



Protecting The Land You Love

September, 2023

Join The Celebration

Tappen Brook Trails Grand Opening

Now is the time to buy your tickets to the official opening of Tappen Brook Trails on September 30th. This will be a fun and casual event with opportunities to hike, relax, play games and celebrate at the Bridgewater Town Park. Food from Twins BBQ is included! See exciting details below. Tickets can be purchased on our website: <u>https://bridgewaterlandtrust.org/events/</u>



Please Join Us For the Grand Opening of **Tappen Brook Trails** & Volksmarsch Walk

Saturday, September 30, 2023 The Bridgewater Town Park, 221 Tappen Road Bridgewater

Start time between 12 - 1 PM Pre-registration is required: www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Tickets: \$25 per person Children 12 & under Free

Walkers can chose from a variety of walks ranging from 1 mile to 3 miles. After your walk pull out your lawn chair and stay a while! Twins Barbecue Food Truck will offer pulled pork, chicken and all the fixings. Games, raffles, photo ops and more! Adults BYOB.

> <u>Thank You To Our Sponsors:</u> Bridgewater Recreation Commission Eversource Energy, Union Savings Bank

Three Chances To Win!

At the Tappen Brook Trails Opening you can win three amazing prizes. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the event. Prizes will be on display at the event and tickets will be drawn after the walk.



Twins BBQ Will Be There *Your Ticket Includes A Meal*

Once you have built up an appetite, recharge with comfort food from Twins Barbecue. Their food truck will be on site beginning at 1 PM. Enjoy "low and slow" pulled pork, smoked chicken, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, tossed salad, rolls and soft drinks.



Be A Trail Blazer

Help Support Our New Trails

Are you a hiker or outdoor enthusiast? The BWLT is making public access for passive recreation a priority, and we need your help! We are continuing to improve and expand our trails.

With a donation of \$250 or more you can become a Trail Blazer. You will receive two free tickets to the Tappen Brook Trails Grand Opening and a personalized Yeti Yonder 34 ounce water bottle (see image below). Support from Trail Blazers will be earmarked for trail improvements and expansions. Donations should be made by September 20th. Donors will be thanked and recognized at the event and beyond. Please contact Julie Stuart at julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org for details.



Can You Lend A Hand?

In preparation for the Trail Opening, we will hold a trail clean up on Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM. Volunteers should bring clippers and gloves. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated.



Town Line Farm Trail - New & Improved

Our trail on Town Line Road has been changed, improved and blazed thanks to contractor Jamie Curren from Roxbury. The trail is a moderate one mile loop. Features include: a stretch along Camp Brook, large mature hardwoods, stone walls and large rock outcroppings. If you are interested in hiking this trail, the map is here: <u>https://bridgewaterlandtrust.org/trail-maps/</u>



Town Line Farm House Gets New Roof

Many thanks to Leslie Roofing for installing a new roof at our farmhouse on Town Line Road. The home, known as the Chauncey Beers house was built in 1842 to accompany his 121 acre farm. He eventually bought more acreage on both sides of Town Line Road and up to Keeler Road for his growing farm which included beef cattle, tobacco, grain and hay. Several other farms operated there through the years. The Bridgewater Land Trust acquired the property in 2000 and continues to maintain and care for this historic gem.



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Spotlight on Bridgewater Barns

This Dutch Gambrell style barn located on Skyline Ridge Road likely originated in the mid to late 1800's. It is referred to in the 1969 barn book as the Harmon Wooster Treat hay and cow barn. The Treat family lived across the street in a home built by Joseph Treat, Jr, in 1750. The barn has been beautifully restored with much of the original hand hewn materials. Of note, there is a semi-circular stone pig pen connected to the back side of the barn with a small door for the pigs to enter.



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