



Bow Open Spaces - fall 2015 newsletter

Trail Day - October 24th!

Join your friends and others who share your passion for our public lands.

Bow Open Spaces will celebrate the fall season with a trail care event on Saturday, October 24, 8:00 a.m. - noon. Projects in the Knox Road Town Forest include bridge building, trail re-routing, brush trimming, removing downed trees, and trail hardening. Projects in the Nottingcook Forest are possible, too.

We welcome any donation of time - you are welcome to come late and/or leave early!

We will meet at the trail head on Robinson Road (near Briarwood Dr). Useful equipment includes loppers, small saws, work gloves, water, and snacks! For planning purposes, it would be helpful if you let us know if you plan to come.

Coordinators: Jeff and Hilary Warner hilary@nutritionworksnh.com



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Stewardship Walks Upcoming

Part of our responsibility as stewards of our public lands in Bow is to walk their boundaries, checking for illegal or unintentional encroachments, for example.

These walks often require bushwhacking - we won't be following trails; we will be on the perimeters of the forests. Boots and blaze orange garment or hat are recommended.

Call Ken Demain at 224-4448 if you'd like to join us.

8:00 a.m. - Saturday, October 17: Boucher Forest. Meet at the trailhead on Bow Center Road, about one mile south of Bow Middle School.

8:00 a.m. - Saturday October 31: Hammond Nature Preserve. Meet at the Preserve on Dunbarton Center Road near Woodhill Road.

All hands on deck (wood)!

Many thanks to Jimmy and Rosanne Kane for their donation of lumber! The Kane's replaced their deck this

summer and Bow Open Spaces was the lucky recipient of the old boards. This win-win donation is a perfect example of Reduce-Recycle-Reuse. We love re-using pressure treated or composite lumber for our bridges. Please contact [Hilary Warner](#) if you have some to share!

Pictured: Jimmy Kane and Hilary Warner present one of many recycled deck boards to Bow Open Spaces board member Hilary Warner.

Thank you Kane Family!



Autumn in the Nottingcook Forest

Unauthorized Trail Marking

During the last few years there has been a number of instances of unauthorized marking of the trails with paint and surveying ribbon in Nottingcook Forest.

The Bow Open Spaces trail crew members work hard to maintain the trails in the Nottingcook and have appropriately blazed the trails.

If anyone has concerns about trail maintenance, blazing, or would like to assist with trail maintenance please respect the trails and forests and contact the trail crew at BowOpenSpaces.com. Thank you!



Finding their direction ...

A group of eager-to-learn adults from Granite State College's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute visited Nottingcook on a fine day, October 7, to learn about map and compass use and be introduced to the sport of orienteering. Judging by smiles and comments, they very much enjoyed themselves.

Several were hoping for a "201 level" course in the future. Perhaps the most popular exercise was a 300 meter bushwhack through thickish forest without recourse to map, trusting only the compass needle to deliver one to the desired destination.

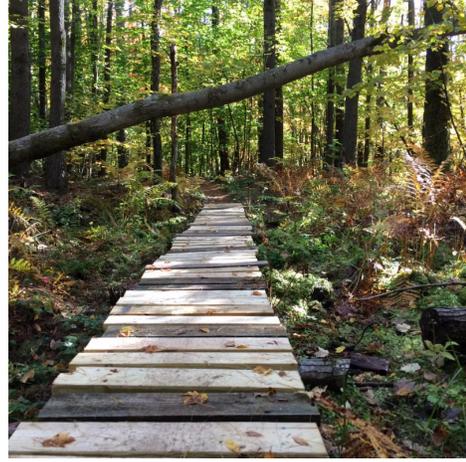
Bow Open Spaces offers trail walks and activities such as 'map and compass' on occasion. Find us on Facebook and become a member to keep oriented!

Into the woods...

Many thanks to the generous souls who showed up for our September 20 Trail Care Day: Ken Demain; Sarah Dolcino; Jim, James, and Maggie Jensen; and Jeff Warner.

In just 2.5 hours, this ambitious group replaced the rotting deck on the Boundary Trail bridge in the School Forest, cut back encroaching growth on the Pond Trail, and worked on re-routing the Woods/Boundary/Bear Trail junction. This re-route will make navigation in the forest easier and keep the forest tidier by reducing the need for multiple signs. It's amazing how much can be accomplished in just a few hours!

As we like to say, many hands make light work?



See related article, above, for info on the October 24th Trail Day!



This time they were caught!

Too often we find evidence of illegal dumping in our town's public lands. It's not hard to spot - everything from shingles to mattresses are sometimes left, in an attempt to save some expense of time and money, apparently.

One Bow Open Spaces member recently came across such a dumping in progress, in the area of the town Brush Dump and the Nottingcook Forest. This

time justice prevailed! Our member notified the Bow Police Department of the license plate of the vehicle used.

By the next day the mess was completely cleared and, we are told, the town is \$250.00 richer as the result of a levied fine.

It is up to all of us to stay alert and do what we reasonably can to help prevent trashing of our forests. Thank you!

About Bow Open Spaces

Bow Open Spaces, Inc. was established in 1997 to protect property that has been donated to or purchased by the Town of Bow for conservation and recreation purposes for the benefit of the citizens of Bow and its neighboring communities.

Our board and membership include citizens who are enthusiastic supporters of the Town of Bow's public lands. [All are welcome to join!](#)

Meetings of the organization typically take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Baker Free Library.



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