

2012 MASSACHUSETTS AT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE



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Work projects are open to all--no prior experience is necessary. Please note that some projects require a moderate hike to and from the work site

Please contact the listed leader for meeting place, and if you have any questions about the planned work. We generally start at 9am and are headed back to the trailhead no later than 4pm.

Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and plenty of water to drink.



Date	Day	Project Name	Project Description	Leader	Leader Email	Leader Phone
March 27, 2012	Tuesday	Swift River Volunteer Project	Outlook Ave Brush Clearing w/ Swift River Students	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
April 7, 2012	Saturday	Natural Heritage group project	Introduction and refresher training for Natural Heritage rare plant monitors. Meet at Kellogg Conservation Center, South Egremont	Steve Schimpff	shs@bassets.net	413-243-8902
April 10, 2012	Tuesday	Fabricate Kiosk	Pre-cut and make trial assembly of new kiosk slated for Dalton. Pete Rentz's house, Pittsfield.	Pete Rentz		413-281-5663
April 14, 2012	Saturday	Sawyer Recert	NPS re-certification for Class A and B sawyers. Pre-registration required. Kellogg Center	Adam Brown	abrown@appalachiantrail.org	413-528-8002
April 17, 2012	Tuesday	Scout Relo on East Mtn	Looking for new route for AT that avoids terrain that is impossible to maintain. Homes Rd, Great Barrington	Dave Koerber	dkoerber@mindspring.com	413-568-4650
April 19, 2012	Thursday	Swift River Volunteer Project	Outlook Ave Brush Clearing w/ Swift River Students	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
April 21, 2012	Saturday	KCC Cleanup Day	Spring cleaning time at the Kellogg Center. Prepare grounds, clear fencilnes, remove invasives. We'll join the Connecticut AT Committe for this project	Adam Brown	abrown@appalachiantrail.org	413-528-8002
April 24, 2012	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
May 1, 2012	Tuesday	UGPC Repairs	Prep Upper Goose Pond Cabin area for opening later in the month. Install roof on the pavillion and boat house. Put the dock in the water.	Pete Rentz		413-281-5663
May 5, 2012	Saturday	Install Dalton Kiosk	Install kiosk previously assembled. Join wth Craneville Elementary School teachers, students and families to welcome hikers to Dalton. Housatonic St. AT Crossing	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
May 6, 2012	Sunday	Blowdown Blitz--Central	This Sunday project will meet to remove downed trees lingering from the winter. Contact Leader for meeting location.	Deb Wiesenstein	dkweis@alum.mit.edu	508-277-4826
May 8, 2012	Tuesday	Cooper Brook Bridge	This venerable bridge needs a new set of planks to keep hikers out of the drink. Goose Pond Rd parking area, Tyringham/Lee	Steve Schimpff	shs@bassets.net	413-243-8902
May 12, 2012	Saturday	Blowdown Blitz--South	This project will meet to remove downed trees lingering from the winter. Contact Leader for meeting location.	Dave Koerber	dkoerber@mindspring.com	413-568-4650
May 15, 2012	Tuesday	Trail Turnpike N of Pittsfield Rd Swift River Volunteer Project	Install gravel turnpike on periennial muddy section of trail just north of Pittsfield Rd. w/ Swift River Students.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773

May 19, 2012	Saturday	Open UGP Cabin	Open Upper Goose Pond Cabin for the season. Includes bringing in supplies by canoe, cleaning and airing out cabin and welcoming first hikers of the season. Meet at Beaver Antiques, Rt 20 Lee.	Steve Schimpff	shs@bassets.net	413-243-8902
May 22, 2012	Tuesday	Reroute at beaver area south of Blotz Rd	Beavers have flooded a section of trail south of Blotz Rd in Hinsdale. This short relocation will keep hikers out of the water. Meet at Blotz Rd AT parking area.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
May 26, 2012	Saturday	Blowdown Blitz--North	This project will meet to remove downed trees lingering from the winter. Contact Leader for meeting location.	John Sullivan	john.sullivan@waterandsewer.org	978-544-5790
May 29, 2012	Tuesday	Natural Heritage Visit	This date reserved for a field visit to a rare plant community on the AT. Contact Leader for meeting place.	Steve Smith	stevenhsmith.smith@gmail.com	978-821-2916
June 2, 2012	Saturday	National Trails Day Volunteer Training	Two part day. AM: Introduction to trail maintenance tools and techniques. PM: Field work on AT near Mt Greylock. Meet at the Mt Greylock Visitors Center	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
June 5, 2012	Tuesday	Natural Heritage Visit	This date reserved for a field visit to a rare plant community on the AT. Contact Leader for meeting place.	Steve Smith	stevenhsmith.smith@gmail.com	978-821-2916
June 9, 2012	Saturday	Chestnut Tree Treatment	This project will involve spraying fungicide on selected wild chestnut trees near Upper Goose Pond Cabin for a study managed by the UMass Botany Dept.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
June 12, 2012	Tuesday	Brushing near Gore Pond, Day 1	Due to the ice storm of 2009, the undergrowth in this area is growing extremely well. This two-day project will cut back some the laurel and beech sprouts that are taking over the trail. Meet at the Ashuwillticook Trail in Cheshire. Approximately 2 mile hike to worksite.	Cosmo Catalano, Josh Weeks	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
June 16, 2012	Saturday	Noppel Shelter Roof and Privy Roof. Stain Shelter	Most of the roofing materials are at the shelter. This project will install the roof and rehabilitate the roof on the neaby privy. The shelter will also get a new coat of stain. Meet at Jones' Nose parking area on Mt Greylock.	Don Fairbanks	gdfairbanks@verizon.net	413-443-1148
June 19, 2012	Tuesday	Bridging at Gore Pond Outlet	Beavers have been active at the outlet of Gore Pond. We'll harvest and install native hemlock bog bridges to cross the wet area. Meet at the Ashuwillticook Trail in Cheshire. Approximately 2.5 mile hike to worksite.	Pete Rentz		413-281-5663
June 23, 2012	Saturday	Brushing near Gore Pond, Day 2	Due to the ice storm of 2009, the undergrowth in this area is growing extremely well. This two-day project will cut back some the laurel and beech sprouts that are taking over the trail. Meet at the Ashuwillticook Train in Cheshire. Approximately 2 mile hike to worksite.	Jim Pelletier, Josh Weeks	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
June 26, 2012	Tuesday	Rt 8 Bog Bridges.	Install and rehab a few sections of bog bridging near Rt 8 in Cheshire. Then continue field recovery at Outlook Ave.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
June 30, 2012	Saturday	Brushing on Becket/Walling Mtn	Another area where 2009 ice storm damage has energized the understory. We'll cut back the encroaching brush with hand and power tools. Approx 2 mile hike to worksite. Meet at AT Parking on Rt 20.	Deb Weisenstein	dkweis@alum.mit.edu	508-277-4826
July 3, 2012	Tuesday	Bear box to Tom Leonard Shelter	Install bear box at Tom Leonard Shelter. Clear view point.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
July 7, 2012	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place/	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
July 10, 2012	Tuesday	Crystal Mtn privy and bearbox	We'll use the power wheelbarrow to haul a food storage box up the power line, then hand carry for a half mile to the Campsite. Also fix the privy roof. Meet at Whitney's store on Rt 8.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
July 14, 2012	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
July 17, 2012	Tuesday	Field clearing, Goose Pond Rd, Day 1	Continue to maintain this open field. Cutting brush and mowing. Meet at Goose Pond Rd parking area.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
July 21, 2012	Saturday	Continue Field Clearing, Goose Pond Rd	Continue to maintain this open field. Cutting brush and mowing. Meet at Goose Pond Rd parking area.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094

July 24, 2012	Tuesday	Maggio Field Clearing	Work with local farm clearing this sheep pasture on the AT in South Egremont. Meet at Kellogg Center, Rt 41.	Adam Brown	abrown@appalachiantrail.org	413-528-8002
July 28, 2012	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
July 31, 2012	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
August 7, 2012	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
August 10, 2012	Friday	AT Club Meeting, West Virginia	Volunteers are invited to participate in a meeting of all Trail Club leaders in Shepardstown WV. Preregistration and fee.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
August 11, 2012	Saturday	AT Club Meeting, West Virginia	Volunteers are invited to participate in a meeting of all Trail Club leaders in Shepardstown WV. Preregistration and fee.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
August 14, 2012	Tuesday	Repair gate at UGPC access	Gate that secures the access road to the Upper Goose Pond Caretakers trail needs to be reset so it can be locked. Meet at Beaver Antiques, Rt 20 in Lee	Pete Rentz		413-281-5663
August 18, 2012	Saturday	Paint UGPC cabin, repair windows	Help preserve this favorite hiker's stop. We'll paint and perform minor repirs. Best swimming spot on the AT.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amcberkshire.org	413-822-0094
August 21, 2012	Tuesday	Natural Heritage Visit	This date reserved for a field visit to a rare plant community on the AT. Contact Leader for meeting place.	Steve Smith	stevensmith.smith@gmail.com	978-821-2916
August 25, 2012	Saturday	Replace bog bridges in swamp south of Hubbard Bk	This hemlock swamp has many bog bridges to help hikers over wet areas. We'll rehab some and replace others. Meet at Shays Rebellion parking area. Approx 1 mile hike to work area.	Dave Koerber	dkoerber@mindspring.com	413-568-4650
August 28, 2012	Tuesday	Natural Heritage Visit	This date reserved for a field visit to a rare plant community on the AT. Contact Leader for meeting place.	Steve Smith	stevensmith.smith@gmail.com	978-821-2916
September 1, 2012	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
September 3, 2012	Monday	Labor Day				
September 4, 2012	Tuesday	AT Committee Meeting (Tuesday)	All are welcome to attend. We'll assess our season's work and start planning for next year. 7pm, Mt Grelock Visitor's Center, Lanesborough.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
September 8, 2012	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
September 11, 2012	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project to be decided. Contact leader for more information and meeting place.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
September 15, 2012	Saturday	Clean, inventory and stain tool shed	We'll meet to clean up from the season, and do minor repairs to our storage building. Meet at Mt Greylock Visitor's Center, Lanesborough.	Steve Schimpff	shs@bassets.net	413-243-8902
October 6, 2012	Saturday	AT Day	We lead 14 hikes in one day on the Massachusetts AT. Followed by a cookout at the Pleasant Valley Nature Preserve in Lenox. All are welcome.	Jim Pelletier	at@amcberkshire.org	413-454-4773
October 21, 2012	Sunday	Close UGPC	Close Upper Goose Pond Cabin for the season. Last chance to canoe the pond until spring.	Don Fairbanks	gdfairbanks@verizon.net	413-443-1148

Note: This page was printed on March 23rd. The live, up to the minute version of this schedule can be found at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/7e4a8cj>