



# Long Distance Trails Crew

## 2019 Annual Report

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# 2019 Annual Report Introduction

The Long Distance Trails Crew (LDTC) is an all volunteer group of women and men who devote time and effort, March through December, to the betterment of hiking trails in New York & New Jersey, west of the Hudson River, mainly the Appalachian Trail, the Long Path and the Shawangunk Ridge Trail.

As a "crew", the LDTC takes on technical projects involving the design and installation of stone stairways, crib walls, drainage features, stepping stones, bridges and treadway.

Our tools are highly diverse including high lines, pullers, and stone shapers. We provide on-the-job training and encourage recruits to participate in all phases of construction. The numbers and pictures in our 2019 Annual Report show the story of a productive work year supporting the large community of hikers walking on trails west of the Hudson River.

In 2019, the LDTC concentrated its efforts on three projects:

- 1) completing the rehabilitation of the Appalachian Trail in Harriman State Park as it ascends to the top of Black Mountain
- 2) install a "Bear Cable" for hanging food bags at the Fingerboard Shelter
- 3) begin building a new section of the Upper Nyack Trail on Hook Mountain

Each project presented unique challenges and achievements.

As you read this report, please use the links provided to access further imagery of each project. If what you see intrigues you, contact our crew chief Chris Reyling at [chief@ldtc.me](mailto:chief@ldtc.me). Come on out and join us, see for yourself what we do and how we do it.

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# Long Distance Trails Crew

## by the Numbers

3 Major Projects  
50 Work Trip Days  
455 Crew Man-Days  
40 Individual Volunteers

2821 Work Trip Hours  
611 Travel Hours  
1185 Admin. & Training Hours  
4617 Total 2019 Volunteer Hours

0.52 miles of trail  
relocated/rehabilitated  
120 stone steps installed  
998 square feet of crib-wall built  
1501 feet of sidehilled trail  
constructed/rehabilitated  
3 waterbars installed  
32 blowdowns cleared

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# Project Summary

## Appalachian Trail Trail Rehabilitation on Black Mountain, New York

933 Work hours  
221 Travel hours  
473 Admin hours  
1627 Total Project Hours

Before



After



15 trip work days  
0.25 miles of trail rehabilitated  
42 stone steps installed  
82 square feet of crib wall built  
75 feet of sidehilled trail constructed  
3 waterbars installed



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## Black Mountain pics



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# Project Summary

## Appalachian Trail Fingerboard Shelter Hanging Bear Cable

34 Work hours  
9 Travel hours  
18 Admin hours  
61 Total Project Hours

1 trip work day  
75 feet of bear resistant  
food hanging cable installed



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# Project Summary

## Relocation of the Upper Nyack Trail

1823 Work hours  
366 Travel hours  
562 Admin hours  
**2750 Total Project Hours**

31 trip work days  
0.27 miles of new trail built  
78 stone steps installed  
916 square feet of crib wall

Before

After



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## Upper Nyack Trail Pics



Photo album

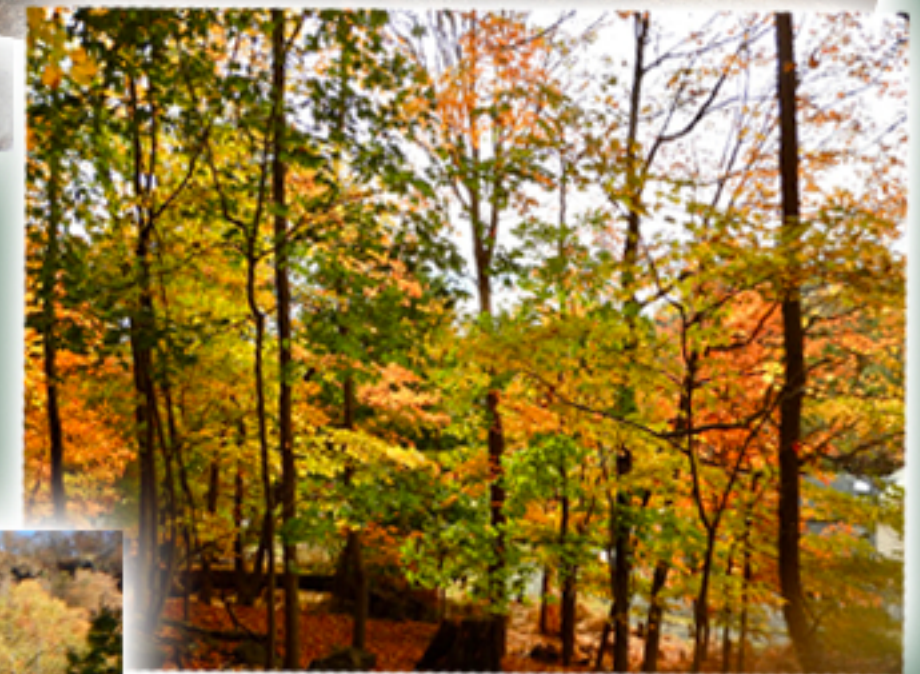
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