

Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) Summary: January 2017

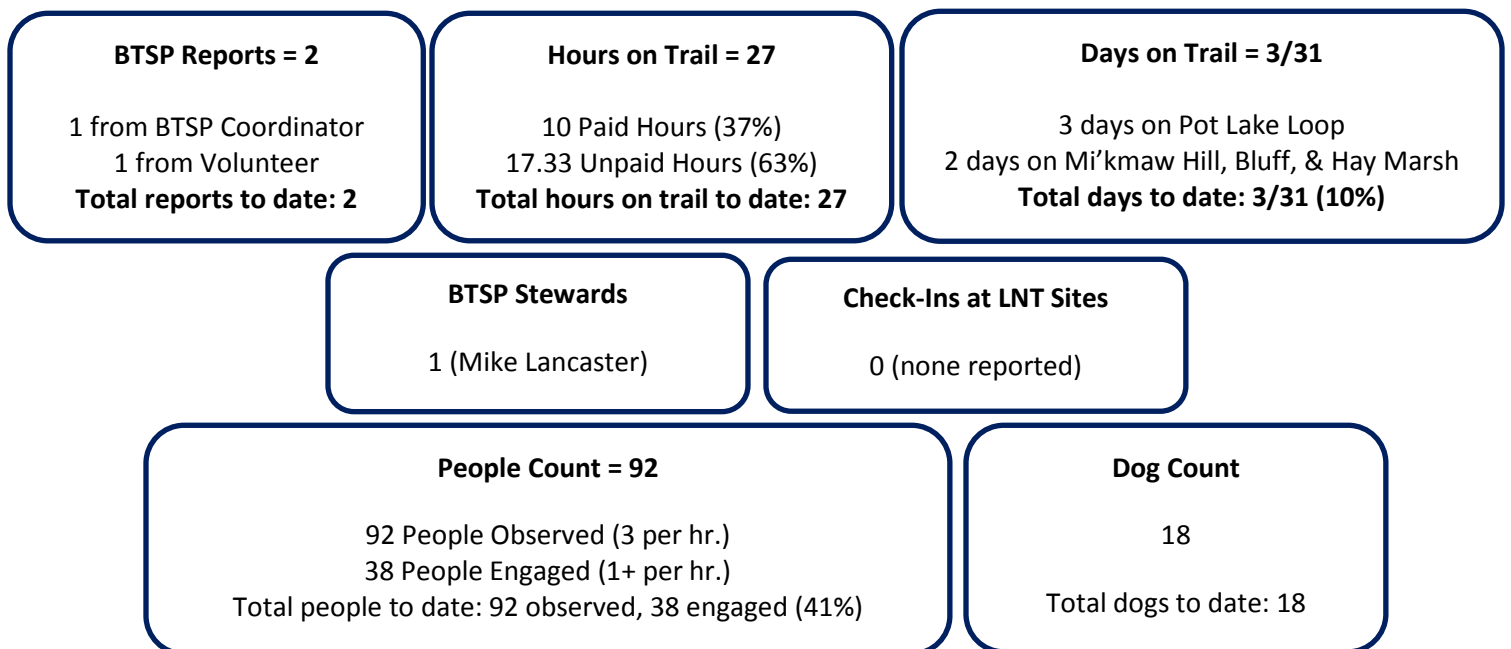
Program Events & Activity Highlights

Remediation Day: On 28 January 2017, Mike Lancaster led a small team including one director and two volunteers to do remediation work at a site on the second loop approaching Lower Marsh Lake where an illegal lean-to shelter had been constructed during the summer. The site had been partially remediated by Jinbok Park in August, but a considerable amount of wire remained attached to the illegally cut trees used to frame the structure. The remediation team removed the remaining wire, dispersed the cut trees, and remediated a campfire site at the same location.



Inspection of Illegal Campsite: On 28 January 2017, following the remediation work at Lower Marsh Lake, Mike Lancaster continued hiking after the rest of the team was done for the day. He inspected other sites of concern including a large illegal campsite and spent the night near the Middle Five Bridge Lake off of the Hay Marsh Loop.

Helicopter Rescue for Injured Hiker: On 29 January 2017, while hiking out, Mike Lancaster encountered a team of Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel attending to a hiker who had fallen and injured her ankle and who could not stand to hike out. Mike stayed with the group of emergency responders while the injured hiker was egressed by helicopter. To our knowledge, this was the third helicopter rescue on The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail since the trail was completed in 2005.



Remediation & Repair

- 6 spur barriers built/refurbished
- 6 fire pits remediated
- 1 illegal structure remediated
- garbage collection