



Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge NFCT Waterway Work Trip August 12-14

Introduction:

The NFCT has been working with the [Umbagog Nation Wildlife Refuge](#) to help fulfill strategies and goals that have been set in their long range management plan. Last season we worked to mitigate erosion and impact on the shores of Umbagog Lake. This season we will be doing similar work at the mouth of the Magalloway River. The Fish and Wildlife Service has removed several degraded cabins from the shore of the river. We will be rehabbing the area of the cabin footprints by removing some of the cabin remnants and planting saplings. We will also be spreading woodchips on the nearby [Magalloway Trail](#). A great camping location and some really nice paddling and wildlife viewing opportunities, make this a well balance WWT.

Driving Directions and Meeting Location:

From Errol, NH follow Route 16 northeast 8 miles to the boat launch located on the right. We will be meeting at this location and paddle to our campsite. We will be camping right next to the rehabilitation area.

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. With the variety of water types near the project site 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

Paddling excursions will most likely be focused on Lake Umbagog and the Magalloway River and the Errol rapids are not that far away.

Project Details:

Site Rehab

We will be working together to rehabilitate the site of the old cabins. This may include:

- Raking and collecting debris
- Transporting debris for proper removal from the site
- Planting saplings



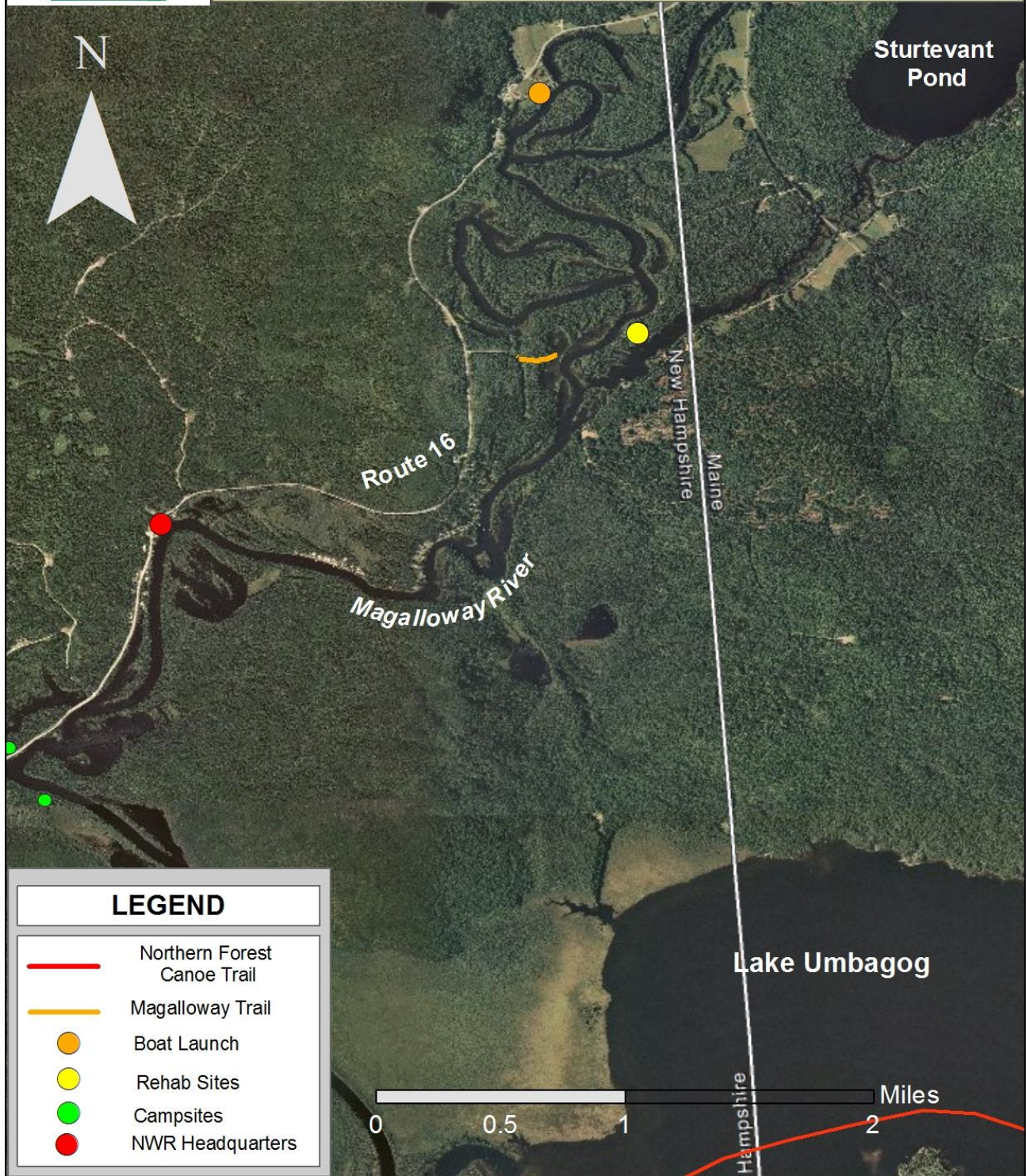
Transporting saplings at a 2010 Franklin Falls, NY WWT. We will be planting saplings as well as utilizing other site rehabilitation techniques to bring a disturbed area back to a more natural state.

Trail Work

There is a nearby loop trail that the Refuge Managers have decided to coat with a layer of wood chips. Wood chips will be stockpiled near the trailhead and we will work as a group to transport them to the trail with wheelbarrows and properly apply them to the trail tread.



Umbagog NWR Site Restoration



Lake Umbagog Waterway Work Trip Schedule

Friday August 12, 2011

5 PM- It is important that volunteers arrive as close to 5 PM as possible at the location specified. Please contact Walter, NFCT Trail Director, if you need to arrange a different time. We will be meeting at the boat launch as a group and paddling to the campsite.

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 August 13, 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 August 14, 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.