Long Distance Trails Crew
2020 Annual Report

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2020 Annual Report Introduction

The Long Distance Trails Crew (LDTC) is an all-volunteer group of women and men who devote time and effort 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.

In 2020, the pandemic delayed the start of our work until June. Our work is outdoors so we had that going for us, once underway, we followed NY-NJ Trail Conference pandemic precautions and procedures keeping everyone safe and healthy.

This year we concentrated our efforts on three projects:

1) continuing to build a new section of the Upper Nyack Trail on Hook Mountain
2) installation of a “Bear Cable” for hanging food bags at the Bald Rocks Shelter
3) installation of a revised “Bear Cable” for hanging food bags at the Fingerboard Shelter

Each project presented unique challenges and achievements. As you read this report, please use the links provided to access photos and videos of each project.

If what you see intrigues you, contact our Crew Chief Chris Reyling at chief@ldtc.me.

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by the Numbers

2453 Work Trip Hours
561 Travel Hours
1043 Admin & Training Hours
4057 Total 2020 Volunteer Hours

3 Major Projects
64 Work Trip Days
426 Crew Man-Days
25 Individual Volunteers

0.37 miles of trail relocated
259 stone steps installed
1952 square feet of crib-wall built
1975 feet of sidehilled trail constructed
234 blowdowns cleared

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Project Summary

Relocation of the Upper Nyack Trail

2170 Work hours
450 Travel hours
154 Admin hours
2774 Total Project Hours

41 trip work days
0.37 miles of new trail built
259 stone steps installed
1952 square feet of crib wall built
1426 feet of sidehilled trail constructed

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Project Summary

Appalachian Trail
Fingerboard Shelter
New Style Bear Cable

33 Work hours
12 Travel hours
3 Admin hours
48 Total Project Hours

1 trip work day
new pulley system bear resistant
food hanging cable installed

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Project Summary
Bald Rocks Shelter
Bear Cable Installation

61 Work hours
20 Travel hours
3 Admin hours
84 Total Project Hours

2 trip work days
new pulley system bear resistant
food hanging cable installed

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