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### September 2021 Bulletin

#### This and That

Welcome, September. Please bring us some cooler weather, soon. Hiking season is around the corner. Maintainers should be starting to go out and work their sections. If you do hike on the OHT and find poor maintenance or items that need attention, such as a tree across the trail, please drop an email to [ohtmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:ohtmaintenance@gmail.com) and it will get routed to the appropriate person.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still raging and morphing into new variants; so we are unable to revert to guided hikes and in-person meetings {with the Boston Mountain Chapter}.

#### Mountain Creek Landslide

The OHT between mile markers 37 and 38 (East of Cherry Bend and West of E. Fly Gap Road) suffered multiple landslides this summer. The Forest Service informed us they were going to close the trail, but that hasn't happened to date. What originally looked to be a relatively simple re-route is going to change into a major re-routing of the trail. Like the big re-route near Stack Rock, it is going to take some time for the Forest Service to complete all their environmental studies. The trail in this area is going to look very different than it has since it was first built. Stay tuned for more details as we have them.

#### Pack Rat Fundraiser

OHTA and Pack Rat Outdoor Center have joined forces for a special project. We are going to be doing some remediation of campsites along the trail to improve them to be more Leave No Trace[tm] friendly. This may involve moving them to a better location, dismantling over-sized fire rings and signage educating hikers on Leave No Trace Principles. If you want to suggest campsites or volunteer to go out on work parties, shoot an email to Chally Sims at the Pack Rat ([chally@packratoc.com](mailto:chally@packratoc.com))

#### Hare Mountain Hike-In

The Hare Mountain Hike-In is scheduled for November 6-7. This is the annual celebration of the birthday of the OHT and consists of a pot-luck supper and campfire on the highest point along the trail. This is easily the longest running event for OHTA. Make plans to attend.

## Member Benefit

OHTA has partnered with Outdoorly and we can now offer OHTA members the opportunity to purchase outdoor gear at a discount through Outdoorly. Check out the information on the next page to see how you can sign up using a unique invitation code for OHTA members. Only one Outdoorly account per membership, so families will need to share an Outdoorly account.

Put **Ozark Highlands Trail Association** as the company and **Member** as the title. Use **Nonprofit Partner** as the type of organization. **Do not share the invitation code with others.** Anyone not a current OHTA member cannot use this invitation code.



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