

NFCT-Waterway Work Trip

Yaledale Portage, Clyde River, VT

Lean-to Construction

July 22nd-24th 2016



Introduction:

The Clyde River in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom comprises roughly 25 miles of the NFCT. The Clyde River begins in Island Pond and flows into Lake Memphremagog. While most of these 25 miles are relatively slow flowing and easy to navigate, there are some rough waters where portage systems are necessary, especially in the lower stretches. At one of these fast flow locations we have partnered with the adjacent landowner to construct a bypass portage and build a designated campsite, including a lean-to.

This project builds upon work completed in 2015, when a trail, the base for the lean-to, a moldering privy, and a picnic table were constructed. Our goal this year will be to finish construction of the lean-to! We will also have a wide range of paddling opportunities on nearby waters like Clyde Pond, the Clyde River, and Salem Lake.

Driving Directions and Meeting Location:

From I-91: Take exit 28 towards Derby and turn right (left if coming from Canada) onto US-5. Follow US-5 east roughly 1 mile until you reach a stop sign. Turn right onto VT-105 and go roughly .7 mile south. The road will begin to go downhill. Just before crossing the Clyde River Bridge, turn right onto Bridge St. Go roughly 1 mile to the end of Bridge St. Bridge St. dead ends at the destination, park on the right next to barn. NFCT Interns will be nearby preparing dinner.

Follow this link for a Google Map of the Project: <https://goo.gl/xTLVVe>

Camping and Facilities:

This site is considered primitive. We will have several locations where tents can be set up at the edge of a clearing. We will establish a kitchen area and will most likely eat nearby, around the campfire. There will be a privy available on site a short walk from camp. 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 be able to lend you what you need.

We will provide soap and toilet paper, please bring all other sanitary items you may need.

Food:

WWT registration fees goes towards purchasing food for the NFCT interns and volunteers for the WWT. NFCT interns will prepare meals. Meals will range from burritos to apple-walnut pancakes. We will have drinking water, tea and coffee available. You are welcome to free to bring “extras” to contribute. **Please notify us of any food preferences/allergies.**

What to Bring:

- Camping gear (including, rain gear, a tent, eating utensils, dishes, cup, flashlight, etc.)
- Work gloves
- Water bottle
- Paddling gear
- Personal carpentry tools, if you have your own favorites

We will provide:

- Tools
- Food
- Group cooking gear

Paddling:

Paddling opportunities abound in the region! Potential trips include exploring the fantastic wetlands along the Upper Clyde to short jaunts around nearby ponds. We will decide as a group the nature of the group paddling opportunities. Personal outings can be taken at the end of each day as well.

WWT Project Description:

There will be a wide range of possible activities for volunteers. These include, helping with the lean-to, working on the portage tread way, installing a sign-in box and installing directional signage. Project materials and tools will be available on site, although may need to be moved from place to place. We will be following previously developed designs (pictured below) to construct/install the lean-to and signage. The NFCT Intern Crew will be fully equipped with any tools needed throughout the construction process.

Figure 1. Image of lean-to and signage similar to what will be built in 2015



Yaledale Portage-Alex's Lean-to Waterway Work Trip Schedule

Friday

- **5:00 pm:** Rendezvous with NFCT interns at the parking area.
- **5:00-6:00:** Walk to campsite, set up camp
- **6:00:** Campsite orientation
- **6:30** Dinner and group introduction

Saturday

- **7:00-8:00 am:** Breakfast
- **8:30-12:00 pm:** Worksite Projects
- **12:00- 1pm:** Lunch
- **1:00-4:00 pm:** Worksite projects
- **4:00 pm -6:30 pm:** Break! Relax, go for a paddle, etc.
- **6:30 pm:** Dinner and campfire

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Sunday

- **7am -8am:** Breakfast
- **8:30am-11:00am:** Clyde River Paddle
- **11:00am -12:00pm:** Break camp
- **12 pm-12:30 pm:** Lunch and depart!

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Please fill out and return all Waterway Work Trip Forms by June 2nd.

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