



2015 Year End Meeting

November 14, 2015



2015 Year in Review



Another great year of riding and building!

- More Fat biking!
- ADK Sports and Fitness Expo
- Hoosick Falls Outdoor Expo
- Specialized Grant for Community Forest
- Winter Jamboree Fundraiser

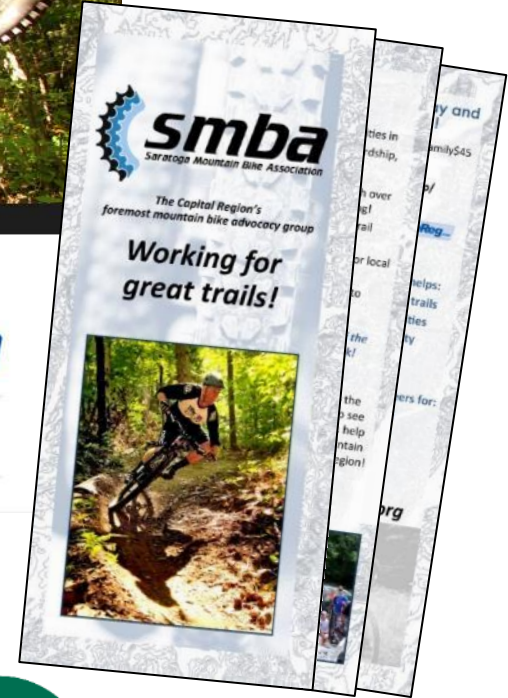


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Advertising and Sponsors:

- New website!
- New Tri-Fold Brochure
 - Thanks to Eliot Cresswell for some awesome photos!
- Sponsors:
 - Healthy Living Market
 - Browns Brewing
 - Hannaford Supermarkets
 - Whole Foods

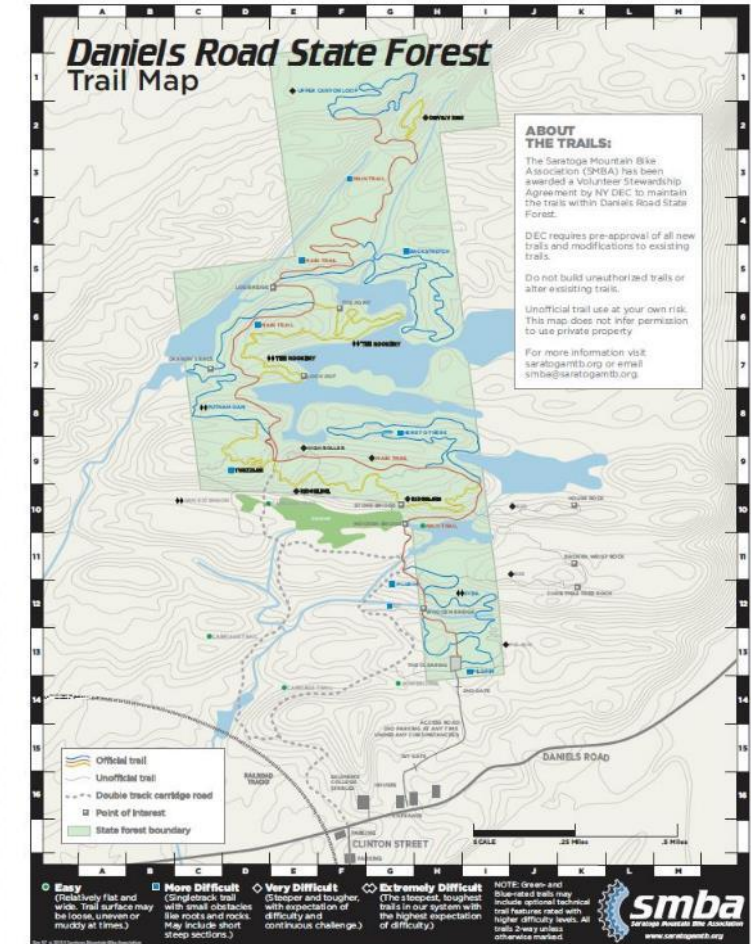
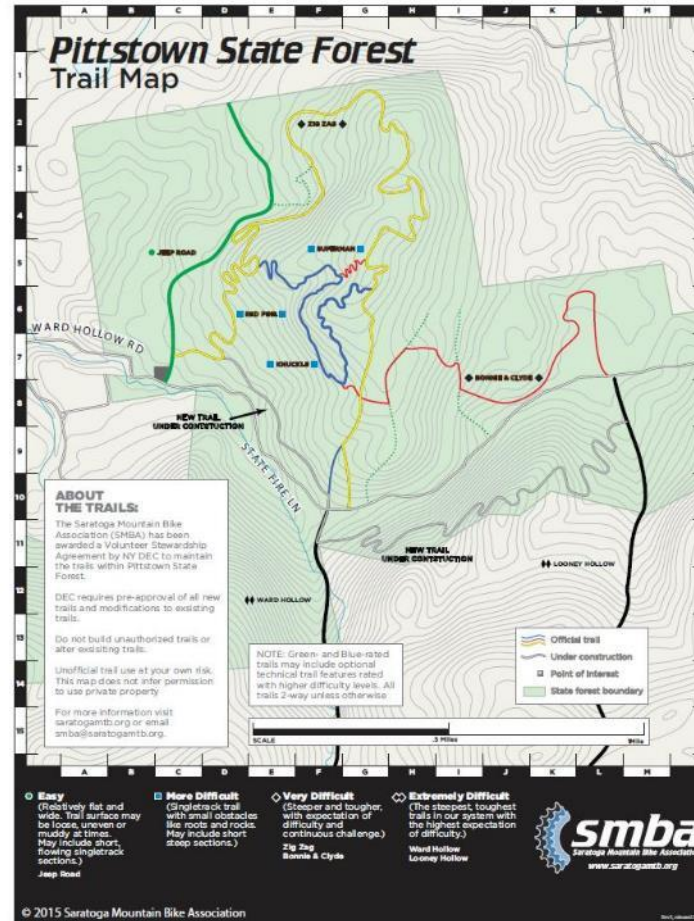


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Maps

- Updates to Pittstown map
- New map for Daniels Road
 - Trails and blazes match DEC
- Double sided print
 - Daniels Road and Pittstown
 - no sponsors this year
- New Geo-PDF Maps for 2016
 - Use with your smartphone



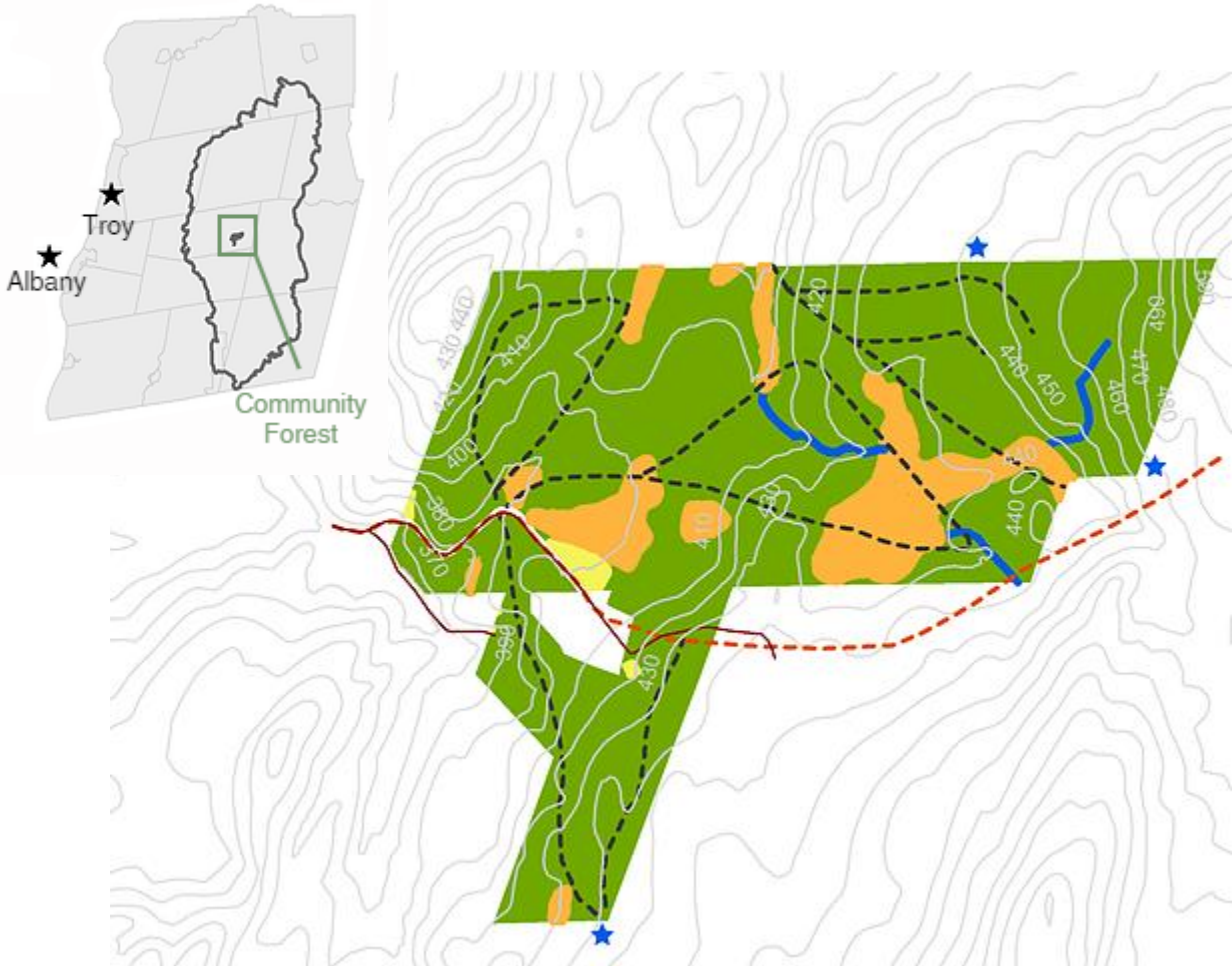
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A Few Bummers...

- MUD event
 - DEC property, demos, & change of venue
 - Back for 2016!
- Corey's move to North Carolina



Poestenkill Community Forest

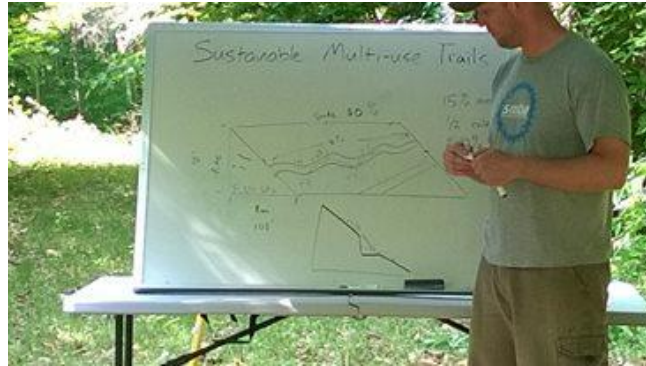
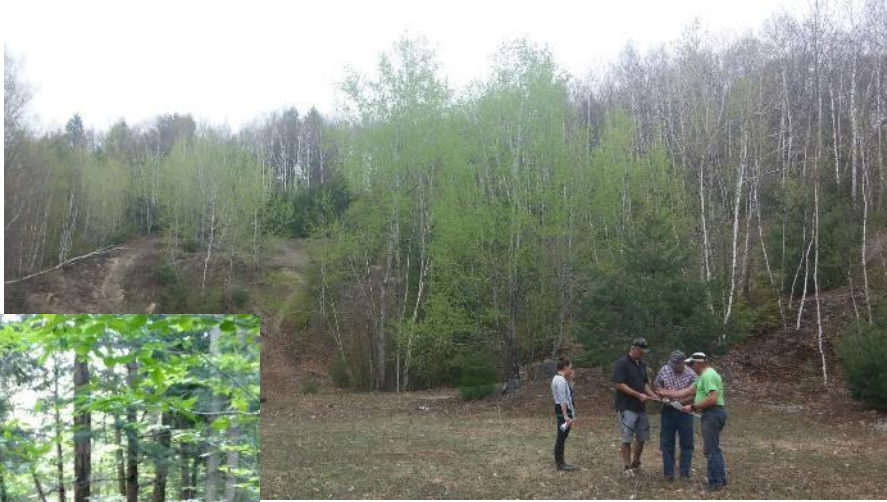


Background

- A 350-acre forest, located within a 20- minute drive of Albany-Troy metropolitan area.
- Purchased by Rensselaer Plateau Alliance in 2014
- RPA ownership allows for more flexibility w trails
- Lots of exciting terrain opportunities.
- Diverse forest, fields & wetlands.
- Substantial elevation changes, peaks & ridges.



Poestenkill Community Forest



What we've done

- \$2,500 Specialized Grant!
- Hosted a series of 3 trailbuilding workshops
 - Sustainable Trail Building Techniques
 - Classroom & Hands-On Training
- Currently constructing 2 trails to get people out and excited about the property.
- 250+ volunteer hours so far.
- Planning for: More trails, MTB skills park & clinics
- New SMBA Trail Directors appointed to lead projects in Community Forest



Poestenkill Community Forest

FUTURE PLANS / GOALS

Continue to develop trail network

- Finish construction of trails on south side
- Design & construct north side

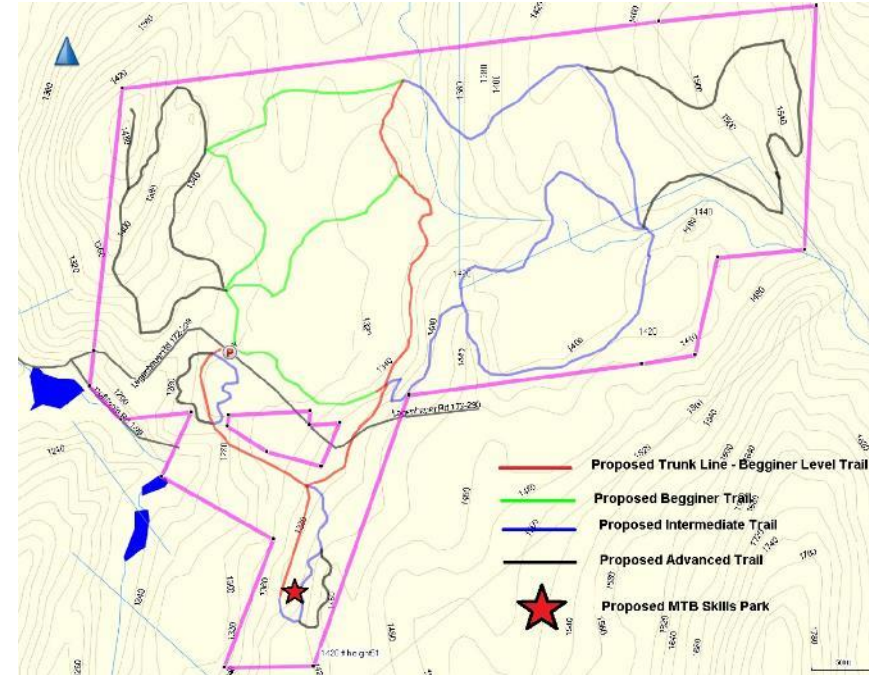
Design & Build MTB Skills Park

- Raising funds
- Location & preliminary designs approved by RPA
- Park will include progression trails to accommodate riders of all levels

Host MTB Skills Clinics

- geared toward youth & beginner riders
- begin at skills park and progress into trail riding

Trail Signage, Trail Markers, Maps, etc



Pittstown State Forest

2015 Events

4th Annual Earth Day

- Spring cleaning for trails, parking areas, camping areas

2nd Annual EPIC Ride

- All-day ride between Pittstown & Grafton
- Approx 70 riders attended
- Great time, great ride, food & beer!

Gallivan Corp. Volunteer Day

- 20 employees to work on Pittstown trails.
- 1/2 mile of new single-track.
- **Big Thanks to Brendan Gallivan & the Gallivan Corp!**

3rd Annual RPI Volunteer Day

- 25 volunteers from the AEPi Fraternity
- 1/4 mile of new single-track!

Thursday Night Rides: 6pm (weather permitting)



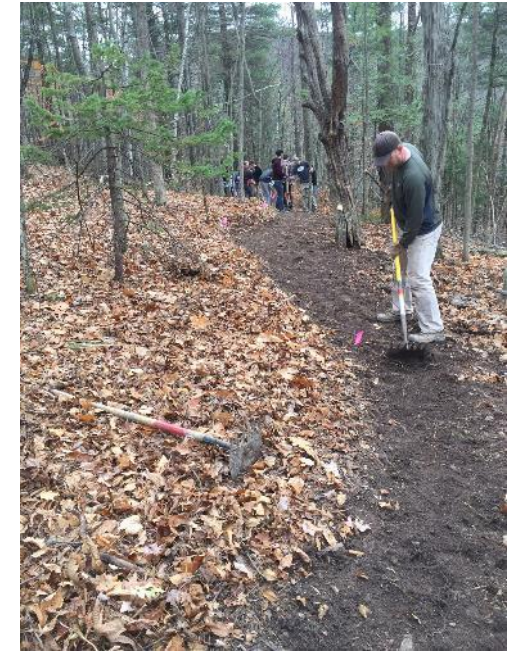
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ACOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued building new “Loop” trail
 - Approx 1 mile of new trail built
- Trail improvements to Zig-Zag and Bonnie & Clyde trails
 - Re-routes, drainage, berms, jumps, etc.
- Spring & Fall Clean-up
- Storm Clean-up

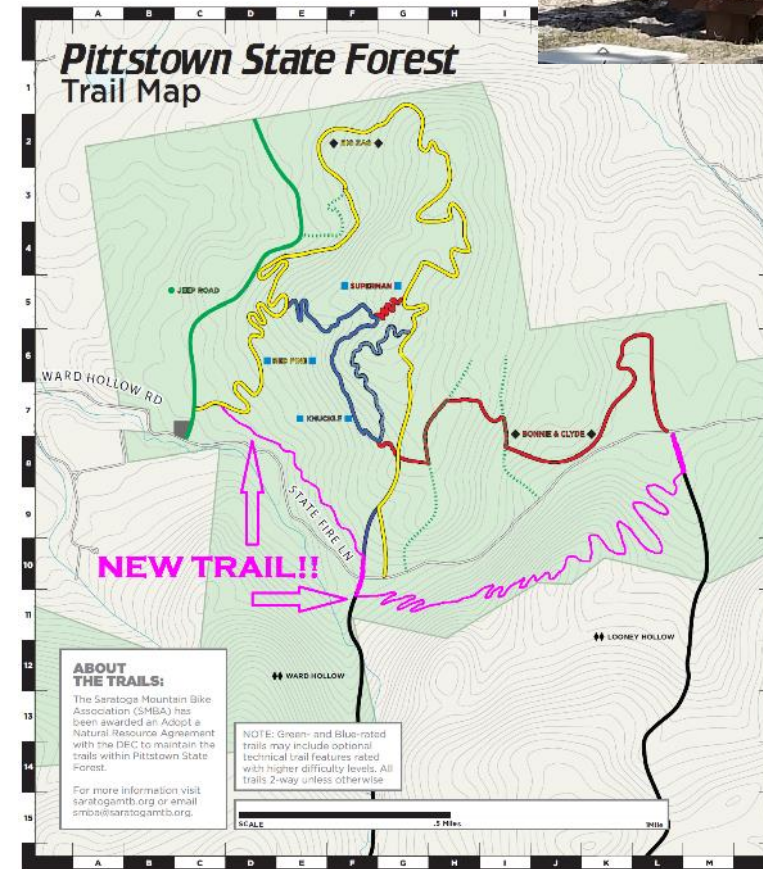
509 Volunteer Hours logged in PSF in 2015!



Pittstown State Forest

FUTURE PLANS / GOALS

- Finish “Loop” Trail
 - Approx 2-1/4 miles remaining
 - Est Completion - 2017
- Red Pine Extension
 - connect to lower parking lot
 - Est Completion - 2016
- Existing Trail Improvements
 - Dial-in Upper-Knuckle & Superman
 - Build more berms, jumps, features!
- Trail Signs – Kiosk
 - Trail signs at all intersections
 - Build Kiosk at main parking lot



Daniels Road State Forest

2015 Projects

- SwamPass Trail Bridge Repair
- Dam Trail Bridge Repair
- Removed various blowdown
- Raking and leaf blowing entire trail network
- 100+ volunteer hours in trail maintenance



Daniels Road State Forest

Landowner Issues

- ROW and property lines
- Blocking access road
- Resolved, but be cautious



Daniels Road State Forest

Plans for next year

2016 Trail work

- Organize 4 Work days for 2016
- Work with DEC to authorize a new trail
- Flag and cut new trail once approved

Other Plans

- Access road, parking lot and kiosk
- Trail improvements
- Working with landowners



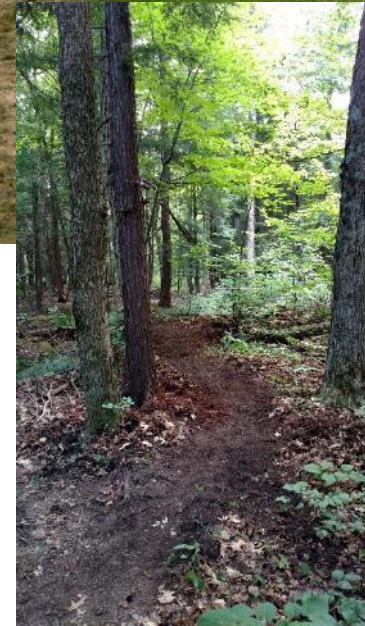
Thacher State Park

Slowly but surely...

- 3 new trails flagged
- 1 trail cleared & rideable

2016

- Major dirt moving
- Build a crew of volunteers
- Skills park opening?



Membership

- Double sided maps for 2015
 - Daniels Road and Pittstown
 - no sponsors this year
- Kept 2014 pricing
 - \$25/\$30 individual \$30/\$35 family
- Memberships sold via BikeReg and in-person events.

Breakdown:

- Bike Reg purchases: 176
 - 110 Individual and 66 Family
 - 72 New members (29 Family & 43 Individual)
 - Returning Members: 104 (37 Family & 67 Individual)
- Additional memberships from officers and/or events: 22
- Club Donations: \$265
- Total Amount received through BikeReg: \$4230

198 Members in 2015

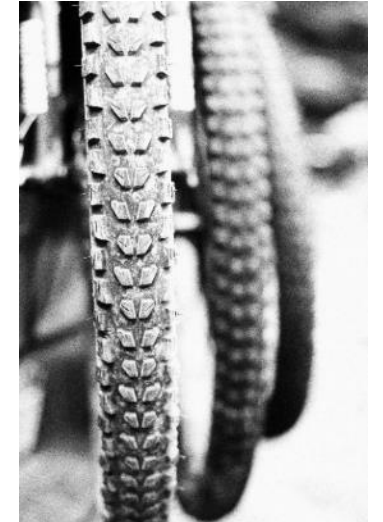
Past Years Membership:

2014: 195

2013: 455

2012: 456

2011: 358



Looking ahead...

- MUD Event
 - Cancelled for 2015 ☹
 - Planning for a glorious return in 2016!
- Decrease costs, increase donations
 - Storage locker, Food & drink, and more
- Fundraising, grants, project specific funding (crowdsourcing)
- Getting the word out there
 - Facebook page vs group?
- Advocacy and riding opportunities
 - Moreau/Spier Falls/Palmertown Range
 - MTB and cycling advocacy- Saratoga PLAN, etc.



And last but not least...Elections!

Continuing on:

- Membership Director – Theresa Crombach
- Daniels Road Trail directors - Owen Dougherty and Art Picard
- Pittstown Trail Director – Chris Cavanaugh
- Poestenkill CF Trail Directors - Ian Bonesteel and Jason Anderson

New Roles:

- Secretary – Josh Haugh (former VP north)
- President – Chris Morris (Former VP south)

Vacancies:

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| • Treasurer | *Self nominations @ 11/14 meeting: |
| • Vice President North* | • Drew Roginski -Vice President North |
| • Vice President South* | • Greg Haworth - Vice President South |

**Big thanks to Rob Piparo and Dan Patterson for their help in 2015!*

Looking to get
involved?

We can always use
help organizing work
days, leading trail
crews and more!

