

Volunteer Opportunities

Readington Trails, Open Space and Natural Areas

Spring 2022 Three Hour Trail Sessions

It is finally getting warmer and time to get out and clear some new trails and improve some old ones in the township!

Saturday May 14th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: **Session Leader: Chris John**

This session is canceled and will be rescheduled

Where: White Oak Trail, White Oak Open Space, Coddington Road, White House Station.

What we plan on doing: Clearing and blazing the loop trail past bridge #2

Meet at: The parking area on Coddington Road, just south of the railroad tracks, at the parking area between the tracks and the Minalex Corp Building, 25 Coddington Rd, Whitehouse Station.

Tools that would be Helpful: clippers, loppers, thicker gloves, leaf rakes, lawn mower, string trimmer, limb saws, tools for clearing less impeded paths.

Saturday May 21st 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: **Session Leader: Chris John**

Where: Whitehouse Greenway, off Old Highway, Whitehouse

What we plan on doing: Complete a switchback on a steep approach off of Old Highway, Carry and place tree rounds and large rocks to wetter areas along the orange and red trails, to create a navigable trail in wet conditions.

Meet at: The trailhead kiosk, 61 Old Hwy 28, Whitehouse. Parking is curbside

Tools that would be Helpful: Shovels, grub hoes, pitchforks, chainsaw (to cut trail support trees), old backpacks.

Saturday, June 4th; 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

Session Leader: Chris John

Where: Rocky road/ Indian Purchase Trail (Under Construction) in un-named open space along Dreahook road, west of Indian Purchase Rd.

What we plan on doing: Create an alternative “downhill” path to the rocky road trail. We will be hiking to the top and blazing the trail to the junction with adjoining parkland, then clearing and blazing back down to the power lines.

Meet at: The far side (western end) of Horseshoe Road, near the intersection with Dreahook Road, near 28 Horseshoe Rd, Whitehouse Station.

Tools that would be Helpful: chain saw, sledge hammers, thicker gloves, leaf rakes, lawn mower, string trimmer, an ax, small limb saws, tools for clearing paths.

Saturday, June 11th; 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

Session Leader: Chris John

Where: Rocky road/ Indian Purchase Trail (Under Construction) in un-named open space along Dreahook road, west of Indian Purchase Rd.

What we plan on doing: Create an alternative “downhill” path to the rocky road trail. We will be blazing through the woods adjacent to the power lines to meet up with trail from the previous week

Meet at: Same meeting location as June 4.

Tools that would be Helpful: chain saw, sledge hammers, thicker gloves, leaf rakes, lawn mower, string trimmer, an ax, small limb saws, tools for clearing paths.

Saturday, June 18th; 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

Session Leader: Chris John

Where: Rocky road/ Indian Purchase Trail (Under Construction) in un-named open space along Dreahook road, west of Indian Purchase Rd.

What we plan on doing: Create an alternative “downhill” path to the rocky road trail. We will be continuing to blaze through the woods adjacent to the power lines to meet up with trail from the previous week.

Meet at: Same meeting location as June 4.

Tools that would be Helpful: chain saw, sledge hammers, thicker gloves, leaf rakes, lawn mower, string trimmer, an ax, small limb saws, tools for clearing paths

Please let me know if you think you can help out with any of these sessions. If you can't get there at the starting time, come later in the session. Any help is appreciated. Please pass this note to anyone you think might be interested in helping.

Regards,
Chris John
Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board

GENERAL NOTES: To participate, or for questions, email Readington Twp Open Space and Trails trails@readingtontwp-nj.org, or leave message with John Klotz at (908) 782-6452. We ask that you please advise us beforehand if you plan to participate. You do not need to have the tools listed to be helpful, as we can provide some tools and some tasks may involve no tools. It would be helpful if you could let us know what tools you have and plan to bring so we plan to supply what is needed. If for some reason we need to cancel or change a work session we will notify those who have registered. Let us know if you need directions.