

# Crew 906

BARTRAM TRAIL CREW





# Project Summary

Southeast conservation Corps (SECC), in partnership with the Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy and the US Forest Service, served an 8 - person crew from 8/29/2022 - 12/20/2022. This crew completed multiple projects along the Bartram Trail within North Carolina and Georgia.

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Crew 906 in the SECC parking lot. Top row, left to right: Pauline Smith, Lily O'Connell, Megan Rockefeller, Sam Kinney, Tony Cullen. Bottom: Mack Cowser, Lo Eisdorfer, Jesse Lumsden

Crew 906 consisted of 1 Non-AmeriCorps Crew Leader, 1 AmeriCorps Assistant Crew Leader, and 6 AmeriCorps Crew Members.



# Start of the Season

The crew started their season earning their Wilderness First Aid certification and their A Sawyer Limbing & Bucking chainsaw certification.



SECC Program Director, Matt Cottam, instructing the crew during chainsaw training.

## National Forests of North Carolina

The crew began their project work on the Bartram Trail within the Nantahala Ranger District. The project work included benching, corridor clearing, cribbing, building timber steps and rock steps, switchback reconstruction, and tread maintenance.



After and Before pic of stone stair case



Members installing timber steps





Members working on trail.

After completing critical infrastructure on the Nantahala Ranger District, the crew transitioned to the Cheoah Ranger District. This work included benching tread, building rock steps, installing drains, clearing corridor, and rerouting part of the trail.

## Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

The crews finished their season working on the Chattooga Ranger District. Project work included construction of a stone staircase that included corridor clearing, installing two rock retaining walls, a rock culvert, and drains.



Crew working with partner staff to build stone staircase



Completed stone staircase.



# Accomplishments

- Total Crew Project Hours Worked: 4,890
- Total Miles of Waterways Maintained/Constructed: 3.77
- Corridor Cleared - Feet: 19,182
- Crush Fill - Cubit Feet: 443
- Drains Installed: 30
- Drains Maintained: 2
- Downed Trees Removed: 13
- Grade Dip Built: 3
- New Trail Constructed - Feet: 125
- Timber Steps Constructed: 4
- Stepping Stones Installed: 4
- Rock Culvert Installed: 1
- Rock Check Steps Installed: 3
- Rock Check Steps Built: 91
- Rock Wall Built - Square Feet: 55.8
- Rock Water Bars Installed: 1
- Bags of Trash Collected: 1
- Wood Check Step Installed: 6
- Total WFA Certifications: 7
- Total A Sawyer Bucking & Limbing Certifications: 7
- Total AmeriCorps Education Awards: 7
- Total Education Award Money Earned: \$16,181.41





*"My experience went above my expectations. We had a lot of unexpected surprises and our project manager, Brent, really bonded with the crew. I did expect to meet new and different people but I did not know I'd like them as much as I do."*

*- Lo Eisdorfer, Crew Member, 2022*



*"I got to experience interactions with multiple project partners and learned more about working effectively within a team/crew structure. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and away from my home for longer than I have before and also kept me engaged on a day to day basis" - Tony Cullen, Crew Member, 2022*



*"It exceeded my expectations. I had expected to grow and enjoy this experience which has happened but I also made so many connections with my crew mates and office staff that has been so much more amazing than I could have expected. This program also encouraged personal and professional growth all while providing supports and resources to achieve this." - Lily O'Connell, Crew Member, 2022*

