



Richford River Access

NFCT Waterway Work Trip

July 22-24

Introduction:

The NFCT has been working on a comprehensive river access project in the Town of Richford for the past two seasons. It is our hopes that when this year's project is completed we will have a safe and sustainable river access, an appropriately located campsite, and an interpretive kiosk located at Davis Park. The Town of Richford has been a huge supporter of this project with the town street department devoting time and equipment. We have received funding from the VT Recreation Trails Program to contract a NorthWoods Stewardship Center crew to construct a stone staircase to the river. A local committee has been working on text and images to be included on an interpretive kiosk that will also be developed with VT Recreation Trails Program funding.

Driving Directions and Meeting Location:

Follow Vermont 105 north to the Town of Richford. Route 105 will make a sharp right. Keep straight on Main Street. After 150 feet turn left on to Intervale Avenue. Follow the signs for the playground, take a left on Playground Street (may not have a sign). Follow the road to the parking area in back of the fields. We will have our spike camp set up in the woods between the ball fields and the river. The NFCT Stewardship Interns will be here to greet you.

Follow this link for a [Google Map of the project](#).

Camping and Facilities:

This site is considered primitive and has room for tents. We will establish a kitchen area. We will also have the opportunity to have camp fires. It is recommended that you bring camping gear with you. If you have any camping gear needs please contact NFCT Trail Director, Walter Opuszynski at walter@northernforestcanoetrail.org or by dialing (802)496-2285 x2, we may have what you need for use.

There will be a primitive outhouse available for use. We will provide anti-bacterial gel and toilet paper, please bring all other sanitary items you may need.

Food:

The cost of this WWT goes towards purchasing food for the NFCT interns and volunteers. NFCT interns will prepare meals. Meals will range from dutch oven pizza to chocolate chip pancakes and everything in between. We will have ample drinking water available as well as a variety of powdered drink mixes. We will also have tea and coffee available.

What to Bring:

- Personal camping gear (include rain gear, a tent, eating utensils, flashlight, etc.)
- Work Gloves
- Water Bottle
- Paddling Gear (If you are interested in paddling opportunities)

Tools will be provided, although extra shovels, buckets, or mattocks could be helpful

Food will be provided by the NFCT (Please notify us of any food preferences/allergies)

Paddling:

There will be group paddling opportunities weaved into the WWT, as well as time for solo pursuits at the end of the day. These will not be guided tours as our NFCT Interns are not trained or certified guides although they will have Wilderness First Aid Certification and open/fast water paddle skills and rescue training. We will decide as a group the nature of the group paddling opportunities. Paddling will be done on the Missisquoi River. We can work as a group to create different paddles to meet people's abilities and comfort level. If you have any paddling needs or questions please contact NFCT Trail Director, Walter: walter@northernforestcanoetrail.org (802)496-2285 x2

There is an opportunity to perform stewardship work on Saturday and use Sunday morning to paddle the Missisquoi to East Berkshire. For those with bicycles, and the interest, it is possible to bike back from East Berkshire to Richford. The entire trip takes approximately 4-5 hours.

Project Details:

Trail Work

The NorthWoods Stewardship Center Conservation Corps constructed a 14 step stone staircase with re-enforced headwall. There is a muddy area of approximately 120 feet from the top of the staircase to the parking area at Davis Park. We will be creating a stone cause way over this area by using rock roughly size 1' x 1' to line the sides of the trail. The side rocks will be approximately 36" apart. We will fill the area between the rocks with crush fill and top it off with stone dust.

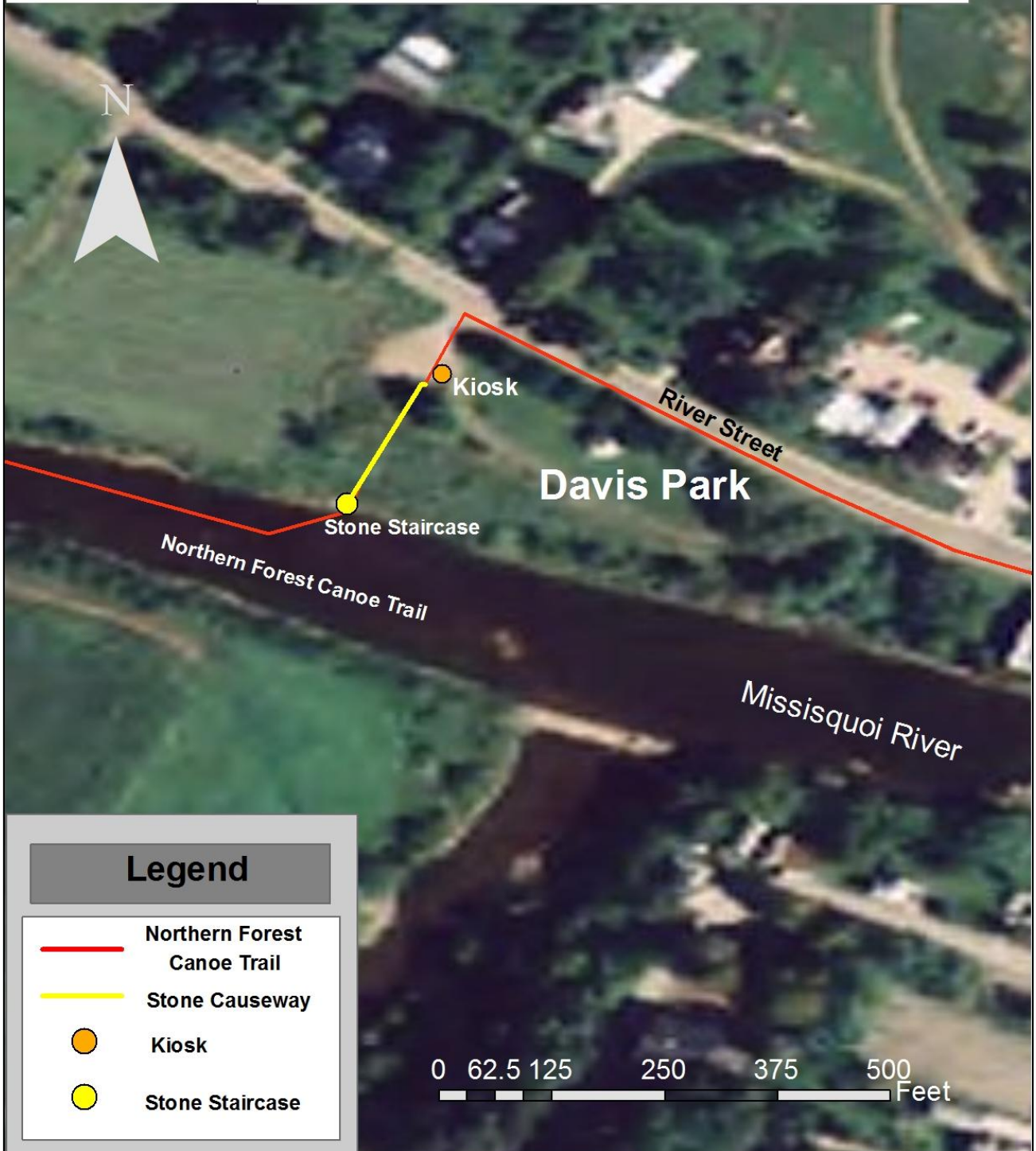


Members of the Northwoods Stewardship Center work with the Town of Richford Street Department to install a stone staircase at Davis Park. We will be connecting this staircase to the parking area.



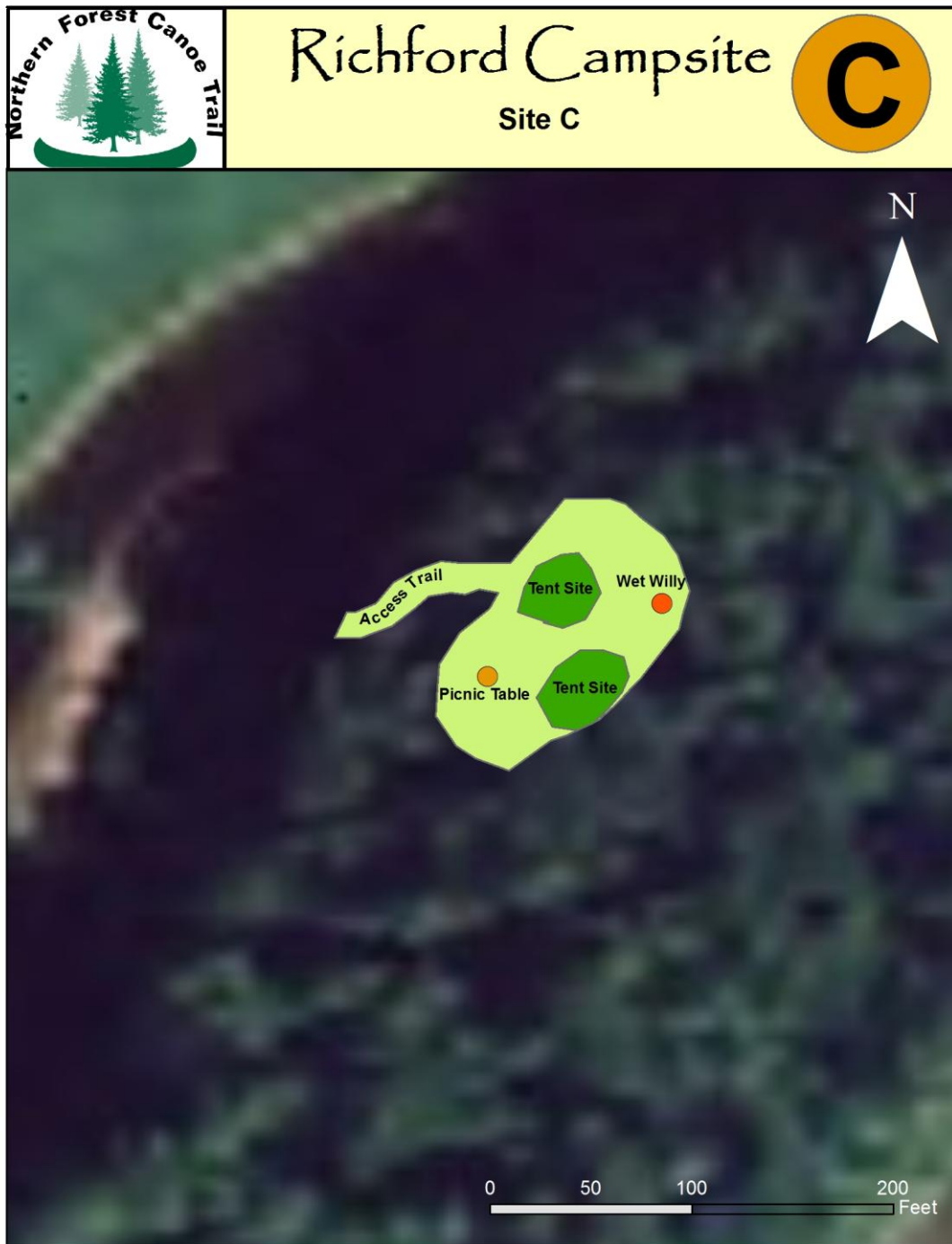
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Site Work

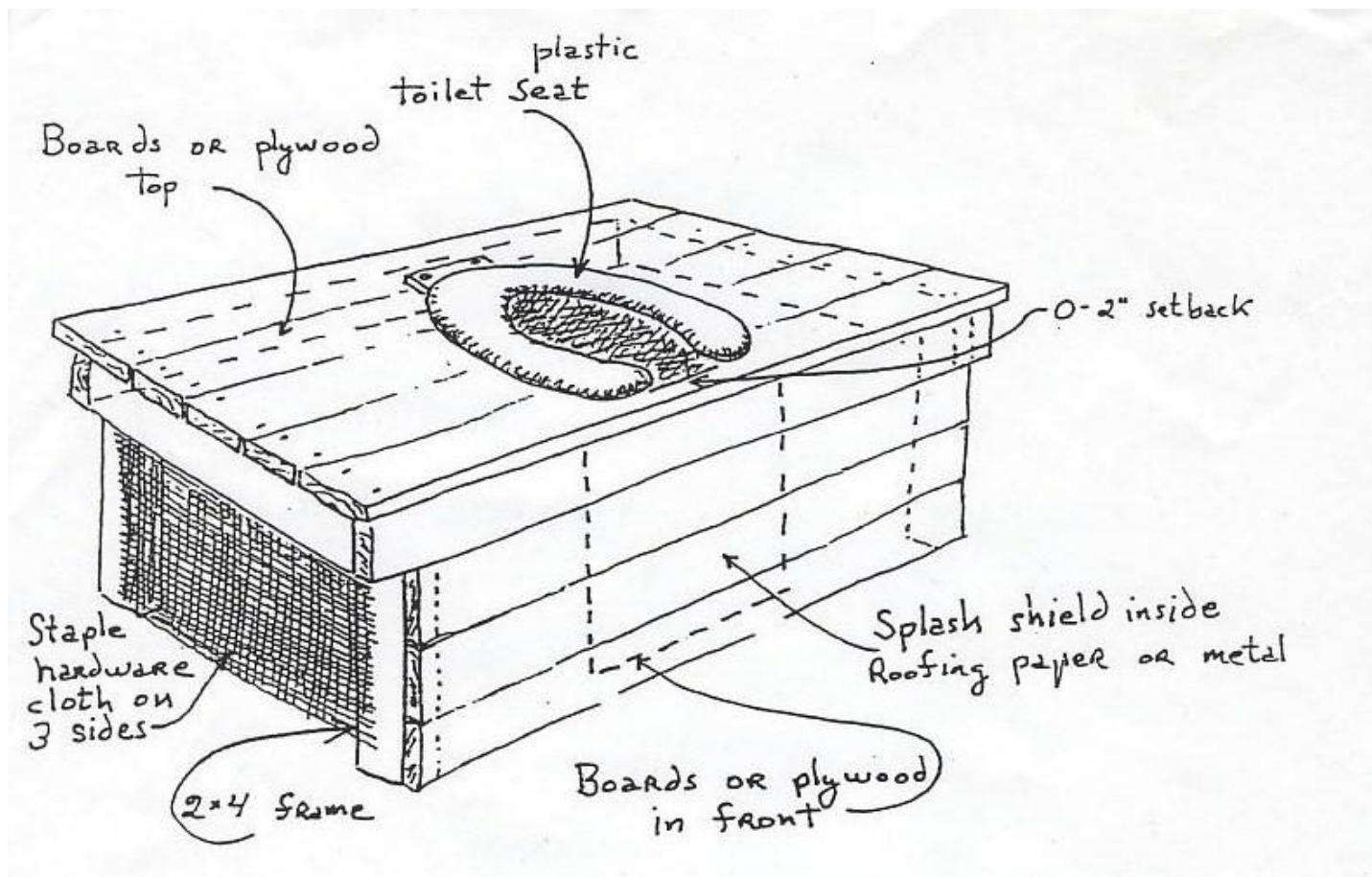


Campsite

We will be installing a primitive campsite downstream of Davis Park. The campsite will include a small picnic table tethered to the ground with helical anchors, a leveled campsite area, and a wet willie privy.



This campsite will be located downstream of Davis Park.

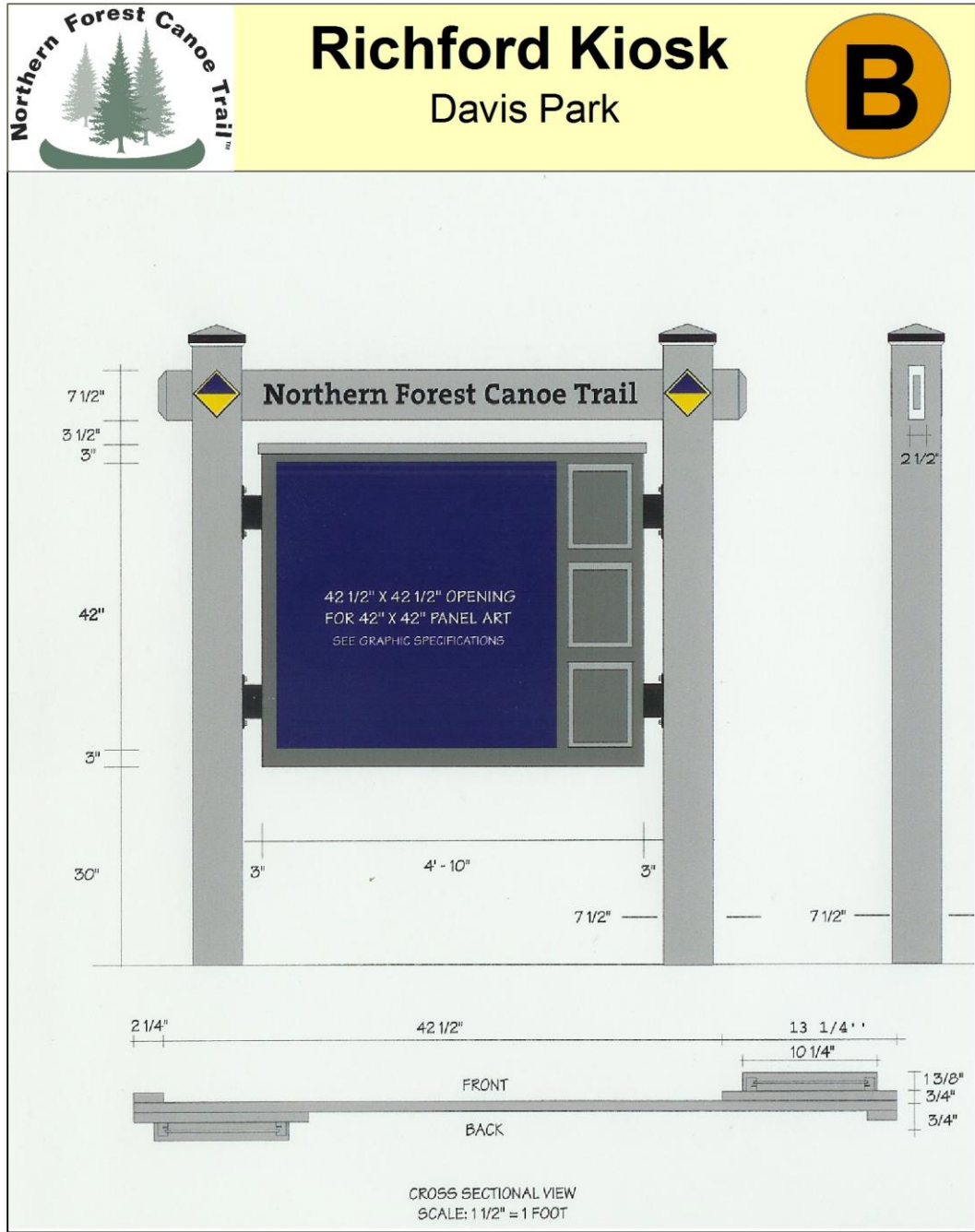


We will be installing a small "Wet Willie" privy at the campsite location.



Standard picnic table design installed in 2009 at the Samuel Benton Campsite during the CT River Waterway Work Trip.

Kiosk



The group will work with the town street department to install the Richford Kiosk.

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Friday July 22, 2011

5 PM- For those able to arrive at 5:00, the Stewardship Interns will provide a tour of the project site. We will be meeting at the campsite location near the recreation baseball fields.

6 PM- Dinner will be prepared around 6:00. Please inform us if you are planning on attending Friday's dinner so that we are adequately prepared. Also, make us aware of any food requirements you may have.

7 PM- Feel free to take advantage of all the local paddling opportunities!

Saturday July 23, 2011

8AM-9AM Breakfast

9AM-12PM Worksite Projects

12PM-1PM Lunch

1PM-3PM Worksite Projects

3PM-6PM Group Paddle

6PM-7PM Dinner

7PM-Evening paddle

Sunday July 24, 2011

8AM-9AM Breakfast

9AM-12PM Worksite Projects

12PM-1PM Lunch

1PM-2PM Wrap-up

****Schedule and project descriptions may change. You will be notified as we get closer to the WWT if this happens****

Please fill out and return all Waterway Work Trip Forms at your earliest convenience. Forms will be distributed once you are officially enrolled in the WWT.