

## Milan Trail Huggers 2025 Trail Summary

We started the year ambitious for “The ADVENTURE’s” that lay ahead. It was a busy summer with our Club completing several major projects and a few small ones too.

**Winter Damage** The Trail to Maine We had to replace a failed culvert, add clay/gravel and resurface trail. The volunteers also came across a failed culvert on Black Strap while accessing. We replaced it.

### Opening Weekend

It was a muddy mess, but NOT one sad face. We hosted a Road Block on Benson Rd. This was a great success meeting the riders and families. Making new Members and friends. This raised funds to help us meet our cost of grants.

**4 GIA Grants as follows.** August 10<sup>th</sup> funds became available

**P1 – Head Pond/Benson Rd,** Our contractor brushed Yankee Rd, he also replaced two failed culverts and added clay/gravel where needed. We replaced a new steel farm gate on Head Pond/Benson Road. We also cleared and leveled a spot on Benson Road for the landowner to park his vehicle at his request. On July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> our amazing volunteers redecked 20’ & 21’ bridges. Each day work was completed and trail Open by 12pm. We were notified on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> that the renter on said land needed construction equipment off land by Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Commissioner released Grant funds on August 10, 2025. We could NOT follow the guidelines of the Grant with Mr Parent & Mr Bensons request. I filed paperwork for a Change in Scope with the DNCR and was approved to move remaining funds to the Cedar Brook Road. We were sure to take care of Milan Community Forest property. Taking extra steps to protect the river with straw wattles and hay bales coming down the hill. We added clay/gravel to smooth trail and compacted.

**P2 – Horne Brook bridge,** We removed and redeck a 53’ bridge. We changed the wood ramp to a clay/gravel mix. Took our crew 7 hours, start to finish! Trail OPEN

**P3 - Alderbrook Rd.** Brushing. This is in preparation for next year’s RTP Grant. Our contractor brushed 1.2 mi of trail.

**P4 – Black Mountain Path & Baldys Trail Gates.** We replaced a gate on Baldy’s Trail/4 Corners & one on Cambridge Hill/Black Jack Road with steel farm gates. These gates protect our trails during off season.

**Bridge Rebuild for DNCR** – Our awesome Volunteer members rebuilt a 20’ bridge on Marigrande & Masters Way, for Clint Savage @ DNCR. They have been working collaboratively

with our club on "Success" The trail has seen such improvement in past 2 years. Thank you Clint & DNCR team.

**Larry's Dedication** We received the OK from our landowner for a 'Lookout' picnic area in honor of Larry Gomes at Bickford Trail & Cedar Brook Rd. Our volunteer members rocked this endearing project. They cleared trees, chipped all brush to not leave piles and leveled ground for picnic areas on both sides of trail. We leveled and added trap rock to picnic table areas. We used calcium on the trail to keep dust down. This was made possible by many volunteers & donations from NHATV Club, Jericho Adventures and Mason Enterprises. We held the dedication for the Gomes family on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect. The sun was shining and hearts were full. This project took my breath away several times.. Yet, filled my heart on this day. Thank you all for making this happen!

**Paper Maps** were printed. The ad's & sales of maps helps us with the cost of our grants. Thank you to Smith & Town for working with me on this project.

**Bell Hill Lookout** has been cleared of trees and shrubbery all around the circle and leveled for the picnic table. This was completed by a couple of dedicated volunteer members.

**Field Day** with NHOHVA & State legislators, F&G, Sheriffs, Berlin PD. Steve K & DanaLynn assisted with machines and input on how ohrv impacts our economy.

**Cedar Brook Road P1 Relocation** - We deboned & added clay/gravel mix to trail where needed. Fixed the ditch lines, where needed and brushing to open the road. Cleaned up parking lot boulders. This trail was in dire need and all things worked out perfectly.

## **In Summary**

This year has been one of healing, learning and coming together as a Hugger Family. No matter the what, when or where; you all are always right there to get things done. Thank you all for making our club a success! Thank you to all our members for your past support and we hope that you will decide to join our club again in 2026. Please refer a friend. Without your memberships and dollars, we cannot keep trails maintained and open. Please watch our Face Book page and visit us at [MilanTrailHuggers.com](http://MilanTrailHuggers.com)

For those of you that can afford it, we ask you to add a \$15.00 donation to your membership cost to help us with grant matches and trail maintenance cost. Please click on the links below to join or donate.

Best Regards,

The Officers and Directors of The Milan Trail Huggers

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And there can be NO maintenance without Grants,

And there can be NO Grants,

without a Trail Master..