

Shelburne Trails Club

While Shelburne, NH offers offers some of the most picturesque scenery while paddling the Androscoggin River, the two mountain ranges on either side of the river offer over 40 miles of hiking trails to dramatic summits and vistas, including more than 20 miles of the *Appalachian Trail (AT)*.

The extensive network of hiking trails in Shelburne's Carter-Moriah and Mahoosuc Mountain Ranges are maintained cooperatively by volunteers from the Shelburne Trails Club (STC) , the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

The Shelburne Trails Club was formed in 2010 to support and promote the safe use and stewardship of the Shelburne, New Hampshire area trails through restoration, preservation, mapping and maintenance of trails, and the sharing of the collective knowledge of its members. Club volunteers have restored "lost trails" abandoned and dropped from earlier trail maps and guides and have adopted maintenance of those trails and the Philbrook Farm hiking trail system. The club printed a 1/24,000 scale map with all of Shelburne's hiking trails and descriptions in 2016. More information about the club can be found at the club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ShelburneTrailsClub> .

The only hiking trail immediately accessible from the river is the Bill Hastings Memorial Forest Trail on the south bank of the river just before the Maine border. From the river, it can be accessed by pulling into the outlet of Conner Brook and joining the hiking trail on the left. The 4/10-mile loop hike passes entirely through a low floodplain forest along the banks of the Androscoggin River and Conner Brook and offers a rare opportunity for hiker's public access to the river from U.S Rt. 2. The trailhead is on the north side of U.S. Rt 2 just east of Conner Brook near the state line. There is a fixed bench and picnic table placed by STC on a bluff overlooking the river on a steep bank a few hundred yards past Conner Brook.