

Nature Talks – Trails, Signs and Intern

For many of us, February brings with it an opportunity to begin focusing on spring. Higher temperatures are definitely coming!! Your Epping Conservation Commission (ECC) is planning a Trail Workday for a warmer day in the next month or two at Robert Friend Low Park. The Low family wanted to protect undeveloped water frontage along the (Piscassic River), wildlife habitat on the property, and the scenic enjoyment of the general public.

In accordance with the forest management plan, timber at the park was harvested in August, 2017 and shortly thereafter, the ECC marked out a trail. At least once a year since then, some clearing has occurred to ensure the trail markings are still visible. With more folks taking advantage of the outdoors, we're hoping a large group of volunteers will turn out to complete the trail clearing and put on the finishing touches.

You've probably seen the sign at Miriam Jackson Park, located at the corner of Water and Mill Streets, but have you ever wondered who she really was? When the ground thaws enough for installation, look for a new educational sign answering that question. She was a remarkable woman and conservationist.

In other ECC news, please welcome Garrett Snyder as a temporary Commissioner! As a UNH senior majoring in Environmental Conservation and Sustainability, he needs work/internship experience to graduate. We will share our knowledge with him and he will contribute his time toward achieving some of our goals. It's a win/win situation for sure! Garrett prefers field work to looking at paper, specifically mentioned compass and digital geographic systems and will get some experience monitoring properties. Additionally, he will take a close look at the Epping Natural Resources Inventory to gain an understanding of the ecological value of the land, the wildlife habitat and recommendations for protecting these natural resources. If you have any questions about those things in particular, and/or anything else in general, please send them our way! Thank you, Garrett!!

Stay safe and enjoy the outdoors!

