

**North Country Trail Team**  
**ADK Onondaga**  
**2010 Annual Summary, Mary Coffin, 10/30/10**  
**UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING**

The **mission** of the NCTT is to extend the FLT and NCT Onondaga Trail ~22 miles eastward from Spruce Pond to Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area, at the junction of the NCT north, FLT Onondaga west and Link Trail south. It is a 2-3 foot wide footpath/hiking trail open to foot travel only. The project involves four season scouting, obtaining landowner permission, negotiating with DEC, flagging, construction, blazing, certification and seeking stewards to maintain the trail.

The extension project is 99% complete with only two short off road relocations yet to complete and these are dependent on willing landowners.

1. **The FLT O1 Map** has been extended to 25.6 miles and the **O2 Map** is now 17 miles as GPSed by Joe Dabes and revised Oct 2010. One can now hike ~40 miles from Stoney Brook Rd to the Tioughnioga WMA on completed Onondaga Trail. Look for the new relo around Armstrong Pond just off of Fairbanks Rd.
2. **Certification:** The following new sections have been sent to the NPS for North Country National Scenic Trail certification: Map O2- Webber Rd. to Smith Rd in New Woodstock and Tromp Rd to Fairbanks Rd. in DeRuyter State Forest.
3. **Volunteers in 2010** have participated in over 32 trail work events and expended nearly 900 person hours. At the NPS rate, of \$18/hr = \$ 16,200 sweat equity value on Onondaga trail projects alone.
4. **Landowners:** Letters of appreciation were sent to our 67 landowners for all sections (110 miles) of the FLT both NCT and non NCT. NCTT members assisted the New Landowner Relations Committee by personally visiting 20 landowners.
5. **Easements:** We accepted the donation of 3 additional easements covering 5 parcels on the trail between DeRuyter Dam Rd. and Webber Road near New Woodstock. Several others west of Highland are in the works. Trail easements protect the ribbon of trail in perpetuity regardless of who owns the land.
6. **Community Outreach:** We made a presentation to the Pompey Historical Society as they are interested in the trail. Many are landowners or live near trailheads. 45 attended
7. **Steward Refresher:** The Trails Committee and NCT Team held a joint refresher for trail workers in March. 19 attended.
8. **Cuyler to Morgan Hill Relo:** This is now flagged according to NCT standards and landowner requirements. We have secured three LOs. Trail clearing will commence in the spring. It reduces the road walk from 7 to 2 miles.
9. **Hill and Hollow UMP** We continue to work with DEC to promote NCT and FLT designated as foot trail to be consistent with Tioughnioga UMP and language in the Region 7 Draft Recreation Plan and 9/2010 Draft Strategic Plan for Forest Management.
10. **Trail usage:** The word is out brochures are being picked up and registers are filling. We have encountered non club hikers on all new sections. People are using the new sections of trail. This is rewarding.
11. **Many thanks:** All of the above could have not been accomplished without the hard working, loyal ADK trail volunteers. Think about joining us in the spring.