



Spring Newsletter 2020

Dear Friends,

Happy birthday to CNLT! Fifteen years ago, CNLT became a nonprofit after a crew of like-minded people gathered on a porch to talk about conserving the peninsula they love. Since then -- with your help and encouragement -- CNLT has created a community of hundreds of supporters, a flourishing Community Garden, 6 public preserves, and 7 miles of trails for all to enjoy.

We continue to build on the founders' original vision by identifying important areas for conservation, acquiring core parcels of land (or having them donated to us!) and carefully stewarding the 400-plus acres in our care. The board thanks you all for your support and engagement with our mission of conservation. We are extremely proud of this milestone and look forward to celebrating with you -- as soon as it's safe to do so.

In this stressful and uncertain time, one silver lining is a renewed appreciation for nature and places to experience it. Land trusts nationwide are having more than a moment as people are discovering and falling in love with their neighborhood trails. CNLT has always been a hyper local organization -- our focus is along Crabtree Neck from Route One to the Point -- and we encourage your responsible use of our trails to stretch your legs, spot your favorite birds, watch the sunlight filter through old-growth trees or glitter off the ocean, and recharge mentally and physically.

Unfortunately due to the coronavirus, we do not have any in-person events currently planned for the summer. If that changes, we will let you know.

Please be in touch whether through Instagram, Facebook, our emails or regular mail. Our website at <http://crabtreenecklandtrust.org> has trailmaps to show you the way into the woods and additional information about us.

Until summer, be safe and well. Our trails are here for you...

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Walking Together While Staying Apart

CNLT's trailheads are sporting some new signage since the spread of the coronavirus. While some parks and land conservancies have had to close due to overcrowding and lack of social distancing, CNLT trails remain open. We welcome your enthusiastic and safe use.

We all know the drill: 1. Please don't use the trails if you have coronavirus symptoms. 2. Give others a wide berth of at least 6 feet when passing on the trail. 3. A mask is strongly recommended. 4. Have fun!

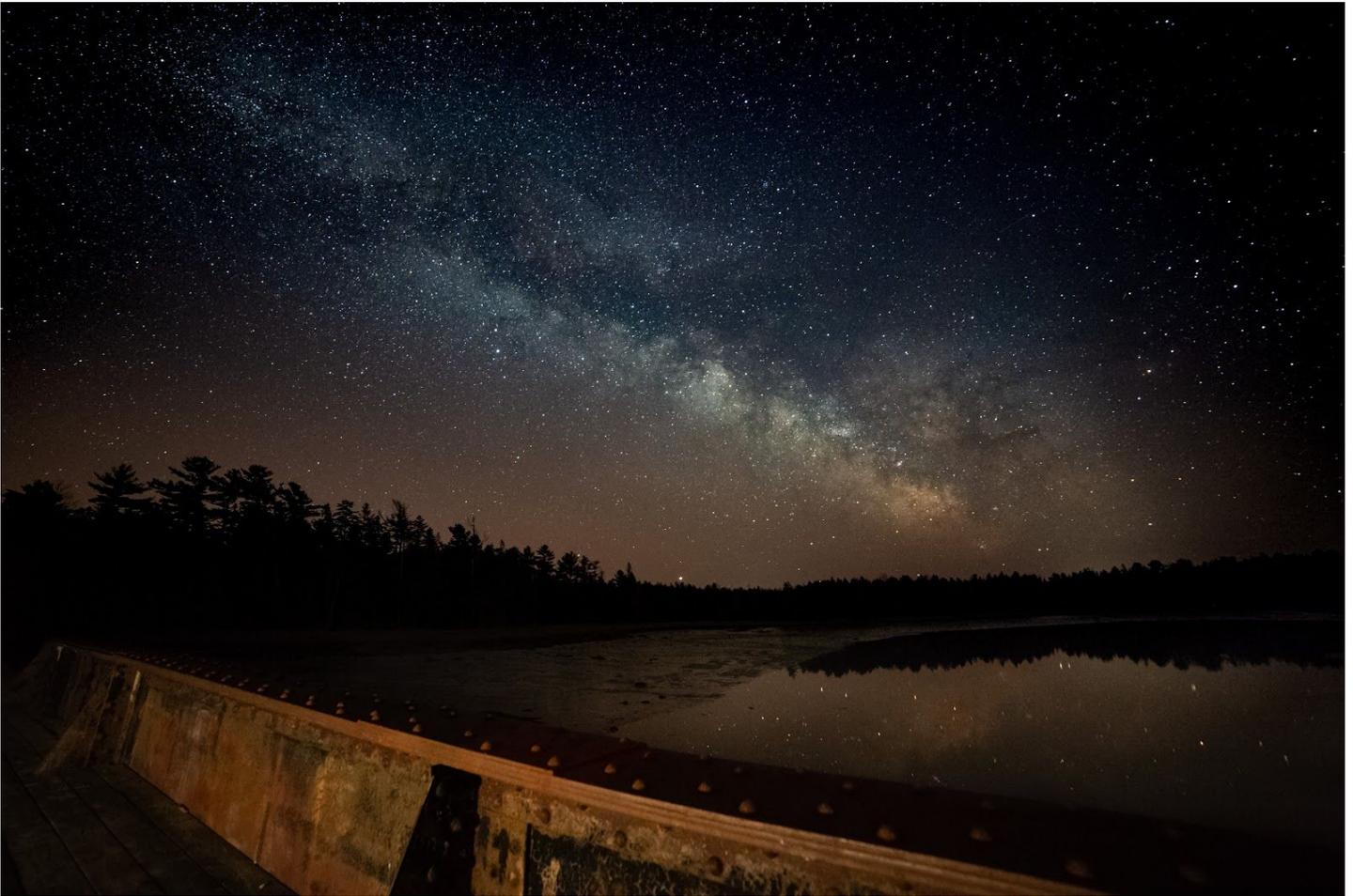


Social distancing reminders on CNLT trailheads. Photo by Josh Ferris.

In case you missed it...

CNLT received \$4,200 in grants last fall to complete management plans of our Ice Pond Preserve and Ball Field Preserve to better guide our stewardship. A huge thank you to the Maine Community Foundation and to the LL Bean Maine Land Trust Grant Program and Maine Coast Heritage Trust for their support!

Looking at stars from a trestle in Maine!



The Milky Way as seen from the Old Pond Railway Trail trestle on a cold winter's night. Photo by Gerry Monteux.

CNLT's Personal Photographer

Gerry Monteux is training his lens on our trails! The Hancock resident and professional photographer is volunteering his time and in some cases even sacrificing his sleep to take photos for us. Please follow him @monteuxgallery on social media or go to www.monteuxgallery.com for more nature-filled photos of Downeast Maine.

Please check out our website for trail maps and more! You also can support CNLT by donating online, volunteering to steward a property, or signing up for our emails.

Read all about it at: www.crabtreenecklandtrust.org