

Carrabassett Valley TrailFest 2018!

Time is growing near for CR NEMBA's 6th Annual NEMBA TrailFest! We will be teaming up with Maine Huts and Trails (MH&T) again to bring an outstanding work, ride, eat, and stay experience to our friends from all over New England. The dates are August 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2018. Please RSVP by August 6th.

The Digs and Grub

Volunteers are the guests of Maine Huts and Trails who will be providing the food and their fully staffed Poplar Stream Hut at a huge discount of **\$50 per person** (plus 9% tax) for the weekend. This "Hut" is a self sufficient facility in the wilderness and includes bunkhouses, composting toilets, showers, and a full service commercial kitchen. The \$50 fee includes lodging on Friday and Saturday nights August 17th and 18th, dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. This fee also includes a gear shuttle to and from the hut. On Saturday we will enjoy music by Lena Rich and a keg of local Maine beer, included in the meal/stay plan.

We are also offering a Saturday Meal Only option, \$25 per person, which includes: Breakfast at the hut, a bagged trail lunch, and Dinner and music at the hut. Overnight lodging is NOT included.

The Dirt

We are looking at several projects around the Poplar Stream Hut. Specific projects will be developed closer to the time of the event and we will be communicating these projects to participants in the weeks leading up to TrailFest. There is a lot of opportunity for projects around Poplar Stream Hut, and there will be something rewarding for everyone to take part in.

The Plan

- **Friday, August 17** - Arrive in Carrabassett Valley, park at the Airport Trailhead, and ride your bike to Poplar Stream Hut for dinner at 6:30 PM and camp fire fun. If you would like a backpack shuttled into the hut, your backpack **MUST** be dropped off at the Airport trailhead by 5:30 pm at the gear shed located behind the sign kiosk.
- **Saturday, August 18** - breakfast at 7:30AM at Poplar Stream Hut; trail work 8:30AM - 2:30PM (bag lunch on the trail), back to the Hut for a ride at 3:30PM; dinner at 6:30PM followed by live music by Lena Rich and a keg of Maine beer.
- **Sunday, August 19** - breakfast at the Hut at 7:30AM (bags ready to go by **7:30AM**), trail work 8:30AM-1:30PM (bag lunch on the trail), back to the hut to pack up and ride out

Participants will receive a more detailed itinerary closer to the actual event.

The Call to Action

Please RSVP no later than Monday, August 6th. When you RSVP, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. If you RSVP but need to cancel, there is no fee if you cancel by August 6th. If you RSVP yes but cancel after August 6th, there is no refund.

RSVP is **REQUIRED**. Please RSVP with **Maine Huts and Trails**
(207-265-2400)

<https://mainehuts.org/>

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We are extremely excited to bring TrailFest 2018 to you again this year with Maine Huts and Trails. We hope you can join us for this awesome weekend!

Sincerely,

Warren Gerow (CRNEMBA President)
Carolann Ouellette (MH&T Executive Director)
Spencer Lee (CRNEMBA TrailFest Coordinator)
Joshua Tauses (CRNEMBA Trail Boss)
Savannah Steele (MH&T Trails Manager)
Mike Spurrier (MH&T Huts Manager)
CRNEMBA board and members
Maine Huts and Trails board and members
Town of Carrabassett Valley and residents
and Mountain Bikers everywhere!

Logistical Information from Maine Huts and Trails

People-Powered Access: To get to the Hut, you must park at the Airport trailhead and hike or bike in from there, about 3 miles.

Poplar Hut — (207) 899-8144

Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions: We're happy to provide vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or allergen-free meals as long as this is requested when you book your trip. Since all the food is planned in advance, allergies and/or dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated after you arrive at a Hut. If you or someone in your group did not specify allergy or dietary requirements at the time of booking, please call (207) 265-2400 now to have this added to your reservation.

Quiet Hours: Please be respectful of other guests and take it easy from 10:00 PM to 6:30 AM.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed in or near any structure.

Pack In/Pack Out: Maine Huts & Trails is committed to following Leave No Trace ethical and practical guidelines. To comply, we ask that any items (including packaging) that you bring to the huts be brought out with you when you leave. With the exception of gear shuttles, all guests and trail users are responsible for carrying their gear from the trailheads into the huts. Keep in mind that the shortest distance from a trailhead is 1.8 miles.

Cell Phone Policy: To maintain a true backcountry experience for all guests, please power down your cell phone while at the Huts. This will improve the experience for all guests, and help conserve battery life, since you won't be able to charge your phone during your stay. Thanks for your cooperation.

Pet Policy: Pets are not allowed overnight at any of the Huts. During the summer season (April 15 to November 30) well-behaved dogs are welcome on the trails. Since many of the trails pass through protected winter deer habitats, dogs are not allowed on the trails during the winter.

Safety: The trails are not patrolled. All routes to, from, and between Huts are undertaken at your own risk, and all trail users should be knowledgeable and prepared for self-rescue in the event of an emergency. Trail users are encouraged to check www.mainehuts.org for updated trail conditions and alerts in advance of their trip.