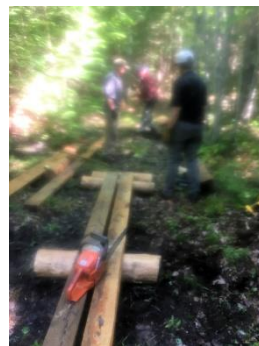
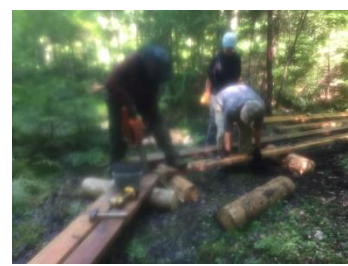
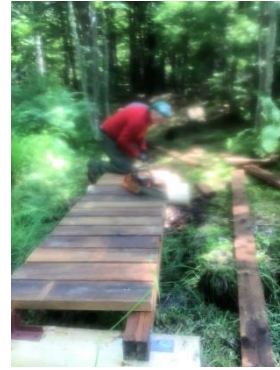


BOG-BRIDGING IN THE HUNTING SWAMP – 7/1/2019

At 8:30 Monday morning on July 1, 2019, five members of the Loudon Trails Committee met to work on bog-bridging in the hunting swamp. Over several days, Bob Lyon had cut and peeled heavy spruce logs from his property and transported them to the site, helped by Denis Proulx who assembled angle irons ahead of time. Deb Eastman-Proulx used a sawsall and weed whacker to clear much of the shrubs and branches along the trail. Sandy Blanchard had contributed her many hemlock boards, which had been stained by trails members at her barn. She worked along with Bob and Denis in digging soil, laying the logs in and placing the boards, while Denis attached screws and nails to secure the bridging with Bob's assistance. Deb and Sandy also lugged the logs and boards to the site where Bob and Denis assembled the bridge crossing over Pine Island Brook. Martha stained additional boards and photographed their work in progress.





The last one of the six images above shows the open wetland just beyond the bridge over the brook. Further back, the trail continues through a cleared area on higher ground (first two images below), followed by another wet area, temporarily covered in small, cut trees, which will also need more bog-bridging (third image).



The next stage of bog-bridging would involve more work staining boards at the Hunting Swamp, plus more cut and peeled logs by Bob at his home, followed by another work session at the Hunting Swamp assembling the remainder of the board walk across the open wetland. That work session ended at 1:00 pm after 4 ½ hours of labor, a total of 25 combined hours worked by five people, including travel, plus the combined 4 ½ hours Bob and Denis worked the previous weekend, totaling almost 30 hours that week.

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