

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.

Long Distance Trails Crew

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

After

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

Before



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Upper Nyack Trail Pics



Photo album

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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



Photo Album

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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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Some of Our Favorite Pics



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