



2020 REPORT

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2020 IN REVIEW

2020 was an epic year for Wompatuck. A lot of new folks discovered this treasure, and we are proud for the work we do in partnership with DCR to maintain and improve this community resource. Although 2020 created a lot of challenges to the way we traditionally organize and enjoy the park, we were able to pivot to Zoom for our monthly meetings and still organized work in the park, though not in the traditional format. Our membership count has grown to over 260 households and the enthusiastic attendees at the couple of trail care days we did in the fall attest to our committed membership.

This report is intended to give a snapshot of some of our accomplishments in 2020, provide our membership with a better understanding of our finances, and share the projects we hope to accomplish in 2021.

Wompy Winterfest

February 2020 seems like a lifetime ago, but we had another wonderful Wompy Winterfest. Co-hosted by **SE Mass NEMBA** and **Bikebarn**, this annual event is meant to encourage year-round enjoyment of Wompatuck. The 2020 version had a Mardi Gras theme to the music and food.

Wompy Winterfest has grown in popularity among the mountain bike community due to its well-marked suggested routes, community, and delicious food, so when combined with a warm, dry winter day, so many folks came that we ran out of food! We had no shortage of trails to ride though.



Playground

Friends of Wompatuck and **DCR** were able to install a couple pieces of playground equipment at the Visitor Center this summer through DCR's Partnerships Matching Funds Program. There is potential for more partnership projects like this going forward.



Trail Care

Although COVID-19 scrambled most of our plans for trail work this year, we did have two successful trail care events this fall which included replacing a bridge near NW5, redoing the entrance to other bridges, replacing collapsed culverts on a trail, and continued maintenance of South Field. We also supported an Eagle Scout project bridge replacement. A lot of our membership has continued to diligently work on the trails individually, even if we cannot do so corporately.



Wompatuck Maps

While we still create, update, and purchase paper copies of our map, with DCR short-staffed this summer and health concerns over filling map boxes, the Friends of Wompatuck purchased and placed these yard signs throughout the park to alert users of the online, interactive version of the map in order to help new folks feel safe exploring.



Wompy Warriors

The Wompy Warriors is the kids mountain bike team, part of the NEHSCA league, that is sponsored by the Friends of Wompatuck. This was the fourth year for the team, and what is typically a spring sport, was pushed into the summer and fall due to the pandemic. Kids and coaches still enjoyed riding together in small groups, and a few participated in the time-trial format races the league hosted in the fall.

Registration for 2021 just opened, but our cap of 50 kids was quickly met.



DIY Landmine

Numerous restrictions & health considerations due to the pandemic prohibited our ability to create the outstanding race experience you've all come to love & expect, so we made the difficult decision to cancel the Official 2020 Landmine MTB Classic. However, we offered a virtual option for the month of September, where folks could ride the traditional Landmine courses in reverse (since the rest of life was also backwards!). We were humbled by the number of folks who still wanted to support this event, with over 350 people signing up to do a self-directed ride. Between the virtual entry fees and the merchandise we offered, we still raised over \$3,800 for Wompatuck. Thank you to **Bikebarn** for spearheading this effort!



Peaslee Scholarship

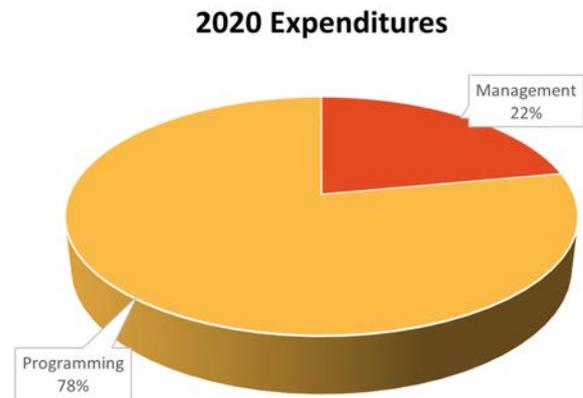
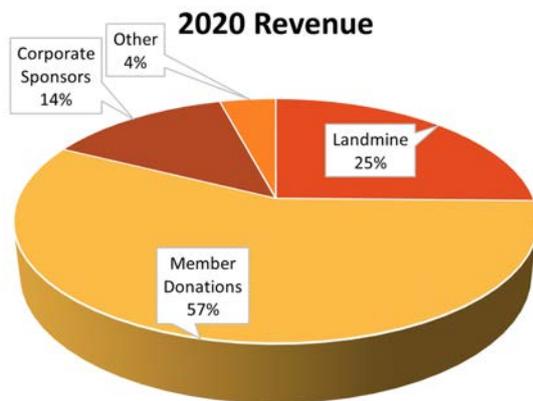
In 2020, the Friends of Wompatuck established a scholarship in memory of Paul Peaslee, who was an avid mountain biker in Wompatuck and a trail steward. Paul helped to spearhead a lot of the early trail network bridges and was part of a Trails Advisory Board established in the '90s that worked with DCR to improve Wompatuck. Paul was also the founder and early race director of the Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race and the Friends of Wompatuck was founded in 2006 to formalize the work already being done.

This \$500 scholarship (two awarded annually) is for a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to outdoor recreation and trail stewardship at Wompatuck State Park. Our 2020 scholarship recipients were **JP Schiller** of Weymouth and **Pierce Channell** of Pembroke. Both JP and Pierce are Eagle Scouts and former Wompy Warriors.

If you know of a graduating high school senior who is eligible for this scholarship, send them to friendsofwompatuck.org for the application.

2020 Finances

Although our largest annual fundraiser, the Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race, couldn't be held in its normal format, our revenue was still more than our expenditures thanks to member donations, corporate sponsors, and the DIY Landmine. Our ratio of management expenses to program spending is higher than in typical years because while we still had the same overhead costs (e.g. insurance, web hosting, mailing and printing), our ability to spend on our typical projects, programs, and events was stifled by COVID-19.



2020 Receipts

Member Donations	\$8,661.60
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,038.70
Transfer from Playgroun Acct.	\$1,900.50
Wompy Winterfest	\$573.52
Interest Earned	\$114.95
Amazon Credit	\$11.46
DIY Landmine	\$7,290.20
Grant for Grove St. Entrance	\$500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$21,090.93

2020 Disbursements

Administration	\$935.38
Snowmobiles	\$357.77
Trail Care	\$2,495.39
NEMBA Donation	\$200.00
Wompy Winterfest	\$2,038.58
Insurance	\$1,556.80
2021 Landmine Timer Deposit	\$1,239.50
Playground Equipment	\$3,200.00
Paul Peaslee Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Wompy Warriors	\$101.86
Landmine Merchandise	\$2,528.95
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$15,644.23

Bank Balances

Account	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
Citizens	\$33,931.75	\$4,222.50
Eastern Bank Cash Management	\$0.00	\$35,114.95
Eastern Bank	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$33,931.75	\$39,387.45

2021 Projected Goals

- Continue to upgrade Wompatuck's trails, bridges, and infrastructure.
- Plan and host the 2021 Landmine Classic fundraiser – the 20th year that it will be held.
- Continue funding projects that DCR cannot budget so as to make Wompatuck an even better park than it is today.
- Help to plan and fund Eagle and Gold Scout projects that benefit the park.
- Assist the Town of Norwell with their effort to create a new Park entrance from Grove Street.
- Continue the Paul Peaslee Memorial Scholarship program.
- If snow conditions permit, use our snow groomer to groom trails for fat biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.
- Conduct needed maintenance work on the pump track.
- Print a 2021 version of the Wompatuck map.
- Repair a door to a missile storage bunker so it can be utilized by the park interpreter.

Join Us!

The Friends of Wompatuck is an all-volunteer organization comprised of a variety of park users. If you haven't yet become a member, you can join at friendsofwompatuck.org. We are a 501(c)3, so please also consider us for a tax-deductible donation. We meet the third Monday of every month, currently on Zoom. Please join us!



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