

On Thursday, June 16th, seventeen FOSM volunteers began working southwards from Tree Spring on an addition to the Challenge Trail which will eventually extend down to Bill Spring. SRD Trails Foreman Russell Berman had been out previously to pin-flag the line. The crew encountered flat sections and sections of side-hill; plenty of duff, roots, oak patches, stumps and rocks, plus (unusually) some grassy bits. The morning started fairly cool, but even before lunch the heat became onerous, especially in the sun. Nevertheless, good progress was made, an estimated 600-700' of new tread.

The volunteers were Joe Beman*, Courtnee Bennett, Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Ed DiBello*, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Larry Larrichio*, Mike Madden, Pat Madden, Mike Rahmer, Steve Roholt, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp, and Ralph Wrons.

*Brand new to FOSM Thursday!

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.



Ralph and Sim find soil under the duff



Mike M moves duff to create drainage



Claudia and Jim spend much of their morning in an oak patch



Courtnee contemplates how different trail work is here than in New Zealand!



Sim and Eric... and more duff



Byron finds a grassy patch
(Larry, Joe, Mike R)



Joe!

New Thursday folks!



Ed!



Larry!
(between Mike R and Byron)



Since it's just off the trail, Steve opts to low-stump it (cut it close to the ground). Later he decides he needs to dig it out after all...



Photo by Ed DiBello

**Good thing we brought two bars!
Eric and Bruce and a big 'un.**