

2022 MASSACHUSETTS A.T. 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, and others will be off-trail adventures.

All participants must sign up at <u>outdoors.org</u>. A link for each project is also usually provided below. We generally meet at the trailhead at 9am and are headed back to arrive at the trailhead no later than 4pm. If you only have a partial day available, we'd be happy to accommodate you-just let the project leader know.

Note: Projects for the season will conform to AMC and ATC Covid-19 work requirements. At present (March 2022), Face coverings are not required for outdoor activities. This may change, so register for the project for the latest info.

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

Note: This document was originally created on March 15, 2022. We will be making some changes as the season develops. The live, up-to-the-minute version of this schedule can be found at the link below (hover, then click the text that appears):

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Date	Day	Project Name	Project Description	Leader	Leader Email	Leader Phone	Registration
3/26/2022	Saturday	Field Edge Clearing, Tyringham	We will be cutting back encroaching brush from the edges of open fields crossed by the Trail. Waterproof footwear is recommended	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
Date	Day	Project Name	Project Description	Leader	Leader Email	Leader Phone	Registration
4/5/2022	Tuesday	Vernal Pool Training	Learn to identify and document vernal pool attributes. Work will involve a classroom and field session. Group size may be limited.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
4/9/2022	Saturday	Vernal Pool Monitoring	We will explore a possible vernal pool on AT lands and apply skills acquired in the April 5th training. Off-Trail hiking. Waterproof footware recommended.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
4/12/2022	Tuesday	Vernal Pool Training (rain date)	If weather and amphibs are not ready on the 5th: Learn to identify and document vernal pool attributes. Work will involve a classroom and field session. Group size may be limited.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
4/12/2022	Tuesday	Reinforce Hop Brook Boardwalk (Tyringham)	Hop Brook is undercutting the boardwalk that carries the trail. We will drive additional supports into the mud and attach supporting timbers. Short walk to worksite.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
4/16/2022	Saturday	Install Bog Bridges near Hop Brook (Tyringham)	We will carry in and install approximately 15 bog bridges to cross wet areas caused by beavers creating dams in the brook. 1/2 Mile carry to worksite. Waterproof footwear recommended.	Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail. com	413-841-2945	Registration Link
4/23/2022	Saturday	Clear Open Areas on Tyringham Cobble (Tyringham)	A joint project with Cobble Volunteers and Trustees of Reservations Staff. We'll cut brush and small saplings that have grown into open areas along the trail. 1 mile moderate hike to worksite.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
4/30/2022	Saturday	Wildlife Transect, North of Main Rd, Tyringham	We will explore off-trail documenting sign of wildlife activity on AT Corridor Lands. Footprints, scat, tree marking activity. Slow pace on ocasionally steep terrain.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
Date	Day	Project Name	Project Description	Leader	Leader Email	Leader Phone	Registration
5/2/2022	Monday	A.T. Committee Meeting	AMC Western Mass AT Committee meeting. Zoom/In-Person. All are welcome. Contact Leader for more info.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Contact Leader for more info
5/3/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Contact Leader for more info
5/7/2022	Saturday	Blowdown BlitzCentral Region (Becket)	We will work in 2-3 person teams with AT Sawyers to clear downed trees from the Trail. No chainsaw experience is required. Expect to hike up to 4-6 miles from a variety of trailheads.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
5/8/2022	Sunday	AT Corridor Boundary Maintenace Hinsdale/Dalton	See the backstage side of the Trail. We will walk the boundary of AT Lands clipping back brush and checking on boundary markers. 4 miles, slow paceoff trail with considerable stooping and bending.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Registration Link

5/10/2022	Tuesday	Invasive RemovalShaker Campsite (Tyringham)	We will pull Garlic Mustard, Barberry and other non-native plants in and around this overnight site to protect native plants and limit spread of seeds by hikers. Approx one mile flat hike to worksite.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
5/14/2022	Saturday	Volunteer Gathering Father Tom Campsite, Cheshire	A chance for all AT Volunteers and others interested in volunteer opportunities, and renew acquaintences. We'll review last season's work, make plans for future seasons and update everyone on new Trail management efforts. Free lunch (pizza) for all participants. 9am to 2pm. This is an in-person event under a tent.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Contact leader to RSVP
5/15/2022	Sunday	Corridor Boundary MaintenanceTyringham	Visit the part of the Trail hikers never see. We will maintain and mark the boundary of AT Easement lands on Tryingham Cobble. Clipping brush and painting survey blazes. Approx 4 miles on moderate terrain, in occasionally heavy brush. Considerable stooping and bending.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Registration Link
5/17/2022	Tuesday	Upper Goose Pond Cabin Maintenance (Lee)	Prepare the Cabin for opening. Install dock, make minor repairs. Some work in the water as well as on ladders. Short, moderate hike to Cabin. Some supplies carried by canoe.	Pete Rentz	pmrentz@gmail.com	(413) 281-5663	Registration Link
5/21/2022	Saturday	Blowdown BlitzSouthern Region (Great Barrington) CANCELLED	We will work in 2-3 person teams with AT Sawyers to clear downed trees from the Trail. No chainsaw experience is required. Expect to hike up to 4-6 miles from a variety of trailheads.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	CANCELLED
5/24/2022	Tuesday	Goose Pond Rd Parking & Bog Bridge install near Cooper Brook (Tyringham)	We will start the day carrying approx 6 bog bridges 1/2 mile to a wet area near Cooper Brook, followed by mowing and clipping brush at an open field adjacent to the Trail.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
5/28/2022	Saturday	Blowdown BlitzNorth Region (Cheshire) CANCELLED	We will work in 2-3 person teams with AT Sawyers to clear downed trees from the Trail. No chainsaw experience is required. Expect to hike up to 4-6 miles from a variety of trailheads.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	CANCELLED
5/29/2022	Sunday	Open Goose Pond Cabin for the Season (Lee)	We'll open up the Cabin for hikers this holiday weekend. Some ladder work and light carpentry. Short, moderate hike to Cabin.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
5/31/2022	Tuesday	Privy Maintenance, TBD	We will visit one or more privies at AT overnight sites. We'll remove and distribute composted material and make any needed minor repairs. No direct contact with human waste. Generally, less than 2 mile round trip from a variety of traiheads.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
Date	Day	Project Name	Project Description	Leader	Leader Email	Leader Phone	
6/4/2022	Saturday	Replace Kiosk at Shays' Rebellion (Sheffield)	We will remove and replace a decaying trailhead kiosk at the parking area near Shays' Rebellion monument in Sheffield. Some digging and light carpentry. Painting.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
6/7/2022	Tuesday	Natural Heritage MonitoringUpper Goose Pond (Lee)	We will work off-trail to monitor American Chestnut trees in the areas adjacent to the pond. Slow pace, off-trail. Approx 3-4 miles of hiking on moderate to easy terrain.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
6/11/2022	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail. com	413-841-2945	LINK
6/14/2022	Tuesday	Natural Heritage MonitoringMt Greylock AreaDay 1	Monitor Rare, Threatened or Endangered plants on summit area of Mt Greylock. Slow pace, off trail.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
6/14/2022	Tuesday	Trail RepairsSouth of Oct Mtn Shelter (Washington)	Perform a short relocation around washout and additional nearby clearing of drainage channels. Approx 4 mile round trip hike on easy terrain. Digging and clearing brush with hand tools.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
6/15/2022	Wednesday	Natural Heritage MonitoringMt Greylock AreaDay 2	Monitor Rare, Threatened or Endangered plants on summit area of Mt Greylock. Slow pace, off trail.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
6/18/2022	Saturday	Install Stepstones Near Outlook Ave (Cheshire)	We will install stepstones in wet area north of Outlook Ave in Cheshire. Approx 1/2 mile easy hike. Work will be wet and muddy, waterproof footwear is recommended.	Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail. com	413-841-2945	Registration Link
6/21/2022	Tuesday	New Roof for Laurel Ridge Privy (Mt Washington)	We will replace the roof of the privy at Laurel Ridge Campsite near Mt Race. Approx 3/4 mile hike to worksite carrying tools and materials. Light carpentry.	Don Fairbanks	gdfairbanks@nycap. rr.com	(413) 443-1148	Registration Link
6/25/2022	Saturday	Clean Graffiti from Trail near Mass AveNorth Adams.	Unknown persons have extensively painted trees and rocks along the A.T. with red paint. We'll work to remove the most visible marks. Some work is 2.5 miles from the road, most is within 1.5 miles on moderate terrain. With a sufficient number of people, we will be able to have several independent teams at work.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link

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7/5/2022		•	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Josh Weeks	inweeks2020@gmail.	413-841-2945	LINK
7/9/2022	Tuesday Saturday	Open Project Day Install Stepstones South of	We will install stepstones in wet area south of Blotz Rd in Hinsdale. Approx 1 mile moderate	Cosmo	com at@amc-wma.org	413-841-2945	Registration
7/12/2022	Tuesday	Kady Brook (Hinsdale Open Project Day	hike. Work will be wet and ocasionally muddy. Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Catalano Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail.	413-841-2945	Link Registration
7/15/2022	Friday	Install Stepstones South of County Rd (Becket)	We will install stepstones in wet area south of County Rd. Approx 1 mile moderate hike. Work will be wet and ocasionally muddy.	Cosmo Catalano	com at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Link Registration Link
7/16/2022	Saturday	Install Stepstones South of County Rd (Becket)	We will install stepstones in wet area south of County Rd. Approx 1 mile moderate hike. Work will be wet and ocasionally muddy.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
7/19/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail. com	413-841-2945	Contact Leader
7/23/2022	Saturday	Shaker Campsite and Boardwalk Repairs	We'll repair the picnic table at Shaker campsite and install some traction cleats to a slippery bridge near Main Road. Light carpentry, painting. Less than one mile hike to worksite carrying tools and materials.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
7/26/2022	Tuesday	Install Stepstones South of County Rd (Becket), Part 2	We will return to continue stepstones in wet area south of County Rd. Approx 1 mile moderate hike. Work will be wet and ocasionally muddy.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
7/27/2022	Wednesday	Improve Turnpike at Pittsfield Rd	We will extend and repair the gravel turnpike just north of Pittsfield Rd. Work will include digging, carrying and spreading gravel from the trailhead. Some muddy conditions are likely.	Josh Weeks	jnweeks2020@gmail. com	413-841-2945	Registration Link
7/30/2022	Saturday	Phragmities Removal at Upper Goose Pond (Lee) Cancelled	We'll wade in the shallow water at the edges of the pond near Upper Goose Pond Cabin to clip invasive Phragmities plants to slow their spread. Swimwear, watershoes and sunscreen recommended.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	CANCELLE D
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8/2/2022	Tuesday	Wildlife Transect, Location TBD	We will explore off-trail documenting sign of wildlife activity in this conserved area. Footprints, scat, tree marking activity. Slow pace on flat terrain. May be muddy in places.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	LINK
8/2/2022	Tuesday	Repairs at Tom Leonard Shelter	We will make repairs to the roof of the shelter, and install campsite numbers. General tiduying of the area. Light Carpentry, some ladder work. 1 mile uphill hike carrying ladder and some materials.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
8/6/2022	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	LINK
8/9/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	LINK
8/13/2022	Saturday	Bridge Work, South of Shays' Rebellion Monument	We will install some small pieces of wood for better traction on a bridge about .8 miles south of the meeting place, then drive to a nearby section of trail through an open field and install new blaze posts. 1.6 miles hike on flat trail. Light carpentry and digging with had tools. Plenty of mosquitoes. Probably a half day's work.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	LINK
8/16/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	LINK
8/20/2022	Saturday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	LINK
8/23/2022	Tuesday	Trail Maintenance North of Fernside Rd	We will clear drainages and rebuild steps and stepstones as needed on this steep, wet section	Mike Brick	bicme123@gmail.	(413) 667-7066	Registration Link
8/23/2022	Tuesday	Shaker Invasive Removal (Tyringham)	This will be the first of 3 days of a project to remove invasive plants from the Shaker Campsite area. Hand cutting of plants will be followed by a professional herbicide treatment. Off Trail on easy/moderate terrain.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
8/24/2022	Wednesday	Shaker Invasive Removal (Tyringham)	This will be the second of 3 days of a project to remove invasive plants from the Shaker Campsite area. Hand cutting of plants will be followed by a professional herbicide treatment. Off Trail on easy/moderate terrain.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
8/25/2022	Thursday	Shaker Invasive Removal (Tyringham)	This will be the third of 3 days of a project to remove invasive plants from the Shaker Campsite area. Hand cutting of plants will be followed by a professional herbicide treatment.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
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9/6/2022	Monday	A.T. Committee Meeting	AMC Western Mass AT Committee meeting. Zoom/In-Person. All are welcome. Contact Leader for more info.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Contact Leader for more info
9/20/2022	Tuesday	Wildlife Transect, Location TBD	We will explore off-trail documenting sign of wildlife activity on AT Corridor Lands. Footprints, scat, tree marking activity. Slow pace on ocasionally steep terrain.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
9/24/2022	Saturday	Mowing/clipping near Shays' Rebellion	There are a number of rare plants growing on Trail lands in the area near Shays' Rebellion Monument in Sheffield. These plants perform best when the area is periodically mowed. We'll mow several locations in the area as well as run the string trimmer/brush cutter. There are also areas that will need hand cutting with loppers or saws.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
9/27/2022	Tuesday	Deer Stand Removal, Gulf Rd Dalton	4-6 people are needed to remove an illegal deer stand on Trail lands a short distance off trail north of Gulf Rd in Dalton. Approx 1/2 mile hike to site, return carrying out the disassembled stand. Great chance to see the new trail relocaton and some interesting plants and habitat. This is a half day project that will wrap up before 1pm.	Jim Pelletier	wanderer0131@yaho o.com	(413) 454-4773	Registration Link
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10/4/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD. Check with Leader for more info	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Contact Leader for more info
10/10/2022	Monday	ALDHA ProjectUpper Goose Pond Cabin	Work with volunteers from the ALDHA Gathering on dock improvements at Upper Goose Pond Cabin	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
10/10/2022	Monday	ALDHA Boundary Project (Hinsdale)	Work with volunteers from the ALDHA Gathering on maintainign Corridor Boundary south of Blotz Rd. Off Trail work as slow pace.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Registration Link
10/11/2022	Tuesday	Open Project Day	Project TBD.	Leaer TBD	at@amc-wma.org		
10/14/2022	Friday	UGPC Clean Up Day	We will work on several projects at Upper Goose Pond Cabin including moving in a new stove, removing an antiquated privy, cutting fire wood, clearing un-needed tools and materials from the tool shed, trail work onthe Caretaker's access trail, and other fun stuff. We could use lots of hands on this project, so come and spend a nice fall day at this beautiful location.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration_ Link
10/16/2022	Sunday	Full Maintenance Boundary Section 3 (North Adams)	Visit the part of the Trail hikers never see. We will maintain and mark the boundary of AT Corridor lands in North Adams. Clipping brush and painting survey blazes. Approx 4 miles on monderate terrain, in ocasionally heavy brush. Considerable stooping and bending.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Registration Link
10/16/2022	Sunday	Close UGPC	Close Upper Goose Pond Cabin for the season. We'll clean the interior, install shutters and carry out supplies that won't do well over the winter. Short hike to the Cabin on the catetaker's trail.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Registration Link
10/18/2022	Tuesday	UGPC Stove Install	We will install the new stove in the UGPC kitchen, and finish buttoning up the Cabin for the winter.	Cosmo Catalano	at@amc-wma.org	413-822-0094	Contact Listed Leader for more Info
10/23/2022	Sunday	Full Maintenance Boundary Section 32 (Sheffield)	Visit the part of the Trail hikers never see. We will maintain and mark the boundary of AT Corridor lands between Rt 7 and S Egremont Rd. Clipping brush and painting survey blazes. Approx 5 miles on monderate terrain, in ocasionally heavy brush. Considerable stooping and bending.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Registration Link
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11/7/2022	Monday	AT Committee Meeting	AMC Western Mass AT Committee meeting. All are welcome. Contact Leader for more info.	Deb Weisenstein	at@amc-wma.org	508-277-4826	Contact Leader for more info