

## OUR TRAILS NEED YOU... ADOPT-A-TRAIL!

If you like the outdoors, enjoy a well-groomed and maintained hiking trail or just enjoy working outdoors, then this opportunity is for you! If you've ever hiked any of our AMC-maintained trails, here in Rhode Island, you may have noticed how well-kept they are: from sturdy footbridges to wide, clear paths, free of litter, brush or fallen trees. You may have also noticed how bright and visible all of the blazes are, marking the trail. If you'd like to help keep our trails in tip-top condition and share in the pride we have for our Narragansett Chapter AMC trails, then we'd love to introduce you to our "Adopt-A-Trail" program.

While not a new idea - Appalachian Mountain Club trails have been adopted by dedicated stewards for over 100 years - our Narragansett Chapter's devoted Trails Committee has been faithfully maintaining ours in RI, without such a program, since 1921...until now. Over the past 96 years, the miles of trails we maintain have nearly doubled and are growing...so we and they need your help!

AMC's "Adopt-A-Trail" program enables volunteers to take ownership on a specific trail or section of specific trail and oversee basic maintenance of that trail. The prospective "Adopter" chooses from a list of trails and performs general maintenance (as recommended) by the AMC. Taking on the stewardship of a trail is a privilege, and it is important that the Adopter take the responsibilities of maintaining the trail seriously. As an individual, the volunteer can work on the trail when it suits their schedule and may bring friends and family along for the experience, too.

The work is light, easy to learn and offers great rewards. Please consider "Adopting" one of our trails or a section of a trail in the Arcadia Management Area and give the gift of a great trail to the next generation!

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For more details, please contact NCAMC Trails Committee Member and Adopt-A-Trail Leader, Maria Earley at: xswampy50@gmail.com or (401) 789-8331