



WILDCAT ROCK TRAIL



in 2024 Hurricane Helene damaged the Wildcat Rock Trail, which accesses the rock and ice climbing area at Little Bearwallow Falls. A landslide destroyed roughly 100 feet of trail tread, located under a historically used ice climbing area. Conserving Carolina hired our C4 Team to do a major restoration, improving the trail's resiliency.

- 2 staircases constructed with ~20 stone steps
- 2 multi tiered retaining walls built to retain steps and tread
- 100 feet of trail restored, armored, with drainage incorporated
- Completed in 62 C4 Crew Days (nearly 500 hours)
- Clearing and bench improvements on other trail portions
- Worked with volunteers from Rock Crushers and ACE





All the rock we used was downhill of the work site, so we had to use rigging techniques to move it up



We drilled rocks to split them to the correct size, and used set rebar strategically to stabilize our structures.

BEFORE



AFTER



Retaining wall side view of the west steps

BEFORE



AFTER



Retaining wall side view of east steps

BEFORE



AFTER



Hiker's view of the west steps

BEFORE



AFTER



Hiker's view of the east steps

Completing these structures restores the final piece of this trail system as Conserving Carolina prepares to reopen their trail system. Thank you to Conserving Carolina for working with us on the project, and to the Conserving Carolina Rock Crushers and American Conservation Experience for helping out!