



## **Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge NFCT Waterway Work Trip August 6-8**

### **Introduction:**

Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge is one of many gems found along the NFCT. This year we will be working with US Fish and Wildlife Service managers and employees to implement Refuge Management strategies regarding recreational use.

Stewardship activities will include closing renegade trails, rehabilitating erosion damage and performing campsite maintenance.

### **Driving Directions and Meeting Location:**

From Errol, NH follow Route 16 northeast 4.4 miles to the boat launch located on the right. We will be meeting at this location and paddling to our campsite. The exact location is yet to be determined due to a prioritized reservation schedule for sites. As soon as this information is acquired we will update this document.

### **Camping and Facilities:**

This site is strictly primitive camping. We will establish a kitchen area and have portable tables. We should 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](mailto:walter@northernforestcanoetrail.org) or by dialing (802)496-2285 x2#, we may have what you need for use.

There will be an 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 as 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 as 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 Umbagog Lake we can work as a group to create different paddles to meet people's abilities and comfort levels. If you have any paddling needs or questions please contact NFCT Trail Director, Walter: [walter@northernforestanotrail.org](mailto:walter@northernforestanotrail.org) (802)496-2285 x2#

## **WWT Project Description:**

### **Renegade Trail Re-vegetation**

There are several locations where paddlers have been accessing the Androscoggin River from Route 16. These access corridors are unsanctioned and unmanaged. This use has led to erosion of the bank. The Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge has refurbished the Magalloway boat launch and will manage access by funneling users to this point. To ensure that use of the renegade trails will cease and that the bank will be stabilized and re-vegetated over time we will plant saplings, possibly seed and hay, and distribute brush over the trails to dissuade use.

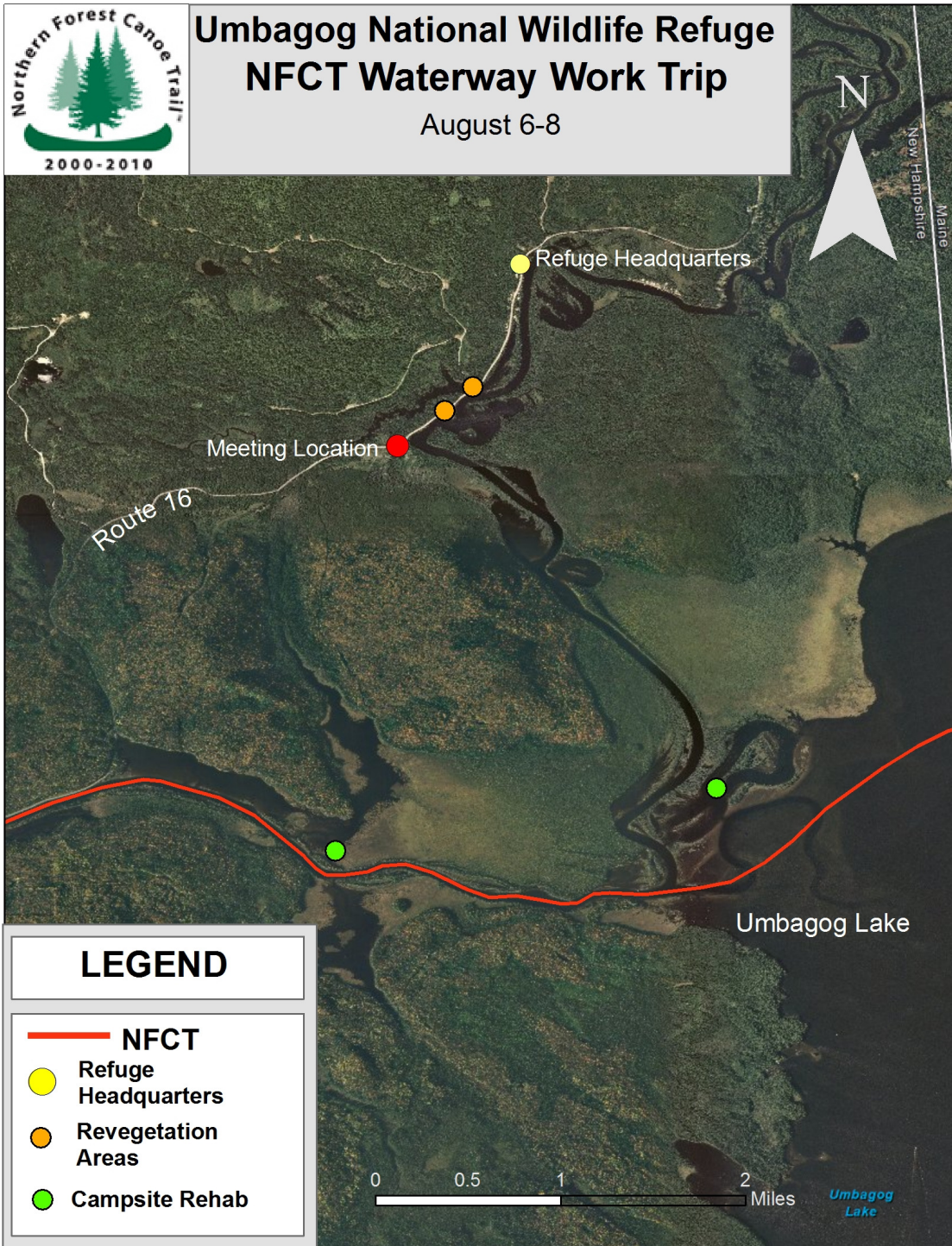
### **Campsite Rehab**

There are several campsites that are in need of rehabilitation to help manage user impact. Use of these sites has sprawled outside of the designated area and some of the campsite features are in need of rebuilding. We will utilize visual campsite attributes to guide use to designated areas. Some strategies used to direct user impact will be the installation of split rail fences and spreading wood chips to level tent sites to make them more attractive. We will also be rebuilding fire rings and possibly performing small carpentry projects.



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# **Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge** **Waterway Work Trip Schedule**

## **Friday August 6, 2010**

**5 PM-** For those able to arrive at 5:00, the Stewardship Interns will provide a tour of the project site

**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 7, 2010**

**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 8, 2010**

**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.**