**Saturday**

**Trailwork 101: The Basics**

*Get out and play in the mud! Regardless of ground cover, we will spend   
some time to cover the basics: water control via simple drains, dealing with   
blowdowns, and brushing to keep a corridor. What might we see when   
hikers pass through an area where we've worked? What happens when   
drains fail? When something blocks the trail?*

*Our main focus will be to harden a wet areas along the All Access Trail.   
As time permits we’ll look at French drains installed llast summer that failed and fix them or replace them with another means of fixing the drainage.   
Just what was done? Can you suggest improvements? What choices   
were made when planning?   
We will discuss options for situations beyond our capabilities   
or for when time runs out.*

Hierarchy of trailwork within AMC (see illustration a few pages ahead)

Personal protective equipment

Gloves

Goggles / safety glasses

Hard hat

Other clothing

Tool identification and functions

Hand tool safety

Carrying

“Circle of death” use  
The pre-hike

What do you want to accomplish?   
What sort of team will you have?   
What problems will you find?   
How will you prioritize the work?   
What will you put off for another day?   
What needs additional resources?   
Take notes!

Basic brushing

Trail dimensions

Stubs and punji sticks

Think ahead (regrowth)

Basic drain clearing   
Shape

Outflow

Different types

Bog bridge repair

Treadway

Hiker psychology

**Sunday**

**Trailwork 102: Going to Blazes**

*Finish up any work on the trail hardening.*

*Time and weather permitting, we’ll may repaint blazes.*

*What should you consider when a simple ditch or waterbar is not possible?   
What other structures will we see on a trail? How do different kinds of trails   
differ in their needs? What’s in the future for this trail?   
The job isn’t done until the paperwork is filed!*

Brushing in

Dirt

Duff

Soil   
Subsoil

Water diversion   
Where to install   
What type to install

Water crossings   
Bog bridges   
Bridges

Sidehilling

Rocks

Steps

Scree

Impediments

Hiker psychology

Trees

The “windswept” look

Think ahead by years

Blazing

Proper materials, color, shape

Placement

Cairns

Signs

Block unwanted trail or herd path

Trail delineation

Hiker psychology

Hiking trails vs. {ski | bike | equestrian | ADA accessible}

Trail dimensions

Drainage

Streams

Hardening

Surface

LNT vs. LMT

Rules and regulations

Organizational

Land owner

State

Federal

Reports

Take notes as you work!

Wrapping up

Tool care and maintenance   
Power tools

Leadership skills

Becoming a NH trailwork leader   
AMC trailwork opportunities   
AMC training & certification   
Adopting a trail

Other trailwork groups in NH   
Advertise, evangelize, recruit!