

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

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## 2011 Trails Maintenance Report Cow Mountain Pond Trails System

### Project Goals:

- Complete thorough maintenance of entire Cow Mountain Pond trail system, including extensive brushing, blowdown removal and drainage work
- Reclaim and restore Cow Mountain Trail to summit
- Standardize trail marking system with installation of paint blazes, new signs, posts and wayfinding maps
- Replace stile used to restrict unauthorized access to Cow Mountain Pond
- Install 160-feet of plank bog bridging on Back Loop

### Work Completed:

- 4 weeks crew labor- July 11-22; Oct 3-14
- Cleared entire trail network of brush and blowdowns
- Completed extensive brushing to clear/define trail corridor and promote 'trailside trees'
- Installed drainages throughout trail system to address and prevent erosion, including 21 on Cow Mountain Trail to summit
- Installed new blue paint blazes on entire trail system
- Mapped entire trail network with GPS and drafted new visitor map
- Installed 8 new 4x4 sign posts at waypoints
- Constructed and installed new trail signs, register box, and 4 map boards
- Restored two scenic vistas/overlooks
- Replaced old timber stile with new cedar post and plank structure at Cow Mountain Pond Trail access
- Installed 250-feet of trail adjustments
- Constructed 150-feet of plank bog bridging on Back Loop Trail

### Other Work to be Completed:

- Monitor trail system for erosion
- Consider interpretive signs at Cow Mountain Pond, Little Cow Pond and other scenic/natural areas (i.e. beaver meadows, etc.)



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Cow Mountain Pond Forest - Granby, Vt

