



WMNEMBA Dialed-In

March 2022, 1st Edition

A newsletter to 'dial you in' to what's happening within the MWV biking scene!

FAT BIKING

Unfortunately, the snow is slowly melting this month. Sad, I know, but I hear the biking was pretty good while it lasted. With the purchase of a Snow Dog machine this year, grooming was routinely occurring on the Marshall trails. We provided a grooming update on our FB page and the wmnemba.org website. We plan to continue and hopefully expand the groomed trails next year. A big shout out to David Hubelbank for all his hard work grooming the trails for our enjoyment!



The Erickson Family fat biking in Bartlett, N.H.

SURVEY SAYS!

Thank you to all who completed the survey. We had 46 responses out of approx. 144. Follow this link for summary...[Survey Results](#).

The top answers for ways WMNEMBA can serve our members better was:

1. Newsletter
2. Maps and Kiosks at trails heads
3. Grooming for Winter Biking
4. Group Rides

Also, a QR code at trails heads was suggested for donations and TF maps.

Top answer for what members can do for WMNEMBA was:

Volunteer for trail work! In fact, 29 members said they are willing to help!

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Spring Membership Meeting will be held on 10 Apr 22 at 4pm. We'll meet at the Ledges Brewery to discuss our business and then have some pizza and brews. Some tentative agenda items are:

1. Survey results
2. 2022 Goals and Objectives
3. Projects and Prioritization
4. Budgets
5. Committees and Trail Adopters
6. Officer Elections

We'll finalize the agenda soon and send out via an email.

TRAIL TALK

Spring is just around the corner and so is the need to clean up our trails.

After some heavy snow and winds we'll have plenty to do with blow downs, bent over trees blocking the trails, removing leaves obscuring the trail line, and general clipping and snipping.

We'll be contacting former and potentially new trail Adopters/Stewards to confirm the maintenance of the specific trails within the next few months.

Read more about trail maintenance below...

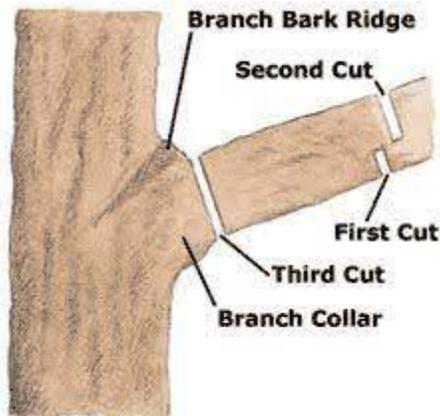
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Spring Cleaning

We need your help getting the trails back in shape for our riding season! Before you begin, please review the information below:

1. **BASIC TRAIL MAINTENANCE** - <https://www.singletracks.com/mtb-trails/trail-maintenance-yes-you-can/>

a. Branch Pruning -



b. Leaf Removal – Blow or rake leaves off the trail with a light hand and with a swath large enough to get a mountain bike through (no interstate please!)

c. Trail rerouting and building – We need to get approval from landowners before either new or rerouted trails are built, and any features are added. Please direct questions to WMNEMBA leadership at wmmembers@nemba.org

2. **U.S. FOREST SERVICE** - The USFS is a government agency that has very strict guidelines for the trails they management. WMNEMBA has agreed to maintain the trails on the Lower Moat area (Electric/Ultimate/HS Loop/Mineral Site. Requirements are:

- a. Volunteers attend an annual skills training
- b. Workers comp. form is signed
- c. Individual trail work hours are reported to wmchapter@nemba.org where they will be consolidated and forwarded to the USFS.

- d. Well, that's all for this first newsletter. Thanks for suggesting this communication tool in the survey. We'd like to keep the newsletter short and sweet with just a couple of articles in each addition. However, we would really like your feedback on the frequency, length, and topics.



Please give your feedback to:

Maryanne Dunfey - President
Mike Simoneau – Vice President
Dawn Canales - Secretary
Leo Rossignol – Treasurer
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wmchapter@nemba.org



A couple WMNEMBA members, Tony Tulip and Muriel Mitchell, on a bike ride with Mt Washington in the background.

