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ABOUT US

Trail Works, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, was founded in Wayne County New York in 1997 by a small group of individuals who are dedicated trail users who are interested in trail development and expanding trail use.

OUR PURPOSE

Trail Works purpose is to provide a unified voice for Wayne County trail users as well as to coordinate the development and maintenance of high-quality, year-round multi-use trails. Our purpose also embodies public education about trails and public awareness of trail issues. To carry out our purpose, we recognize the importance of the relationships Trail Works has established with local and county governments. These relationships are vital to moving ahead on any plans for trail development. Whether we are planning trails, cutting trails, maintaining them, posting signage or using trails by hiking, riding, kayaking, snowshoeing, skiing or biking... we are all about trails.

WEBSITE: <https://trailworks.org>

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Next newsletter deadline for articles is October 1st, 2025
 Please have newsletter articles and photos sent to Trailworks@trailworks.org

From the Editor:

Our efforts to make ourselves seen throughout the community, whether at an event or an outreach table, is really paying off! We are now routinely being contacted by other community organizations to come and be a part of their events. Outdoor events, health and wellness community fairs, festivals, music events, and summer kid's camps all come to mind. We are trying our best to fulfil these requests with a limited number of available Board members. We would LOVE to have any of our membership help us out here! Training for table events is available, and it's always a good time meeting new people.

While we are generally done with "mud season" here in this part of NYS, other parts, the ADK in particular, are still suffering from the effects. The point is, the same rules apply for wet trails or those with standing water wherever you are and no matter the season:

-Gear: dressing appropriately for the weather with appropriate foot wear, backpack and hike essentials.

-Navigation: be prepared with compass and local maps.

-Trail preservation: walk through the center of trails and embrace any mud! Mud on your legs is a badge of honor...

wear it with pride.

Correction/clarification: Our Winter newsletter had an article on our friends at SOAR Clyde/Savannah/Galen. We would like to clarify a few things:

-SOAR was a program of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Newark (CCE-Wayne), one of our corporate members.

-Our friend, Amy Bullard, is still working for CCE-Wayne in the "Healthy People, Active Wayne" grant program administered by CCE in partnership with the Fingerlakes Community Action Program.

-CCE-Wayne is still our partner and very willing to work with us at Trail Works!

I apologize for any confusing or misleading information about our partners at SOAR and CCE Wayne.

Trail related concerns, questions and/or observations? We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at trailworks@trailworks.org.

Happy Trails!

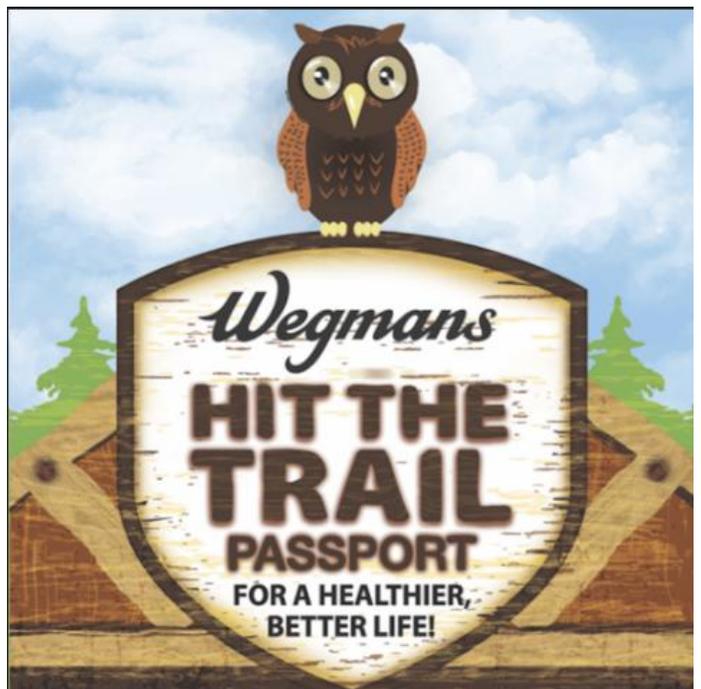
Nancy Snyder

New Passport & Handout Update

Your Board is starting the long process of updating our Wegmans *Hit the Trail* Passport Booklet for Wayne County. This is a massive effort with us having to visit all the trails, new and old, collect current data, trail features, GPS points, parking & restroom info, location of passport posts, etc. This data is also being uploaded, as we receive it, into our *Hit the Trail Wayne County* smartphone App (a free download at the Apple and Play Stores).

With the closing of the Dolomite Trail, and the addition of some new trails coming soon, we felt it was time for an update. While we start working on this project, Wegmans offered to print some copies of the existing Passport for our summer events, minus the Dolomite Trail. If you end up with one of these May 2025 updated booklets, you will notice the page numbers are a bit off, starting with the page for the Enlarged Erie Canal Lock E-56 Trail, and for subsequent trails. It's a minor glitch, but one we thought worth mentioning.

Additionally, Wegmans has sent us some copies of their updated *Hit the Trail* Handout, a four-page brochure highlighting the Passport program and how it works. In Wayne County, these items can be picked up at Wegmans in Newark, and you may also get lucky and find them at the Webster Holt Road location. Wayne County Tourism also has a small amount of Trail Works literature. We are no longer able to keep them in stock at libraries and community centers...the demand is just too high. Please consider using our smartphone App! Search "Hit the Trail Wayne County."



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County Builds Trail near Ganargua Creek Nancy Gift, Ph.D., Executive Director CCE Wayne County

Although CCE Wayne in Newark has about fourteen acres of land, we had no places to take a walk. As a person who manages ADHD and anxiety with ample outdoor time and a lot of walking, I knew I craved some access to the outdoors, even if only for a five-minute walk after long zoom meetings. In spring of 2024, I got to work – scouting routes and bushwhacking. I asked our insurance company if we could do this (yes, for private use only), and I asked DEC if we needed any permissions, and got the all-clear.



The easiest route was under the power line, where utility trucks had already beat down the undergrowth the previous winter. With a few sessions with a weedwhacker, we were able to clear a very stubbly path. Next, we did two things: collected and saved all the cardboard boxes we could, and secured a large donation of mulch, courtesy of Livingston's Tree Service. Finally, we laid out the boxes along the path, covering the (mostly mugwort) stubble, and then added wheelbarrow loads of mulch on top. Voila, instant trail! (OK, yes, with a lot of effort.) Last summer the trail was 700 feet, almost all under the power line, and this spring we added an additional loop (perhaps another 400-500 feet) meandering toward the creek to a bit of an overlook before joining back up with the power line trail.



We don't plan to advertise the trail widely; this is mostly for staff, volunteer, and visitor use. However, we're happy to be sharing this with Trail Works members, since Trail Works has been such a good partner to us in other projects. If we're open (M-F 8:30-4:30), stop in and let us know you're trying out the trail! The trailhead is on the opposite side of our fenced garden area from the building. Please feel free to pick yourself some garlic mustard along the way (for pesto!). We're discussing plans for managing the invasive weeds, but for now we're just glad to have an easy place to get some moments in nature during breaks.

(Note that Google maps doesn't accurately show the location of Ganargua Creek unless you're in Satellite view).

Our entrance is on Hydesville Road, while our address is 1581 Route 88 N, Newark 14513. If you come by on Tuesday or Friday mornings, come say hello to our master gardeners if you like, or come take a look at our renovated activity room. I'd be glad to give you a tour!

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Historic Marion Trail

By: Jennifer Hunter Marion Historical Association

Marion is about to welcome an exciting new addition: a historic walking trail developed through a collaboration between Trail Works and the Marion Historical Association. This family-friendly trail will highlight many of the fascinating historic sites surrounding Marion's Main Street area.

Along the route, walkers will pass by historic churches, the former Marion Collegiate Institute, local businesses, and



more. Using the Trail Works *Hit the Trail Wayne County* smartphone app, participants can explore the area with the help of historical narratives and vintage photographs.

Walkers can choose their own adventure by selecting a shorter route of approximately one mile, or extending their journey by visiting the cemetery and continuing down Buffalo Street.

This trail marks the first step in a three-phase initiative aimed at bringing more outdoor recreational opportunities to the Marion community. It is one of many exciting projects planned in preparation for Marion's Bicentennial celebration in 2026.



Ontario Pathways (Gifford Road section)

Just under four miles out and back (3.66 miles RT), the northern section on the Ontario Pathways (OP) Trail, the Gifford Road section, has its own rubbing post in the Ontario Pathways *Hit the Trail* Passport booklet. This is a piece of the rail line that ran between the OP trail to the south and the Trail Works Sodus - Wallington Rail Trail, on which the Sodus Point and Southern Railroad first ran trains in 1872.

The trail is well maintained and mostly grass covered. It can be biked as well as hiked. It passes through a variety of habitats with either woods or growing fields on the upward slopes, and sometimes bordered by wetland or a rill. Trees provide shade for much of the hike. The traffic is very light, and you are more likely to encounter a grower on a tractor passing between fields on either side of the trail, than to see other hikers.



There is a gate at the northern end of the OP trail, the Wayne County line,

but the trail continues on the other side. Though it is private property, there is no signage keeping you from continuing north. However, the trail here is ungroomed and weedy. Decades ago, when I last hiked beyond this point, I was forced to trespass a bit in order to reach a public road at the northern end.

Parking is on the north side of Gifford Rd., between South Marbletown Rd. and Wilber Rd.

Submitted by: Glenn Wallis



Rainy Day at Huckleberry Swamp

April 12 was gloomy and wet, but I had the day to myself because my spouse had an all-day training. I also felt gloomy – from reading too much news and worrying about my elderly mom – and somehow, I knew that what I needed was to explore a new place. Huckleberry Swamp, which I'd seen posted on social media as being re-opened for spring, seemed like a good destination.

(It's worth noting that my spouse and I had gone the week before, using google maps, to a different place labelled Huckleberry Swamp, and had a nice walk, but found no boardwalks. That was before we read in the map reviews that this was not the right trail – use the Trail Works map or AllTrails, and look for the trail on Catchpole Road in the Town of Rose.)

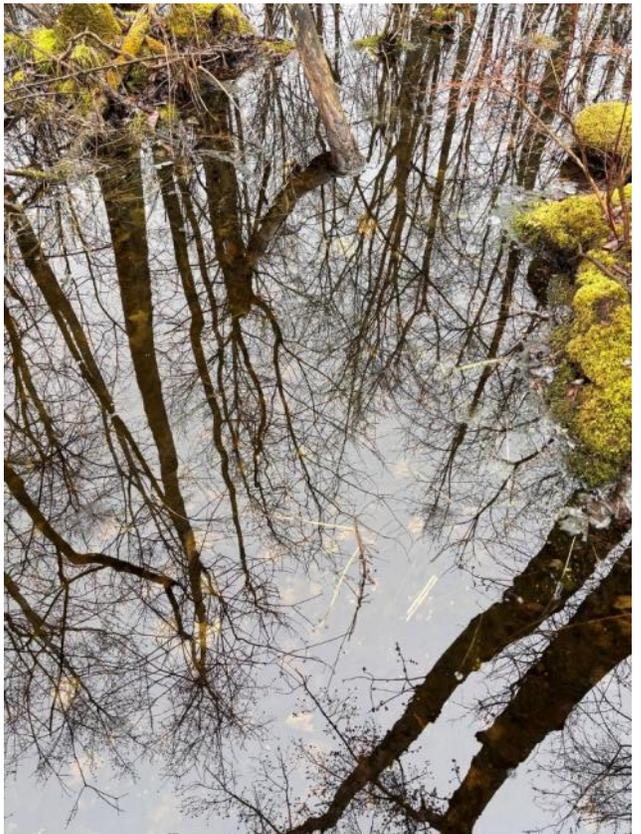
The boardwalk, as noted in the reviews, was slick, so I went slowly. I saw trillium in flower bud and mottled trout lily leaves, only a few toothwort in bloom.



But the mossy stobs and stumps were gloriously green, the maples and willows flowering red and yellow, and song-birds claimed territory and catcalled for mates. The dense cloud cover helped the still water to perfectly reflect the trees.

It's a short trail, but enchanting, and by the time I got back in my car the sky was unchanged, but my own clouds had scattered considerably.

Submitted by: Nancy Gift, Ph.D.



Trail of Hope Blossoms with Memories

This year the Trail of Hope will have extra special memories for the DeCracker family. Mark has been the heart and soul of this place since the beginning, but his mom had a special place there too. Jane DeCracker passed away days ago, and Mark's love of gardening and flowers came from her. We learned she used to hand out freeze pops and ice cream every day to the helpers during the Week of Hope each year.

While the Week of Hope organization was unable to come this year, Mark did have plenty of help planting from the Day of Caring group, and group of Wolcott homeschoolers in May. Visit this summer to see the beautiful displays of flowers and gardens.



Red Creek School Expands Physical Fitness Opportunities

By Amy Bullard, CCE-Wayne

Active People, Healthy Wayne Grant Coordinator

In the second year of partnering with the Red Creek Central School District, Active People, Healthy Wayne and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County were instrumental in broadening the physical fitness opportunities for students. The purchase of canoes and life jackets will promote a healthy lifestyle and introduce them to an experience that they may not have otherwise had - a meaningful outdoor encounter that in turn could become a lifelong physical activity.



During our early work with Red Creek, we evaluated their Wellness Policy and made suggested improvements. Once the school addressed policy change, we discussed the physical activity and nutrition needs of their district. They agreed that some sort of watercraft would be very helpful for their students as the school has an active fishing club and is also situated half a mile from a peaceful pond. The students would be able to actively engage in portaging the canoes to the pond as part of their fitness routine. Portaging enhances strength, endurance, and teamwork, benefiting them not only from the time spent on the water, but also from the teamwork involved in reaching their destination. Canoeing will help students develop paddling skills, improve coordination, and engage in upper-body workouts.



“With the support of this grant, we aim to purchase canoes and life jackets for our fishing club, enabling participants to engage in meaningful outdoor experiences while promoting active living.”

This type of collaboration with a school is an example of how a little bit of help goes a long way. The young adults that use these canoes will be set up for success today as well as for their future. Learning how to correctly and safely navigate a canoe at school may encourage them to pursue canoeing throughout their lifetime which will support the promotion of an active and healthy lifestyle. By partnering with schools in low-income communities, students and their families benefit for years to come. Canoeing is a lifelong wellness activity that encourages physical fitness, environmental stewardship, and social engagement.



Sustainability is one of the goals of the CHSC grant. By offering unique ways for students to be physically active during their hours at school, Active People, Healthy Wayne and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County are also helping to open a student’s world to a healthier, more active way to live as an adult. Canoeing will offer students an opportunity to learn how to safely acquire a new skill, to be introduced to the joys of being outside in nature (mental health,) as well as helping to build their upper body strength... benefits that can be enjoyed throughout their lives.



TO LEARN MORE:

Contact : activepeople.healthywayne@waynecap.org

This work was supported by Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC), a five-year New York State Department of Health funded initiative, helping to build stronger, healthier communities.



Trail News & Notes

Beechwood Kayak Launch at Maxwell Creek

Beechwood received two donations from Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District. The first was several tons of stone to restore the kayak launch at Maxwell Creek. WCS&WD will also be donating a kiosk for the new parking lot and access road that will be built on the west side of the park next year (grant work project being delayed). A Beechwood neighbor donated wood chips for mulch for the kayak launch as well.



Chimney Bluffs State Park

Chimney Bluffs has some new additions in the main parking lot on Garner Rd. in the Town of Huron. There is a new information booth and a food truck! Why not check them out this summer? Remember, there is a fee to park in the main parking lot from April 1 to October 31. The exception is on weekdays for state residents 62 or older.



DEC Birding Trails

DEC sponsors many birding trails throughout NY State. While several of our promoted trails are listed on their website (see link), there are more that should be added, such as Beechwood State Park and Huckleberry Swamp! We have been told by avid birders that over 100 different species have been observed or heard at Beechwood in one day!

Please get out there with your binoculars and enjoy the birds!

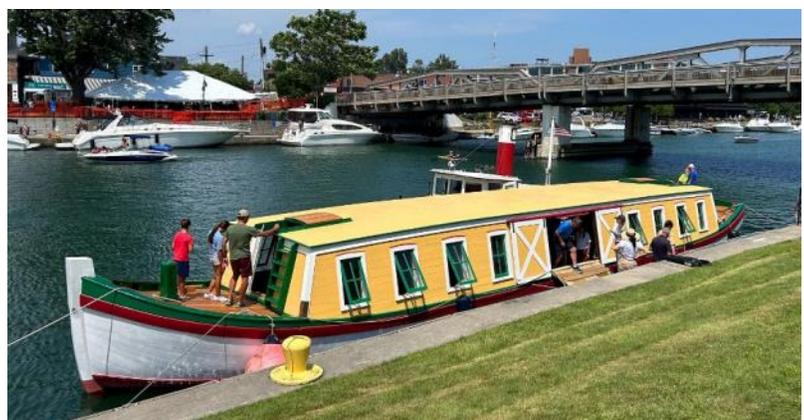
<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/birding/new-york-state-birding-trail>



Erie Canalway Bicentennial 2025

This year will mark the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal. Many events in Wayne County and along the entire Canal are being planned throughout the course of the next months to celebrate this occasion.

The "Seneca Chief," an 1825 canal boat replica, will make its way east from Buffalo on Sept 24 for a cross-canal voyage of the entire length of the Erie Canal. The "Seneca Chief" will make many stops along the canal including stops in Newark on Sept 30 and Lyons on Oct 1, 2025.continued....



Trail News & Notes

Trail Works will be a part of this Canalway Bicentennial Celebration.

There will also be a “Canal Challenge,” 15 miles of hikes, walks, and history along the Canal. Trail Works will host a hike along the Canal in Lyons on Saturday July 12th at 10:00 am. Watch your email for an eBlast reminder about this event. Our Facebook page (June 25 entry) has details.

<https://eriecanalway.org/bicentennial>

<https://buffalomaritimecenter.org/bicentennial-voyage/>

Lauraville Landing

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, the Passport post on this trail was going to be replaced closer to the bridge going over the canal further down the trail to the east. We decided *not* to put in an actual post, but rather just attach the new rubbing plate directly onto the bridge itself. While this is a longer hike to get your rubbing (another mile and a quarter from the old post location), we figured the plate would have a longer life in this location. Look for it to the left of the green NYS sign on the bridge.



And the Winner Is...

Our Passport drawing winner for 2025 is **Christopher Vil-lone of Macedon!** Christopher's name was drawn from many entries during our annual National Trails Day Hike on June 7, when we stopped at the Passport post along the main bluff trail at Beechwood State Park. Christopher receives a \$250 Wegmans gift card for completing 30 of our promoted Wayne County trails. Christopher was very excited to hear he had won the gift card when we called him on June 7.



Congratulations, Christopher!

We encourage everyone to get outdoors to complete 15 or 29 (formerly 30**) of our Passport trails. Use the Wegmans “**Hit the Trail**” **Wayne County** Passport Booklet or Smartphone App to register the trails you complete, and turn in your coupon (s) to the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Newark for next year’s drawing. Screenshots of your earned badges on the phone App emailed to trailworks@trailworks.org also count as proof of your visits. Passport booklet pages can be downloaded from our website by following this link: <https://trailworks.org/new/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Passport-PDF.pdf>

**Please Note:

Please consider hiking the Macyville Woods Nature Preserve trail in Sodus Point (a Genesee Land Trust property), and/or the Hojack Wolcott to Red Creek Rail Trail after the Dolomite Trail closing. Of course, we will certainly accept the completed booklet with only 29 trails completed. If you have questions, please email us at trailworks@trailworks.org.



Past Tracks

Casey Park Joint Hike with Genesee Valley Hiking Club March 15

A total of 43 folks from both Trail Works and the GVHC joined Board member Tom Kolankiewicz for a robust hike around the 100-year old water-filled iron ore bed at Ontario's Casey Park. Once the site of mining activity, the water-filled ore bed has lovely trails to the north and south, connected by a bridge and staircase. On this particular Saturday, the rain held off during the hike itself. While the south trail presented with some long runs of packed snow and ice, the north trail was free of such. After the hike, a group of 17 enjoyed a luncheon at the Ontario Golf Club. Thank you, Tom!



Annual Canal Clean Sweep April 19

Trail Works took part in the annual Canal Clean Sweep event again this year over Earth Day weekend. The NYS Canal Corporation seeks groups each year to pick a section along the Erie Canal to clean up. Over its 20-years legacy, Canal Clean Sweep has mobilized thousands of volunteers from scout troops and small business to elected officials and Rotary Clubs. The target location for Trail Works this year was the old spillway of Clinton's Ditch and Lock 65 in the Lyons area. Trail Works members enjoyed Gil's coffee, donuts, and new t-shirts, and transformed the spillway into a respectable looking canal lock! Special thanks to Board member Gil Burgess for organizing the event again this year, and to members Caileigh, Mike, Sharon, Scott and Tom for making this event a success!



Trail Works Participates in Easter Egg Hunt at Alasa Farms April 19

Cracker Box Palace at Historic Alasa Farms was filled with excited kids on April 19 sporting a variety of Easter outfits and bonnets, and all carrying baskets, buckets, or paper bags! The afternoon had scheduled contests, crafts, animal feeding, and of course, the egg hunt itself! The rain held off until most of the fun was done, so we were thankful for that.

Board member Nancy was there to hand out candy and pencils while she shared the good word about our trail system. Thank you to Cracker Box Palace for letting us join in all the fun!

Cracker Box Palace at Historic Alasa Farms is a Genesee Land Trust conservation easement.



Past Tracks

Wildflower Walk at Kraai Preserve May 4

An overcast day did not put a stop to our investigation of the Kraai Preserve in Arcadia. The spring flowers were abundant! **Snowbells** graced the entrance while **White Trilliums** put on the most notable show! We were also able to find **Green Trilliums** and even an elusive **Red!** **Long Beech Fern** pushed through the ground cover. Delicate blossoms of the **Heartleaf Foamflower** also brightened the ground. **Mr. Jack in his Pulpit** and many **Virginia Bluebells** rounded off our hike beautifully!

The Kraai Preserve is a Genesee Land Trust Property. Submitted by: Sharon Van Liew



Summer Shoreline Hike Cornwall Preserve May 10

On Saturday, May 10th, a group of 21 hikers from both Trail Works and the Genesee Valley Hiking Club hiked the “short” 3-mile version of the Cornwall Preserve & Lakeview Cemetery. This was the first of five hikes for our third Summer Shoreline Hike Series. Tim Wilbur served as our trail sweep. Thanks, Tim!

As you might expect, given all the rain we’ve had this spring, there were a few stretches of the trails that had standing water (the intersection of the Cass Meadow and Throop Trails in particular). Post hike, the group made their way over to Boom Point Winery, where owners Rick and Mark Bernard provided a very hospitable outdoor setting for us to enjoy beverages and snacks.



Cornwall Preserve is a Genesee Land Trust property

Submitted by Tom Kolankiewicz



Past Tracks

Shoreline Hike at Beechwood on National Trails Day With Passport Drawing June 7

The American Hiking Society promotes National Trails Day as the perfect opportunity to set off on a local trail with others in your community. It is also a day of service for hometown trails and the people who love them! National Trails Day is held each year on the first Saturday of June.

It was the perfect hiking day for 28 folks from Trail Works and the Genesee Valley Hiking Club came out to venture through Beechwood State Park. Board member Tom K. moved along at a brisk clip to get the 2.8-mile hike completed. Highlights included the cool and fragrant trail through the pine plantation, the west side of the park, the old Pioneer Lodge, and the rubber band bridge. We made our way to the bluff to see the free-standing chimney whose time is limited where it is precariously perched on the undercut bluff that will give way under its weight in the near future and tumble into the lake. That will be a very sad day! We took in views of Maxwell Creek from above.

Then we stopped by the Passport post to hold the drawing for the Wegman's \$250 gift card! Congratulations to Christopher Villone of Macedon! Once back on the main trail, the group headed to the east side of the park to complete the last mile. Post hike festivities continued at Young Sommer Winery in Williamson. Thank you, Tom!



ADK Outdoor Expo June 14

Trail Works once again participated in the 26th Annual Outdoor Expo, hosted by the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club and Monroe County Parks. We partnered with our friend, Rich Ross, Chapter Chair from the ADK Black River Chapter near Watertown. Member Tim Wilbur joined us in the afternoon to help us out. Board members Caleigh, Mike, and Tom also came to check out the great exhibits.

The Outdoor Expo is a free and family-friendly event that is open to the public every year. There were over 30 demonstrations and workshops scheduled this year on topics including hiking, paddling, back-packing, camping, bicycling, and birding. Over 60 local clubs and organizations exhibited. This event brings together like-minded people exchanging information, ideas and trail stories! We will be back again next year!



Past Tracks

Village of Wolcott Strawberry Festival June 14, 2025

Trail Works member Sharon V. attended the festival representing Trail Works for us this year. Over 100 vendors had signed up for this popular event, and we were worried there wouldn't be space for us, but the Village was kind enough to squeeze us in. Many stopped by to chat about our trail system in Wayne County, looking for the latest brochures and Passport booklet. Sharon took our advice from past experience and got her strawberry shortcake early, and reported it was yummy! Thank you, Sharon!



TRAIL WORKS INC. SUMMER 2025 **REMAINING** SHORELINE HIKES

JOIN TRAIL WORKS MEMBER **TIM WILBUR FOR GUIDED HIKES ALONG OUR FAVORITE SHORELINE TRAILS!**

JULY 13 (SUN) - MACYVILLE WOODS NATURE PRESERVE, 7474 SEAMAN STREET, SODUS POINT NY – 10:00 AM

AUGUST 10 (SUN) - CHIMNEY BLUFFS STATE PARK - EAST BAY ROAD ENTRANCE, HURON NY – 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 14 (SUN) - ALASA FARMS BENTLEY BOND'S RED TRAIL - MEET AT TRAIL-HEAD AT THE BOTTOM OF RED MILL ROAD - PARK ON EITHER SIDE OF ROAD – 10:00 AM

Wayne County Kayak Launch Sites

Wayne County Tourism has provided us with the kayak launch flyer below. **PLEASE NOTE: this is NOT an all-inclusive list!** There are many smaller launches around county waterways that we know about that weren't included.

See website: <https://www.waynecountytourism.com/boat-launches/>

If you have a favorite place to launch your kayak or canoe that's not listed here, please email us at:

trailworks@trailworks.org, and we will compile a more inclusive list to put on our website and on our smartphone app.

Thank you for helping with this project!



The flyer features a dark blue background with two kayakers on the left and right. The title 'Wayne County Kayak Launches' is centered at the top in white. Below the title, launch sites are listed in two columns, each with a location name in bold and its address below it. The locations are: Ontario (Casey Park), Palmyra (Port of Palmyra Marina and Palmyra Boat Ramp), Macedon (Lock E30 Canal Park), Sodus Point (Sill Landing), Newark/Arcadia (Wide Waters Canal Park), Lyons (Abbey Park), Clyde (Lauraville Landing), Savannah (Montezuma Audubon Center), Wolcott/Huron (West Port Bay), Port Bay, East Bay North, and Red Creek (Black Creek Site). The Wayne County Tourism logo is at the bottom left, and the Black Creek Site address is at the bottom right.

Wayne County Kayak Launches

Ontario:
Casey Park
6551 Knickerbocker Rd, Ontario

Palmyra:
Port of Palmyra Marina
Market St, Palmyra

Palmyra Boat Ramp
Park Drive, Palmyra

Macedon:
Lock E30 Canal Park
Route 31F, Macedon

Sodus Point:
Sill Landing
End of South Ontario St, Sodus Point

Newark/Arcadia:
Wide Waters Canal Park
5271 Route 31, Newark

Lyons:
Abbey Park
177 Water Street, Lyons

Clyde:
Lauraville Landing
Water Street, Clyde

Savannah:
Montezuma Audubon Center
2295 NY 89, Savannah

Wolcott/Huron:
West Port Bay
7756 West Port Bay Rd, Wolcott

Port Bay
8428 West Port Bay Rd, Wolcott

East Bay North
North Huron Road, Huron

Red Creek:
Black Creek Site
In Black Creek Unit of Lake Shore Marshes Wildlife Management Area
Kakat Road, Red Creek





1

NAVIGATION
map, compass,
GPS system

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INSULATION

waterproof/windproof jacket,
hat, gloves, thermals,
wool socks (pack extra)

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EMERGENCY SHELTER

tent, space blanket, tarp

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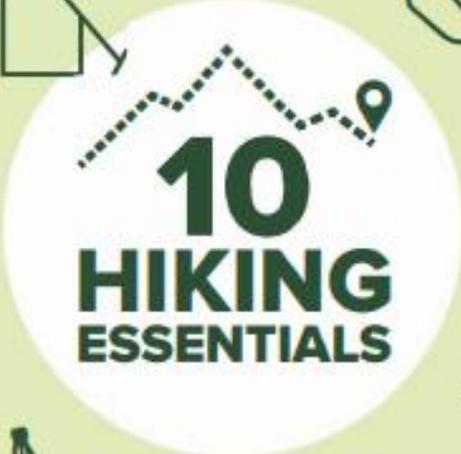
SUN & INSECT PROTECTION

sunglasses, sunscreen,
hat, bug repellent

3

LIGHT

headlamp, flashlight,
lantern, extra batteries



4

FIRST-AID SUPPLIES

pre-made kit or customized

8

WATER

plenty of water, water
filtration system

7

FOOD

high-protein and
high-calorie items

5

EMERGENCY KIT

whistle, signal mirror, duct tape,
pocket knife/multi-tool

6

FIRE

matches in waterproof
container, lighter, fire starters

Carry these essentials on all hikes for a safe and enjoyable experience.



Department of
Environmental
Conservation



IN AN EMERGENCY CALL: **911**

1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264)

The Leave No Trace Seven Principles



PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.



TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.
- In popular areas:
 - Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
 - Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
 - Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.
- In pristine areas:
 - Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
 - Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.



DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwasher.



LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.



MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the environment. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.



RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.



BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.



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Trail Works Event Calendar July – September 2025

Date	Event
July 12	Canal Challenge Historic Hike, County House Rd, Lyons, 10:00 am
July 13	Shoreline Hike, Macyville Woods Nature Preserve, Sodus Point, 10:00 am
July 15	Monthly Meeting, Trail of Hope Lyons, trail maintenance evening, 6:00 pm
July 16	4H Camp Presentation, Beechwood State Park, 1:00 pm
Aug 6	Trail Works Table at Sodus Farm Market 2:30–6:00 pm
Aug 10	Shoreline Hike, Chimney Bluffs State Park, East Bay Rd. entrance, 10:00 am
Aug 16	Meeting & Picnic, TBD
Aug 19	Monthly Meeting & picnic, Location TBD, 6:00 pm
Aug 22	Summer Camp Fun Friday Presentation, Alasa Farms, 1:00 pm
Aug 29	Summer Camp Fun Friday Presentation, Alasa Farms, 1:00 pm
Sept 14	Shoreline Hike, Alasa Farms Red Trail, 10:00 am
Sept 16	Monthly Meeting Location TBD, 7:00 pm
Sept 20	Huron Day Activities, Town of Huron, Time TBD