BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire will offer a web presence, participation in statewide tours, a Tea Talk presentation in each region and our reputation as a well-researched base of information that presents a more inclusive history of the state. Local research will form part of a whole that traces changes in a population beginning ca.1645. Sites will be well researched from primary sources wherever available including archived records, probate records, court records, government records, town histories etc. BHTNH will provide guidance and training when needed that will ensure excellence in research, documentation, presentation and interpretation when dealing with contested history.

Initial Plan for Expansion of Statewide Trail:



Phase 1:

- -Divide the trail into the 7 NH regions.
- -Identify regional educational institution for collaboration, partnership, research.
- -Identify towns with documented history and known sites in the region.
- -Identify partners from the historical society, school, church and/or community organization of the towns.
- -Host an event in collaboration with partners announcing town's addition to statewide BHTNH.
- -Web presence (information) and on-line audio tour (site) completed in Phase 1.

Phase 2:

- -Develop K-12 curriculum for town with multiple sites.
- -Host Event/Community Dialogue program.

Phase 3

- -Install Distinctive BHTNH trail markers.
- -Develop K-12 curriculum by region for towns with single story.
- -Train tour guides.

Phase 4

-Audio Statewide Tour online, on-going research in other towns and grow searchable on-line data base.

Expansion Map by Region Including Partners, and Stories

Region	Partners	Stories: Towns/Families/Individuals
1. SEACOAST	University of New Hampshire	Portsmouth – Well-defined trail serves as model
Headquarters - Portsmouth	Exeter Historical Society	Dover – Nellie Brown Mitchell, Corydon Chesley
	Greenland Historical Society	Exeter – The Paul Family and multiple sites
	Dover Historical Society	Epping – Cato Fisk
		Lee – Cartland House
		Greenland – Ona Marie Judge Stains
		Hampton – Multiple sites (Deborah Knowlton
		researcher)
		Newington –
		Newmarket – Cheswell Family (State Marker* Richard
		Alperin researcher)
		Durham, Kensington - research
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2.	MERRIMACK VALLEY	Southern NH University Rivier College Milford Historical Society Milford High School	Milford – Well-developed trail material for Harriet Wilson and Abolitionist movement (Statue) Canterbury – Sampson More Battis Concord – (David Watters researcher) Henniker – Nancy Prince Londonderry – Flora Stewart (Heather Wilkinson Rojo researcher) Pittsfield – Frederick Douglas in NH Amherst, Dunbarton, Hollis, Hopkinton, Manchesterearly stages of research
3.	MONODNOCK	Keene State College Mason Historical Society Amos Fortune Forum	Keene – Albert Johnson (story of film "Lost Boundaries") Hancock – Multiple sites; Due Family (Eric Aldrich researcher) Jaffrey – Amos Fortune (State Marker*) Mason – Boad (Statue) Mount Vernon – Caesar Parker (Reginald Pitts researcher) Fitzwilliam – early stages of research
4.	DARTMOUTH-LAKE SUNAPEE	Dartmouth College Canaan Historical Society Andover Historical Society Plainfield Historical Society Warner Historical Society	Andover – Richard Potter Canaan – Noyes Academy, Crummel, Garnet, & Paul, (State Marker *) Newport – Vance Coit and early African American town established by Revolutionary War vets Plainfield – Derrick Oxford Warner – Multiple stories including Charles Hall Hanover – Croydon, Goshen, Lempster - early stages of research
5.	LAKES REGION	Plymouth State University	Plymouth – Pittsfield -Frederick Douglass in NH
6.	WHITE MOUNTAINS	White Mountain CC (Conway)	Gorham and Conway, early stages of research
7.	GREAT NORTH WOODS	White Mountain CC (Berlin)	Unknown

Schedule:

- 2018: Milford will be sample town ... will develop website present, begin curriculum, develop guide book and audio tour. We have a grant from the Robins deBeaumont Foundation.
- 2019: Begin phase 1. Online presence for 12 towns highlighted in blue. These towns have documented histories and known sites. Develop individual tour guide book for towns with multiple sites ... Exeter, Warner. Public event with regional partners in Keene & Hanover.
- 2020: Begin phase 2 in towns started in 2019. Begin phase 1 in towns highlighted in yellow. Solidify research in 10 towns not highlighted.
- 2021: Phase 3 in towns started in 2019. Phase 2 in towns started in 2020. Phase 1 in new towns.
- 2022: Phase 4. On-going research.