

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) is dedicated to the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the outdoors.

Professional Trail Services

For more than 100 years AMC has offered professional trail crews that maintain and construct trails throughout the Northeast. Our expertise in trail construction, campsite planning and management, and mapping services help to develop and maintain non-motorized recreational trail networks. AMC's Trails Department is a member of the 21 Century Conservation Corps and is a proud partner of The Corps Network. The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. The AMC is one of 130 Corps across the country that provides young adults and veterans the opportunity to serve our country through projects on public lands and in rural and urban communities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why contract with AMC for Professional Trails Services?

A: AMC is a 21st Century Conservation Corps member, as well as a member of The Corps Network with more than 100 years of experience. Our professional trail crews bring a diverse skillset from developed front country to primitive backcountry projects. With support from AMC's Trails Department, our professional crews are more independent and do not rely on project partner support for trail projects of logistics, giving them the ability to be flexible and able to help partner organizations succeed. AMC can plan projects, obtain permits and approvals, oversee the projects to ensure quality, and provide comprehensive reporting post project. Working with the project sponsor, AMC can obtain the required materials if needed. AMC fully outfits their programs with required supplies and equipment.

Q: What other specialized services does AMC Trails provide?

A: AMC provides backcountry resource management, campsite planning and management, trail assessments, mapping, trail skills trainings, and AMC Trails staff leadership for community volunteer events.

Q: What are the benefits of contracting with AMC Trails?

A: AMC crews are flexible and easy to work with, and operate independently so to not burden the partner with management or crew logistics. Our crews can meet the standards and expectations of our partners, creating lasting relationships for future projects. With facilities in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, AMC crews can do front country and backcountry work, and can collaborate with AMC volunteer crews on certain projects. AMC offers Staff Trail Crews (White Mountain Trail Crew & Roving Conservation Corps), Youth Conservation Corps, AMC AmeriCorps, and Trails Staff leadership for community volunteer events.

Q: What are approximate costs for contracting with AMC Trails?

A: \$6,500/week for a five-person crew with supervision.* The Corps' Indirect Cost Recovery Rate is 18.78%. Depending upon variables such as scope of work, duration of project, partner provided housing, etc. the weekly cost can be reduced.

*Weekly cost reflective of 2021 rates and subject to change

Q: Where does AMC Trails provide Professional Trails Services?

A: AMC operates in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. AMC has two major trails training centers, Camp Dodge in New Hampshire, and Noble View in Western Massachusetts, offering a spread of trail skills training and partner training opportunities upon request.

Available Crews Include

Trail Maintenance & Construction, Habitat Restoration, Disaster Response, General Building Maintenance/ Construction, Volunteer Management, GIS/GPS Mapping, Vegetation Management