

New Year's Resolution Kept!

Can you even remember what your New Year's Resolution was? Georgia Lee can...because unlike most of us, she has kept it! Georgia is an FBH member who lives in Milton and who resolved to visit the Blue Hills Reservation every single day in 2016. And, with very few exceptions (all due to inclement weather), she has! She often walks with her faithful dog, but she also frequents the park with her friends, all of whom treasure the beautiful serenity of the Blue Hills. Georgia and her friends are year-round fans of the Reservation: die-hard cross country skiers in the winter and hikers the rest of the year. In fact, they are now training for the Skyline Trail—they are excited about traversing the entire Reservation for the first time!



Georgia Lee with her son James (age 7), family dog Charlie, and Ava (age 10), during one of her daily trips to the Blue Hills. Check out Georgia's daily photos on Instagram@FriendsoftheBlueHills.

Looking for Service Day Ideas?



Employees at Dunkin' Brands help with trail maintenance as part of a company-sponsored community service program.

Why not take your employees, co-workers, or youth group to the Blue Hills to help out? Groups will get some fresh air, build camaraderie and see real results of their work to improve the Blue Hills forests and trails. Dunkin' Brands, at left, helped clear Japanese barberry and garlic mustard in Fowl Meadow to protect native plants, which our native birds and animals depend on for survival. Other volunteer opportunities include

maintaining trails by raking leaves or clipping branches. Contact us for more information about community service days: info@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org.

Join us this summer!

*Trail Maintenance –
Saturday, July 9
Houghton's Pond*

*Boots N Brews Hike for
Millennials –
Saturday, July 16*

*DCR Fishing Fest –
Saturday, July 23
Houghton's Pond*



*Jimmy Tingle - An Evening
of Comedy to benefit the
Friends of the Blue Hills –
Saturday, July 30
Curry College*

*Trail Maintenance –
Saturday, August 6
Houghton's Pond*

*For more information,
visit our website
FriendsoftheBlueHills.org.*

Over 100 Volunteers Transform Ponkapoag Habitat

More than 100 hearty volunteers braved a forecast of rain to help make this year's Green Up the Blue Hills the most successful one ever! Local schools, community groups, businesses and volunteers pitched in to pull invasive garlic mustard that threatens the forest around the Ponkapoag AMC cabins—nearly 120 trash bags full! Many thanks to Kohl's Associates in Action for partnering with us on this great event!



Quincy High students Victoria Zhang and Yin Li drag full bags of weeds away.



Pierce Middle School teacher Jeff Stoodt with students Kaitlin Blackburn (left) and Madeline Miller.



Steve Powers of Quincy pulled mature garlic mustard.



Alice Bodda applies face paint to classmate Karina Connolly as Nia Sambrano looks on in approval.

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Many thanks to Kohls Associates in Action for partnering with us on Green Up.

Back by Popular Demand—And Better than Ever!

We are thrilled to be partnering with Cypress Catering Company—the sister company of the popular Milton restaurants Abby Park and Novara—for this year's Dinner in the Blue Hills Raffle!

You and five friends will enjoy dinner at the top of the Blue Hills Observatory in the heart of the Reservation. Not only will you be able to select your appetizer, entrée and dessert from three exclusive menus, but the Abby Park/Novara



team are also working on a SPECIAL PACKAGE for the lucky winner.

Tickets are \$15 each or 3/\$35 and can be purchased online on our secure website: FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/raffle2016. The winning ticket will be

drawn at our Annual Celebration to be held on Thursday, October 6. You need not be present to win.

Look for more exciting raffle news and updates on our website!



Enter the Incredible Blue Hills Photo Contest

Nicole Barrett of Hyde Park submitted this photo to a previous photo contest. Why not enter your photos in this year's Incredible Blue Hills Photo Contest? It's free... and if you ask enough of your friends to vote for your photo - or if the judges choose your photo - you'll win a \$250 gift certificate to L.L.Bean! To vote for your favorite photo or to enter your own, visit FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/photo-contest. The deadline is September 16.

Boots N Brews—Best of Both Worlds!

Calling all Millennials! Here's an event just for you! On Saturday, July 16, please join us for Boots N Brews, a 2-hour hike in the Blue Hills starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by a beer tasting at Blue Hills Brewery in Canton. Space is limited, so RSVP soon to BnB@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org right away to reserve your spot. Once you are registered, you'll find out the starting location of the hike. For more information, please visit FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/BnB.



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Save the Date for our Annual Celebration!
Thursday, October 6, at the Milton Hoosic Club
 Please join us for this special evening of food, friends and
 festivities. Watch for your invitation in the mail!
 For more information, please visit www.FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/Celebration2016.

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