

Jefferson Conservation Commission
19 March 2019

Special Program: The Commission met in Lancaster at the Rialto Theater for a special 2-hour presentation on the Cohos Trail. Jefferson has over 8 miles of the Cohos Trail in town and the commission members learned the history and future plans for this long distance trail that starts in Crawford Notch and ends of the US-Canada border in Pittsburg.

In Jefferson, the Cohos Trail utilizes the following existing trails:

Owlshead Trail from Owls Head to Route 115.
Slide Brook Trail from Route 115 to the Presidential Range Rail Trail.
Presidential Range Rail Trail to Waumbek Junction.
Shore Path from Waumbek Junction to the Ice Push Rampart Path.
Ice Push Rampart Path to the Colonel Whipple Trail.
Colonel Whipple Trail to Whipple Road.
Whipple Road and Route 115A to Route 2 and the Waumbek Trail.
Waumbek Trail to Mt Starr King and the Kilkenny Ridge Trail.

After the program we discussed work plans for the Cohos Trail this summer. We know of several large blowdowns near Cherry Pond and also the need to repair some bog bridges on the Colonel Whipple Trail. Sue Wentworth is the trail volunteer for the Colonel Whipple Trail and we will coordinate with her on this project. Reuben Rajala is the volunteer for the Slide Brook Trail and we plan a work project this autumn. Kevin and Joanne Jones are the volunteers for the Shore and Rampart Paths.

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