting up firewood in the Spring and improving a small sugarbush at home. Current certification is a C-Evaluator with the U.S. Forest Service.

**Liesl Magnus**- Liesl is the AMC's North Country Trails Program Manager. Liesl has years of trails experience and a passion for axe and crosscut.

**Matt Coughlan**- Matt Coughlan is the owner of Recon Trail Design, LLC, offering recreational trail planning, design, construction, and education based in Western Maine & Mount Washington Valley. He got started in trailwork as an

AmeriCorps intern at Kingdom Trails in Vermont in 2005 and learned rigging for trailwork while working for the Maine Appalachian Trail Club.

**Mike Mosley** - WMNF Pemigewasset Ranger District's Trails Manager.

**Nate Peters** - WMNF Androscoggin Ranger District's Dispersed Recreation Manager.

**Nat Scrimshaw** - Nat is the Chair of the WTN Americas and Pan American Trails and leads the White Mountain Field School in New Hampshire. Pan American Trails is an initiative of the World Trails Network - Hub for the Americas (WTN Americas), a New Hampshire nonprofit.

**Nick Sindorf**- WMNF Androscoggin Ranger District's Trail Crew Leader

**Nora Sackett**- Nora is the Volunteer Trails Programs Manager for the Appalachian Mountain Club. Nora has been working on trails for 8 years in different capacities and has worked seasonally with the AMC in the past, as well as other organizations in both the east and west, and is especially passionate about rockwork.

**Peter Jensen** – Peter Jensen is a master trail planner/ builder and owner of Peter S. Jensen & Associates, LLC is committed to designing and building pedestrian trails which provide safe visitor access while safeguarding the natural, cultural, and historic landscapes.

**Peyton Engborg**- Peyton is the AmeriCorps and JAG Programs Supervisor at the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), where she helps coordinate critical trail maintenance across the White Mountains. This is her second year in this role, and her first time teaching in the Trails Skills College. Peyton is looking forward to sharing her experience and knowledge with participants as they work together to maintain these important trails.

**Stan Carte** - Stan has worked on White Mountain, Wayne, and Mark Twain National Forests since he started his career as a SCA volunteer in 1989. Working on motorized, equestrian, and wilderness trails and recreation sites across the Eastern United States has allowed him to hone his outdoor skills. Before moving back to New Hampshire in 2019 where he became the Assistant Recreation and Wilderness Program Manager, Stan was the Trails and Wilderness Manager on the Mark Twain where he spent most of his time in designated Wilderness and teaching trail and primitive tools skills to volunteers and partners. Stan looks forward to sharing his knowledge and passion for trails and especially Wilderness.

**Todd Ackerman**- Todd is the ADA Assessment Coordinator with Beneficial Designs. Todd has traveled from the east coast of Canada (Prince Edward Island) to as far west as Hawaii teaching the UTAP/HETAP assessment process. Not only does Todd do the teaching but also performs assessments for Nevada State Parks, Minnesota State Parks, and King County Parks in Seattle, to name a few. Todd has also been a presenter at the International Trails Symposium, Professional Trail Builders Conference, California Trails and Greenway Conference, and the ADA symposium.



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