



The Stewardship Network

New England

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News

The Stewardship Network: New England has a roadmap for our work in 2014, thanks to partners who identified needs at our meetings in fall 2013. **Malin Clyde** is working to get the new website and online hub up and running for upcoming field seasons, and looks forward to a new [NH EPSCoR](#) intern who will help highlight citizen science programs in the Network. **Ellen Snyder** is pulling together a suite of trainings based on conservation partner needs such as trails, invasive plants, using social media, and general land management ("Where do I get a solid iron gate?"). **Emma Carcagno** will work with Seacoast conservation groups on collaborative projects such as invasive plant workdays, native plantings, trail networks, citizen science, and more.



Volunteers Needed

Trail Maintenance on Cobb Hill - Hancock, Saturday, February 15

Harris Center for Conservation Education volunteer leader Jim Orr will lead a morning of moderately strenuous trail work, clearing blow-downs on the Cobb Hill Trail. Work off the Valentine's Day chocolate while enjoying a beautiful vista of Mount Monadnock and Lake Skatutakee! All ages and abilities are welcome. Tools will be provided, but bring gloves, a bow saw, and loppers if you have them. Bring water, too, and meet at 9 a.m. at Merrill's Four Corners (the intersection of Old Dublin Road and Jaquith Road in Hancock). Back by 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Jim at trailchief@gmail.com or (603) 924-6934. See [Harris Center calendar](#) for more events.



Skill-Building

Introduction to Careful Timber Harvesting

Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury



Learn the basics of conducting a careful timber harvest at an active logging site. This field trip will detail logging equipment, road and timber landing layout, and wood markets. See the machinery. Learn about forestry objectives and non-timber considerations during the tour. [Registration is required \(click here\)](#). Sponsored by the [Society for the Protection of NH Forests](#), in collaboration with UNH Cooperative Extension, Merrimack County and Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd.

Volunteer Training

"Salamander Crossing Brigades" Volunteer Trainings

Keene March 13 (Thursday), 7-9 pm, Keene State College Science Bldg, rm 154

Hancock March 29 (Saturday), 10-noon Harris Ctr for Conservation Education

As the earth thaws and spring rains drench New Hampshire, thousands of salamanders, frogs, and toads make their way to vernal pools to breed. Many are killed when their journeys take them across busy roads. Each spring, we train volunteers to serve on Salamander Crossing Brigades at amphibian road crossings throughout the [Monadnock Region](#).

These heroic volunteers count migrating amphibians, and safely usher the animals across roads during one or more "Big Nights."

To join the ranks, attend either training.

Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and Keene State College. For more information, please contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or (603) 358-2065.



Citizen Science

Have you see winter moths?



The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is asking anyone who thinks they've seen winter moth to report it on nhbugs.org. The division is gathering locations now for scouting that will take place in the spring. Winter moths fly in late November through December or until the cold kills the adult moth. It feeds in early spring as a caterpillar on oak, birch, maple, apple, and other hardwoods, and it seems to have a special fondness for blueberries. If you think you've spotted winter moth, please report it [here](#). Your input will help

the division narrow its springtime search.

Backyard Winter Bird Survey is Coming

By Rebecca Suomala, NH Audubon Senior Biologist

New Hampshire Audubon's annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey is coming up on February 8 and 9. If you've never participated, it's a great way to have fun watching birds and contributing to our knowledge of backyard birds at the same time. Anyone can participate by counting the birds in their own backyard on the survey weekend and sending the results to NH Audubon. For more information on the survey and details on how to participate, [see the website here](#). Note: this survey is for New Hampshire only - it's separate from the nationwide Great Backyard Bird Count. We encourage people to do both.



Reminders

- [Speaking for Wildlife/Field Trips: 101](#) - Volunteer Training (Feb 1, Manchester)
- [Plant Conservation Volunteer](#) - Volunteer Training (March 2014)
- [Saving Special Places](#) - Save the Date (April 5, Laconia)
- Release of Stewardship Network: New England report on fall 2013 meetings

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Do you have stewardship news, trainings, or events you'd like us to include in the next issue of this e-news? Send items related to the above topics to Malin Clyde: malin.clyde@unh.edu

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