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2015 Update on MTB Trail Development in the Carrabassett Region

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Summary Highlights:

During 2015 approximately \$160,000 was invested in mountain bike trail construction at the Outdoor Center (Pod One) and Campbell Field (Pod Two). In addition, over 500 hours of volunteer time was invested for both construction and maintenance of mountain bike trails in Carrabassett Valley. This investment created approximately 4.5 miles of new and rebuilt trail. In addition, trail corridors were cut or trail improvements were made on an additional 2.4 miles.

This brings the total mileage in the network to 78.1 miles, 29.45 miles of which are new or rebuilt trail at the end of 2015.

2015 also brought an increase in MTB events, membership in CRNEMBA grew by 53 members (an increase of almost 60 percent over 2014), and an observable increase in riders to the Carrabassett Area.

Trail Construction:

Outdoor Center

During 2015 approx. 2.5 miles in new, or rebuilt, single track or tread within a tread mountain bike trail were added at the Outdoor Center. In addition, 2500 feet of trail corridor was cut for the Hurricane Trail loop. Total investment at the Outdoor Center for 2015 was approx. \$90,600.

Below is a table of the trails put into service in 2015 at the Outdoor Center (pod one):

Trail Name	Classification	Distance (feet)
Real Deal	Black	4000
Hurricane Stem	Blue	6500
Redington Connector	Green	2500
Sunny Breeze	Green	1000



The Real Deal Trail



Hurricane Stem Trail

Campbell Field

During 2015 approx. 2 miles of new single track mountain bike trail was added at the Campbell Field Trailhead (Pod Two). Also at Campbell Field, heavy armoring of Oak Knoll was completed as well as cutting the trail corridor for the Newton's Revenge single track re-routes to be completed in 2016. Total Investment at Campbell Field for 2015 was \$59,291. Volunteers contributed 400 hours towards new MTB trail construction on the Jerusalem Town trail.

Below is a table of the trails put into service in 2015 at the Campbell Field Trail Head (pod two):

Trail Name	Classification	Distance (feet)
FORD	Blue	1000
Spike	Blue	1000
Jerusalem	Blue	3000
Grassy Loop no. 2	Green	5000



Jerusalem Town Trail

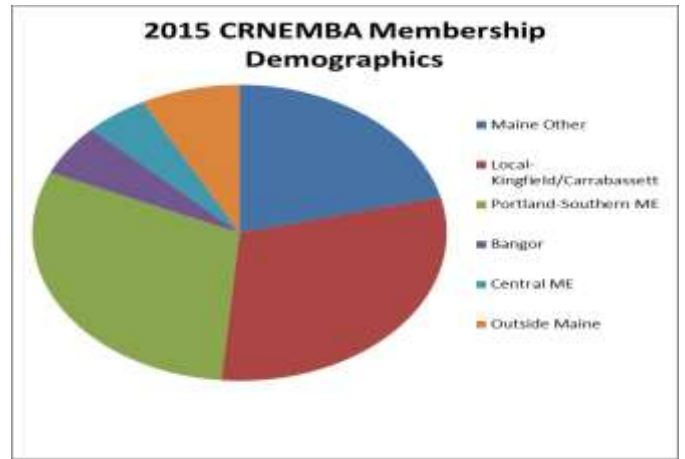
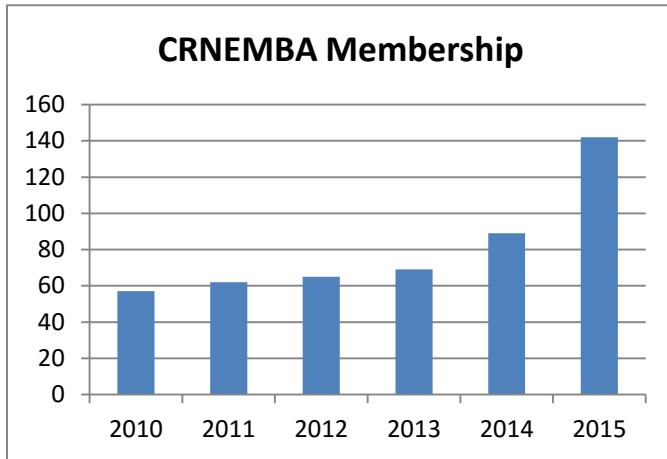


FORD Trail

In addition to the mountain bike specific trails, CRNEMBA, the Town of Carrabassett Valley, and Maine Huts & Trails worked together to complete a rebuild and re-route of a section of the Newton's Revenge Nordic ski trail in late summer of 2015. This trail section (approx. 0.5 mile) offers a much improved ski access to the Stratton Brook Hut and is in service for winter 2015-16. In addition, this trail work will connect with the planned single track re-routes for Newton's Revenge. Once fully completed, it is expected the Newton's Revenge mountain bike trail will provide an easier ride to the Stratton Brook Hut and complement Oak Knoll, providing an additional mountain bike trail access to the Hut.

CRNEMBA Membership Growth/ Events:

As noted earlier, membership growth continued to increase with 2015 showing the largest jump in membership both in numbers and as a percentage.



2015 also showed an increase in events associated with MTB held in the region. The First Fat Tire Festival held with Sugarloaf was held in April, the Baxter Duathlon held in August, and the Kona Adventure Series ride was held in September. This was in addition to the regular club rides, Kingfield POPS ride (cancelled in 2015 due to weather), and the record breaking Carrabassett Backcountry Cycle Challenge in July.

Public Forum:

On December 30, 2015, a public forum was held at the Carrabassett Public Library, co-sponsored by the Town of Carrabassett, CRNEMBA, Maine Huts & Trails, and Sugarloaf. The purpose of the Forum was to



inform the public of the work completed to date on the region’s mountain bike trail network and to seek broad public input to shape future trail development. Fifty –eight (58) people attended this meeting and provided valuable input. Feedback is continuing to be sought using an online survey tool. The results and interpretation of this feedback will be utilized by planners to further guide the next steps in the development of the trail system.

Public Forum Meeting Dec 30, 2015

2016 Trail Development Plans:

During 2016, CRNEMBA and the Town will complete the construction of an additional 1.5 miles of mountain bike specific single track at the Campbell Field Trail Head (Pod two) identified as the Newton’s Revenge Re-route. This trail construction will incorporate the above mentioned multi-use trail and provide a much improved access to the Stratton Brook Hut for MTB users.

At the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center (Pod One) it is expected to see completion of the Hurricane Knoll Trail and some further enhancements to recently constructed trail sections. At the end of 2016, we expect the total trail system to reflect the table below:

Total Mountain Bike Network	Green	Blue	Black	Total
Total by Classification	15.35 mi	53.85 mi	11.15 mi	80.35 mi
Total Rebuilt or New	8.3 mi	21.35 mi	2.05 mi	31.7 mi

Thank You Funders, Volunteers, and Landowners!

This work would not be possible without the support of the funders, volunteers, and generous landowner permission. During 2015, support from the following has made the trail expansion a reality:

- Town of Carrabassett Valley
- LL Bean
- Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association
- Maine Huts & Trails
- Sugarloaf Mountain
- Penobscot Indian Nation
- Sugarloaf Sanitary District
- Individual Contributions
- Volunteers