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. 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

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

Before
After

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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

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Upper Nyack Trail Pics

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Some of Our Favorite Pics

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