



Trail Fosterer Responsibilities

Definition: AOA volunteer who takes responsibility for regular upkeep of their designated foster trail(s)

Responsibilities of AOA trail fosterers for their foster trail(s):

1. Clear trail at least quarterly.
2. Communicate with trail steward regarding obstacles that you are unable to clear without assistance.
3. Monitor the state of bridges and address or notify the steward regarding any issues with them.
4. Participate in group trail efforts pertaining to your trail, as possible.
5. If time and interest permit, feel free to improve the quality of the trail with new features. Discuss these plans with the trail steward before commencing.
6. Send a notice via email to AOA member to alert them of special trail conditions including hazards or construction projects (or send notification to your trail steward so that they may forward the info).
7. Notify the trail steward or AOA president if you can no longer fulfill your responsibilities.

AOA Trail maintenance/construction guidelines

- A sprayer can be borrowed from one of the trail stewards if desired. Take care not to spray developing berry bushes.
- When necessary to cut any trees to clear trail, be sure to take them down to the base and not leave stumps or daggers.
- Dirt holes created to build trail features should be at least 6 feet from the trail and must be filled back in when finished.
- When building filler for a trail feature, remove leaf litter and sticks- use dirt and rocks only, otherwise the feature will soon cave and need to be rebuilt.
- When clearing debris from the trail, move it to the downward slope if applicable, and move it well off the trail both for aesthetics and so that it does not entangle the mower.
- Look for any small berms holding water as they develop and kick them out asap.