

Habitat Restoration report for July 2025

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2025 YTD:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Firewood Donations:	\$ 106	\$ 311	\$ 111	\$ 178	\$ 423	\$ 125	\$ 150
Merchandise Sales:	\$ 1,425	\$ 457	\$ 530	\$ 956	\$ 934	\$ 588	\$ 1,194
Volunteer Hours:	524	623	863	671	825	515	483
Piles of Brush Removed	79	102	81	57	47	66	14
Ice Age Trail Hours:	202	343	433	104	3	12	0



Areas of focus in July included:

- Continued clearing between **Two-tier** and **IAT**.
- Began clearing near **E13** (far east side of the park on the Black Trail, to expand the cleared area between the Black Trail and the prairie that is south of the Butterfly Garden.
- Volunteer hours are down a bit in July, due to traveling/vacations.
- Not many brush piles were removed due to Air-Quality Alerts (Canada smoke) and Hillmer's post-op recovery.
- Remaining Memorial Park Bench repairs have now been completed. All Benches have also been weed-whacked under and around them.
- All three Habitat UTVs have had their oil and filter changed.
- Several additional fence panels were added around the Log Cabin to make this area look nicer.
- To facilitate adding a garage door opener to the Lower Red Evans Barn, work to repair that door with springs is in progress (by Hartland Overhead door). Habitat is using the Lower Red Barn for a work-shop space.
- Trail repairs to divert water off them have been made on 2-Teir and on the far northeast Black Trail; deep ruts still need dirt added to them. Working with Mike Ring on priorities when we have extra time.
- New caps (baseball caps) with the new Lodge/Tower design on them have been ordered. We will take orders for T-Shirts and Polos-Shirts with the same Lodge/Tower logo on them. Additional shirts will be ordered in late August with a new 2-color Tower logo on them (see below). All designs are embroidered.



- Herbiciding all prior woodland work areas (foliar spraying the regrowth) is in progress. This has been a huge effort by Michael Neimon with help from Jack Abler and John Hillmer. See marked areas on Page 2 for the completed work (red circled areas are still planned). Anne's Acres are not being treated, but were burned this past spring.

