

Baton Trail Log DIARY

The idea was suggested by Dale Knapschaefer. It was discussed and considered, and finally decided upon.

Jan. 20 1961 - Letter #¹ written to State Commissioner Salustace A.

Contempo to appraise him of our plan and obtain permission.

Jan 27, 1961 - at leaders meeting, building the trail was made an official Club project.

Feb. 10, 1961 - Reply #² received from Commissioner Contempo expressing approval of Trail project and informing us that the management of M'horton Tract and Lebanon State Forest had been asked to be helpful and that we would hear from them.

Feb. 10, 1961 - Letter #³ received from Mr. J. C. MacDonald, Manager of M'horton Tract, offering cooperation and suggesting a meeting.

Feb. 18, 1961 - Letter written to Mr. Mac Donald briefly stating our plan and suggesting meeting date.

Feb. 21, 1961 - Letter received from Mr. MacDonald setting meeting date of Sat. March 11.

Feb. 27, 1961 - Letter sent to Mr. MacDonald acknowledging meeting date.

March 11. - Had meeting at Green Bank office. Mr. Mac Donald couldn't come. We met his assistant Mr. S. Walker. We had a friendly discussion & agreed on plans.

April 13, 1961 - Letter written to Mr. MacDonald requesting an additional meeting for an April 29 at Park office.

April 17, 1961 - Reply received from Mr. Walker confirming meeting April 29.

April 29, 1961 - Meeting held with Mr. Walker. Discussed advanced details of Trail and agreed to call it Baton Trail.

May 4, 1961 - Received letter from Mr. Walker informing us that Mr. J. P. Allen, Superintendent of Lebanon would like to meet with us.

May 6, 1961 - Letter written to Mr. Allen suggesting meeting May 20.

May 8, 1961 - Letter received from Mr. Allen confirming meeting.

May 20, 1961 - Had friendly meeting with Mr. Allen and discussed trail work through Lebanon State Forest.

May 26, 1961 - Received letter from Mr. Walker giving official authorization to start work on Batona Trail.

May 23, 1961 - Letter written to Mr. MacDonald mentioning meeting with Mr. Allen, and requesting official permission to begin trail work

July 7, 1961 - Letter written to Mr. Walker to give progress report on trail work.

During ^{Feb} March, April and May ^{of 1961} exploratory trips were made almost every ~~week~~ week-end. This included Dale Knapschaefer, Walt Korsyniak, Paul Leichoski and Morris Bardock.

~~at the~~ ^{separate sheet} May 13 1961 Dale Knapschaefer and Morris Bardock went to Chatswood and spoke to tax collector Mr. Schless, to obtain owners names of private property that was crossed by trail. Mr. Sloan of Chatswood granted permission. In other area, Mr. Schless suggested it was not necessary because land was cut into many parcels and owners were almost untraceable for 30 years.

Trail ^{Building} ~~Blazing~~ Work.

- June, Sat 14. Morris Bardock, Al & Asea McDonald
- Sun 18. " " , Walt Korsyniak, Paul Leichoski & Al Sloan.
- June, Sun 25. " " , Walt Korsyniak
- July, Sat 1. " " , Bud Carter, Gargo (scout)
- Sun 2. " " , Walt Korsyniak
- July, Sat 8. " " , Al & Asea McDonald
- Sun 9. " " , Walt Korsyniak ~~Paul Leichoski~~
- July, Sat 22. " " , Dale Knapschaefer
- Sun 23. " " , " " , Dale Knapschaefer
- July, Fri 28. " " , " " .
- Aug. Sat. 5. " " Dale Knapschaefer
- Sun 6. " " , Walt Korsyniak, Bud Carter
- Aug Sat 12. " " Dale Knapschaefer
- Aug Sat 19. " " Walt Korsyniak
- Aug Sat 26. " " Dale Knapschaefer
- Sept. Sun 3. " " Dale Knapschaefer
- Mon 4. " " Dale Knapschaefer
- Sat. Sept. 16. " " , " " , Walt Korsyniak, Paul Leichoski, Bud Carter, Al & Asea McDonald. (Blazing completed)

- Aug. 15 1961 - Letter written to Mr. Walker to give second "progress report".
- Aug. 18, 1961 Acknowledgement of "Progress Report" received from Mr. Walker
- Aug. 19, 1961 Unscheduled meeting held with Mr. Allen of Lebanon, to discuss trail work.
- Aug. 26, 1961 Had meeting with Mr. Allen. We met Mr. Mitchner, chief Ranger of the area. He inspected our trail work in Lebanon and found it satisfactory. He and Mr. Allen agreed to build log bridges over two streams at Peking Pond. Mr. Mitchner suggested using existing trail beyond Carpenter Spring. Dale & I checked it and found it ~~very~~ nice.
- Sept - Jan 3 Walt took George Sommer over route to make sketches for schedule
- Oct. 3 1961. Letter written to Mr. Walker for meeting, to give trail mileage and discuss final details
- Oct 9 1961 Received answer from Mr. Walker that he couldn't meet us on 14. But suggested 21st.
- Oct. 13, 1961 Wrote Mr. Walker that we cannot meet on 21st. (Katskill camping). Suggested Oct. 28.
- Oct. 28 1961 Met with Mr. Walker. Settled ~~the~~ final questions and gave mileage for signs

Sat. Sept 23 Morris Bardock, Al and Leo McDonald, Paul Puchowski
(trail measuring w/ wheel)

Sat. Sept. 30. Dale Knopschaefer, Walt Karsyniak. (Completed trail measuring)

Sat. Oct 14 Walt, Sat & children worked on stream north of Carranga.

May 13, 1961

Dale and I went to Chatsworth to see Mr. Schiess, the township tax assessor.

He informed us that the land from Apple Hill Hill to Paisley Rd. is divided into very small parcels. He said the owners have probably not stepped near their properties in 30 years. He also stated that the owners are almost untraceable without extensive research. He also assured that no one would know or care if we blazed through.

The trail above Paisley Rd. to the dirt road is owned by Mr. Sloan of Chatsworth. The 3rd grey house before the R.R., on the right. We stopped there and spoke to Mrs. Sloan. She was very nice and told us she was sure it would be alright with her husband. She informed us we could go ahead and she ^{would} inform Mr. Sloan of it.

Paisley Road

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