

# Thunder Bay Trails News

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**Mission statement:** The mission of the Thunder Bay Trails Association is to promote and protect non-motorized trail systems in Alpena county and adjoining areas and reflect their recreational significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure to area citizens.

- **Trail Work Bee,**  
10/30/99 – 9:30 a.m.  
Norway Ridge Pathway – Bring shovels, rakes, and work gloves
- **Monthly Meeting –**  
11/08/99 – 7:00 p.m.  
ACC, Center Building, Room 106
- **Thanksgiving Parade –** 11/26/99 –  
TBTA will display grooming equipment and later display it at Summit Sports -  
Volunteers needed to decorate trailer and pickup
- **Monthly Meeting –**  
12/13/99 – 7:00 p.m.  
ACC, CTR, Room 106
- **Moonlight/Candlelight Ski –**  
1/22/2000 – 7:30 p.m.  
Norway Ridge Pathway -Volunteers needed to place candles and serve refreshments

## Volunteer Efforts for 1998-1999

Last year, ski trail grooming at both Norway Ridge Pathway and Chippewa Hills Pathway were handled by Randy Fairbanks, Vince Call, and Jeff Blumenthal. Also, last year was the first time in about eight years that the hardwoods of Chippewa Hills were groomed for cross country skiing. A big thanks to Randy Fairbanks for allowing the TBTA to park and store the grooming equipment at his home. Randy Fairbanks and Ron Anderson (Anderson Forest Products) completed the mowing of the Chippewa Hills Pathway this past fall with Randy's brush hog and Ron's tractor. This past spring a number of members spent a Saturday morning staining sign posts and replacing maps and trail markers at the Chippewa trail system. The Chippewa Hills and Norway Ridge announcement board in the parking lots of each trail system needs to be replaced and fixed. If you are interested in working on the pro-

ject, please get in touch with either Randy Fairbanks or Vince Call.

Norway Ridge received the most intensive volunteer efforts this past year. The extensive floating deck project completed in the fall of 1998 spanned three weekends and required many hours of volunteer work. Norway Ridge Pathway also received brush removal and trail sign maintenance. The additional efforts towards the trail system helped make Norway Ridge a quality recreational trail for North-eastern Michigan citizens.

*Vince Call – President of TBTA*

## Adopt-A-Trail Partner

The Thunder Bay Trails Association and the MDNR Parks Division became official adopt-a-trail partners for the Negwegon State Park area. TBTA members worked on a trail chipping project at Negwegon State Park this past June. The TBTA plans to assist the MDNR for other projects at Negwegon State Park if they should arise.

## Work Bee- Volunteers Needed

On October 30, 1999 at 9:30 a.m., the TBTA will be meeting at the Norway Ridge Pathway to work on wood chipping various trail sections and complete a small floating deck project. Hillman Power has agreed to deliver a significant load of wood chips for the first loop at Norway Ridge. Ron Anderson of Anderson Forest Products has agreed to donate time and use of his tractor to load volunteer's pickup trucks with materials. Railroad ties from Lafarge Corp. will be delivered by Jerry Keen. Please plan to attend and assist with this project! - Vince Call



*Dave Sedlow and Vince Call prepare the TBTA's new X-C ski groomer.*

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x-c trail conditions, and news.

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*Thanks so much to all that donated and paid dues!!*

