MEDUXNEKEAG RIVER ASSOCIATION INC.

Up the Creek

Trail News

Looking for some great snowshoeing trails this winter? Look no further! We have you covered with 7 snowshoeing friendly trails!

Black trail was completely re-routed and outfitted with wide bridges and rope hand rails to accommodate snowshoers! The Black and Orange Trails can be accessed at 200 Red Bridge Road at the VanDine Falls/Leonard Woods Preserve. We are also happy to announce that we will be keeping the Parking lot plowed out this year to provide a safe parking option for those wishing to use the Orange and Black trail. Please note that the Purple Trail is CLOSED until spring due to the steep, rocky terrain that is not suitable for snowshoeing.

The Wilson Mountain Nature Preserve offer 3 great trails: Red, Blue and Yellow for snowshoers. There is also off the road parking here at 260 Red Bridge Road

Bell Forest provides a nice wide trail (without the need for bridges or rope hand rails) that is great for snowshoeing. This trail is not a loop and is approximately 2.5 km to the River(5.0km round trip back to your car). There is no off the road parking at this site. Trail entrance at 200 Bell Settlement Road.

New Nouveau Brunswick
Your Environmental Trust Fund at Work

The LUSH Education Loop-Gold Trail is our newest option for shoeshoers and is wonderful for seeing all kinds of animal tracks! There is no off the road parking at this site. Trail entrance at 112 Bell Settlement Road.

Into the Woods!

The curriculum document for 17th Annual Meduxnekeag Environmental Showcase is ready and can be found on our website. This year's theme is "Into the Woods"! We are excited to see all the wonderful projects students are inspired to do from spending time exploring outdoors!

The curriculum document has everything teachers and parents need to know to help get their students started. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer.

Interested in being a volunteer judge? We can always use your help! No experience required. Contact Jennifer at Jennifer@Meduxnekeag.org

Simon goes to COP 24 in Katowice, Poland

COP is the UN Climate Conference and it's serious business for governments, industry, rights holders and non-government organizations around the World – it is about international dialogue and agreements around the changing climate. The most recent report from the IPCC, the UN's body for assessing the science related to climate change, declared that we have around a decade to limit climate warming to 1.5°C! The analysis shows that the difference between a 1.5°C future and a 2°C future is daunting, possibly insurmountable without significant disruptive change for people, economies, wildlife and the natural places we love. For a rural NB'er, COP is about the stories of communities and people adapting to the changing climate. One thing is clear – there is lots of great momentum on the ground. Some times this is out of a clear necessity for survival (think Pacific Islands that have less than one meter elevation and are experiencing sea level rise and increased occurrences of storm surge) and in other cases it is groups like the Meduxnekeag River Association Inc. and their partners and supporters protecting the places we love. These natural places are doing double duty for us – providing valuable habitat and helping to buffer us against the changing climate. Just another reason to keep doing what we are doing.

Social Media

We are continuing to increase our involvement on social media and would like to thank everyone who is following us, sharing and liking our posts and participating in our contests! If you don't already, please connect with us on these platforms as they are our main means of sharing information and giving away merchandise.

follow us on facebook Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve

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WHS Project

We continue to work with Woodstock High School Environmental Science Program to

incorporate activities into the curriculum that promote a more sustainable future. Our major project this fall was to plant 100 Native Trees, many of which were donated by Natural Resources Canada, on the Jackson Falls Preserve. Students were very enthusiastic about this activity and we hope to continue it as a biannual event to help teach students about the carbon cycle and ways we can reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

In part of this project a grow tower was purchased, and the environmental science students are using it to grow their own food and using it to start a discussion on the carbon footprint associated with what we choose to eat.

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Many hands make light work!

With 14 enthusiastic volunteers at our Fall Volunteer Day on the Preserve we were able to beat the snow and hammer in new, taller, replacement posts on the Black Trail! Thank you to everyone who came out to lend a hand!

Don't worry if you missed out on the fun; we will be hosting more of these volunteer days! Stay connected with us on social media and sign up to receive an email notification for upcoming volunteer days! If you are interested in having your name added to our volunteer list, please contact us at Meduxnekeag@nb.aibn.com.
On occasion we look for interested volunteers to join our board of directors and other committees; if this sounds like it might interest you please let us know.

Not able to volunteer, but still want to make a difference? Every dollar counts! All donations made are used to help protect more rare Appalachian Hardwood Forests, trail creation and education programs. If you have a preference, we are happy to accommodate you. All donations are tax deductible and will receive a tax receipt. Together we can protect the beautiful Meduxnekeag River!

Mark it on your Meduxnekeag Calendar!

February 7th @7:00pm MRA Annual General Meeting @ Connell House

March 21st @ 6:00 pm Winter/Spring Outdoor Readiness @ the LP Fisher Library Woodstock

April 13th @6:00 pm Meduxnekeag Dinner & Auction @ the K of C Hall

April 27th @1:00 pm Meduxnekeag Grand Environmental Showcase @ NBCC Woodstock

May 19th @ 1:00 pm Wild Flower walk @ the Bell Forest Nature Preserve– 200 Bell Settlement Road

Living Legacy

We have launched the 2nd phase of the Living Legacy fund! Over the next five years we hope to raise funds to protect more of the rare Appalachian Hardwood Forest surrounding the beautiful Meduxnekeag River. All donations will go towards land protection and will receive a tax receipt.

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☐ Yes, I will make a pledge to the *Living Legacy* campaign

Donor Status	Pledge	Per Year for 5 Years
DIAMOND	$1000	☐
GOLD	$500	☐
SILVER	$300	☐
BRONZE	$200	☐
Other	$____	☐

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