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A Very Quick Note:

These are difficult and surreal times for everyone. For your physical as well as mental well-being, **we highly encourage our members to hit the trails** and enjoy Spring as it unfolds. Of course with social distancing (step off the trail 6 feet to allow others to pass), masks worn in public, and Deer Tick prevention measures.



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In record Spring numbers, families are taking full advantage of the many hiking trails in the region, including those trails along the Deerfield River that we maintain. Many are finding the stretch between the Rt. 2 Franklin Land Trust kiosk and Wilcox Hollow to be beautiful, convenient, and well-maintained.

So, how has the DRWA, as a volunteer organization, been affected by COVID-19? The Board now meets via video conference. We are actively maintaining our trail networks to meet the demands of heavier use and remain busy planning our future projects. Water quality monitoring, the Green River Cleanup, and other projects are on a temporary hold, but are quietly being planned with the hope that restrictions will

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warrant lifting within the States of Massachusetts and Vermont later this spring, summer, or fall.

Although we depend on your contributions to be able to meet our current budget projections, because the virus has disrupted the financial resources of many people, we will delay sending any direct appeals for donations until later this year. (Of course, we welcome monetary donations year round to support our efforts, www.deerfieldriver.org) We are thinking of you and your families, and hope you will once again think of us when the time is right for you.

Happy Trails! Keep safe!

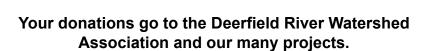


Stocking trail brochures at the Franklin Land Trust Rt. 2 pull-off.

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