



August 20, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Housatonic Valley Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association invites you to join us for a “Trail School” at Flanders Nature Center (<http://flandersnaturecenter.org>) on Wednesday September 18, at 8am to noon and for optional field work at 1pm to 4pm. There is no fee and a light lunch will be provided. Space is limited and preregistration is requested. RSVP to Paula Burton at [peburton@aol.com](mailto:peburton@aol.com) , 203-733-2963.

This trail school will focus on design, building, and maintenance of sustainable multi use (non-motorized) natural surface trails. This trail school will be of interest to land trusts, government officials, and volunteers. It is open to the public.

We are a recreational trails advocacy organization with 27 chapters throughout New England and over 7,000 members. Our mission is to promote the best that mountain biking has to offer, steward the trail systems where we recreate and preserve open space. We are an educational 501 (c) 3 non-profit.

We lead nearly a thousand mountain bike rides a season, put on various skills clinics and trail building schools, and advocate for mountain biking and recreational trails. We put on hundreds of trail building and maintenance events in scores of parks in the region, and donate over 8,000 hours of volunteerism to local parks.

We work with key leaders and land managers to protect our sport and allow our members to give back to the trails and to the sport they love.

The Housatonic Valley Chapter of NEMBA was incorporated in May 2018 and is devoted to expanding mountain biking opportunities through partnerships with local organizations in the Naugatuck and Housatonic Valleys.

Sincerely,

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