TRAIL MAINTENANCE OVER THE YEARS

Since the start of the Tramp and Trail Club, members have been very active in preserving the lands that we explore. They helped put up some of the original markers to designate trails that we still use today, such as Black Bear and Woodhull Mountains. Partnering with the Hamilton College Outing Club and the DEC, they helped create two ski trails on Tassel Hill, which is the highest point in Oneida County. They also worked with the ADK Club on various projects.

More recently, they have contracted with the DEC to maintain the trails at Carpenter Road. Starting in 2002 our members walk the trails twice a year to clear the blowdown, so that we and others can enjoy cross-country skiing without any hazards. We have also contracted with the Canal Corp. to maintain the Erie Canal Trail from Marcy to Oriskany. This began in 2006 and again, twice a year, we start at both ends with two groups collecting trash, trimming branches and clearing the path. Once we meet in the middle, we return to the start and most times leave piles of trash to be hauled away.



The First Carpenter Road Trail Maintenance Crew

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