



Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail News

Spring 2009

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On the Calendar

- Trail Work 5/16
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- FGRT Mtg. 6/29
- NH Trails Day 7/18
- FGRT Mtg. 7/27
- Ski & Skate Sale (autumn—TBD)
- Giant Pumpkin Weekend 10/17,18

Your Rail Trail Photos/Videos Wanted!

Submit your photos and/or video files to info@goffstownrailtrail.org for possible publication in future newsletters or on the FGRT website!

The Trail appreciates your support! And there's so many ways to choose...

- Become a *Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail* member
- Join in trail improvement days
- Promote town/community connections
- Staff public events
- Contribute to publications
- Assist with grant applications
- Participate on *Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail* board/committees
- Sponsor a landscape item
- Sponsor a rail trail segment
- Sponsor a construction project

2009 Trail Projects Ramping Up

2009 is shaping up to be another significant year of progress on the Rail Trail. At recent FGRT meetings, ideas for trail development/improvement activities were discussed and prioritized. A number of projects are currently scheduled or already under way:

- Brush & tree clearing
- Box culvert installation near Shirley Park Road slated as a town Recreational Trails Grant project
- Road crossing painting and associated signage at seven locations
- Culvert drainage maintenance near Lynchville Park Road

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With the arrival of warmer weather, trail improvement days are resuming. These are tentatively scheduled on the third Saturday of the month, from May through October. Typically running from 9AM to noon or so, trail activity can include clearing of brush and small trees, refuse cleanup, path surface preparation, and more. No experience or special skills are needed, and a helping hand is



New timber bridge on trail near Mast Road completed last November by volunteer members of the FGRT Trail Team.

always appreciated as it brings the completion of the trail that much closer.

Besides work on the trail itself, FGRT is also working on a number of supporting activities:

- 501(c)(3) status application is in progress
- Ongoing FGRT website enhancements include online membership payment via PayPal or credit card, plus sales of T-shirts, bookmarks etc.
- Trail Case Statement is being finalized for use as donor guide

FGRT meetings are scheduled for 7-9PM the last Monday of most months, held at the Parks & Recreation building on Mast Road. Come join us!

Snapshot Review of 2008

How did 2008 fare for the Goffstown Rail Trail?

Highlights of accomplishments in 2008, both on and off the trail, include:

- Town contract for preliminary engineering
- Town contract for survey of rail parcels
- Two town contracts for trail upgrade funded by state grants
- Eagle Scout project completed near Morgan Estates
- Boulder placement at Danis Park Road
- Timber bridge construction funded by a PSNH grant
- Five trail improvement days over the summer/fall
- Giant Pumpkin weekend information booth
- Concept studies for relocation of Salisbury Bridge to old Henry Bridge Road
- Town Steering Committee sessions on 2009 worksites and grant submissions
- Trail logo design finalized
- T-shirt design completed, shirts printed and on sale
- Brochures developed and printed
- NPS Rivers & Trails assistance program concluded

Resources

Need more rail-trail-related info? Have suggestions for improving this newsletter? Email the *Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail* at

info@goffstownrailtrail.org

Also check out the **FAQ** on the FGRT website for essential information. Finally, you'll find many more useful links on the site's **Links** page. Thanks, and see you on the trail!

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Join FGRT!**