



# IN THE KNOW & W

NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL

More than 25 miles of multi-use trails spanning four towns in the Sullivan County Catskills

## SEGMENT SPOTLIGHT:

### LIBERTY RAIL TRAIL

On August 17, 2023, eleven dogs and forty-six people explored a 1 1/2-mile section of the Liberty Rail Trail as part of the annual BOW-WO&W event. The hike started at the **Bridge & Tunnel Brewery** on Lake Street, and headed south past a spot where the Liberty Train Station once stood, then along the O&W railroad right-of-way toward Ferndale. About a 1/2 mile in, the trail crosses Carrier Street, and after a short on-road section, the trail continues into the woods at Upper Ferndale Road. From there, you can walk another mile or so to the spot where the massive Ferndale Trestle once stood. If you decide to check it out, don't forget to stop at the brewery for a beer or the nearby **New Munson Diner** for a snack before you head home!

## FALL/WINTER 2023 ISSUE



### LIBERTY RAIL TRAIL

Length: **2.7 miles** | Surface: **Unpaved**

Trailhead: **287 Chestnut Street, Liberty**  
(41.801303, -74.758431)

## UPCOMING TRAIL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Rail Trail Canal Trail Combo

Sat, Sept. 23, 2023 @ 10AM

**MAMAKATING**

Meet at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center at 16 Bova Road in Summitville for this 2-mile hike!

### HO&WL

October 27, 2023

**PARKSVILLE**

Meet at 5:30PM at the trailhead by Cabernet Frank's and enjoy a fun-filled Halloween-themed hike and costume contest!

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SAVE THE DATE

### February 24, 2024

Mark your calendar for this annual Winter walk & snowshoe... It's going to be "snow" much fun!

*Location to be announced*

For event details visit [www.sullivan-oandw.com](http://www.sullivan-oandw.com)

## SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL ALLIANCE

### MUNICIPALITIES:

County of Sullivan  
Town of Fallsburg  
Town of Forestburgh  
Town of Liberty  
Town of Mamakating  
Town of Rockland  
Town of Thompson  
Village of Liberty  
Village of Woodridge  
Village of Wurtsboro  
Village of Monticello

### TRAIL ADVOCATES:

Catskill Mountainkeeper  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Morgan Outdoors  
Open Space Institute  
Sullivan 180  
Sullivan Catskills Visitors Assoc  
The Center for Discovery



The **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance** is an organization formed to oversee maintenance, marketing and promotion of existing segments of the O&W Rail Trail in Sullivan County. We also work collaboratively to acquire and develop new sections of trail along the former railroad right-of-way.

The Alliance is an intermunicipal cooperative body whose membership is comprised of representatives of local government and trail advocates.

# DOWN & THE ROAD

Ongoing efforts to expand and improve the O&W Rail Trail in the future!



## SOUTH FALLSBURG

Town of Fallsburg Officials and staff from the Town Highway Department and Parks Department have been working hard all year on a new one-mile segment of trail from downtown South Fallsburg to the banks of the Neversink River (yellow dashed line on map below). Work is nearly completed on a new trailhead on Dog Patch Road (off Lake Street) complete with (you guessed it) a dog park, soccer field, playground, and picnic area! A ribbon cutting is scheduled for sometime this Fall. Call Jen Edwards at (845) 434-8810 x5 for more information.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

People Making a Difference and Helping the Cause!



- A big THANK YOU to the **Sullivan County Legislature** for your continued support and assistance in building out the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail. The legislature recently authorized \$230,000 in spending to complete final engineering and permitting for a 1.8-mile expansion of the rail-trail between Parksville and Livingston Manor!
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension** has been conducting pedestrian counts on the Hurleyville section of the rail trail! On Saturday, September 2nd they encountered 6 bicyclists, 118 pedestrians, 13 dogs & 1 cat! Thank you, Wanda Cruz, for leading this effort to document trail usage. Call Wanda at 845-292-6180 for more details or to volunteer!
- Kudos to **The Bridge & Tunnel Brewery** for serving as a base-camp for volunteers who cleaned up a portion of the Liberty rail-trail on National Trails Day in June, and providing free drink tokens to everyone who attended the annual **BOW-WO&W** event!