

Trailbuilding 2010

Offered by the *Kennebec Estuary Land Trust*



What: A series of workshops and fieldwork to train stewards of the Kennebec Estuary on proper techniques for maintaining wildlife habitat and recreational lands.

Who: Anyone interested in helping with land stewardship from Merrymeeting Bay to the sea. Participants are encouraged to attend all classes.

When: Four classes in the spring and a volunteer thank you party in the fall.

Where: Classes will take place at various KELT preserves in the Kennebec Estuary.

How much: Most programs are free, and we hope participants will train others in what they have learned. This work will directly benefit your community.



Program Schedule

1. April 10 1:30-3:30

GPS Training

Bring your GPS (or borrow one from us) and learn the basics of taking points and making tracks for navigation and map making.

Presented by: Joan Janowski, geocaching enthusiast and KELT map making volunteer.

Location: Thorne Head Preserve, Bath

2. May 8 10:00-12:00

Wildlife Habitat – Riparian zone

Riparian zones are significant for their role in soil conservation, their biodiversity, and the influence they have on aquatic ecosystems. Properly maintained, this delicate area yields healthy and diverse species. Learn about the buffer between land and water !

Location: Merrymeeting Fields, Woolwich

3. May 22 9:30-3:30

Chain Saw Safety Workshop

The morning will review personal protection equipment, general saw maintenance and the specifics of sharpening. Afternoon will include a demonstration and opportunity for each participant to fell a tree & practice bucking wood on the ground.

Presented by: John Cullen, Certified Logging Professional. Limited to 6 participants.

Cost: \$20.00 includes certificate of completion

Location: Arrowsic Town Hall

4. National Trails Day! June 5 9:00-11:30

Trail Techniques: How to prevent wet feet and protect trails from erosion through the use of bog bridges. We will learn construction techniques and build a bridge!

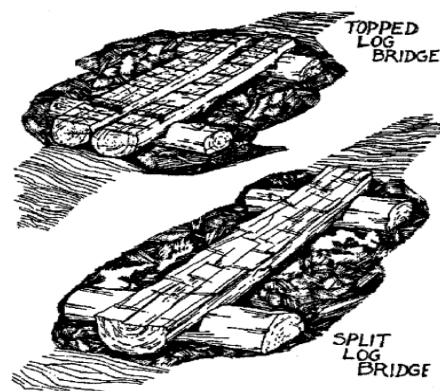
Location: Bonyun Preserve, Westport Island

5. November 17 5:30pm

Volunteer Thank You Party

Thank all volunteers who have contributed to the success of KELT administration and stewardship.

Location: Maine Maritime Museum



Special thanks to Merrymeeting Bay Trust for their support of our conservation program.