

Wayne Bell

I have been interested in the outdoors from a young age. Growing up in the UK family vacations were typically simple camping trips to scenic locations around the country to hike and explore. As a young boy I joined the Scouts and continued through to become a leader providing opportunities to introduce others to the outdoors. Scouting introduced me to most of the pursuits I continued for many years, Hiking, Camping, Rock Climbing, Whitewater Kayaking. Professionally I am an engineer, working for IDEXX, leading a team of design engineers developing next generation products. I am willing and happy to dive into fixing things and solving problems. My experience most relevant to KBIL is that for several years I worked on the trail team at the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust maintaining existing and developing new trail systems that now exceed 20 miles. The landscape on most of the KCT properties was wet and boggy, which resulted in building lots of bridges and boardwalks way out in the woods to traverse the wettest areas. Our goal was always to provide interesting trail routes, looking to minimize the impact on the land whilst providing access to nature and seclusion for our visitors. After a few years I was invited to serve on the KCT board for a couple of years before resigning after we purchased our Boothbay home. I am excited to see what I can contribute to the journey for Burnt Island. I love the idea of KBIL providing education opportunities in an environment disconnected from the everyday hustle and bustle, constant communication overload, and giving an opportunity for people to connect with the nature and beauty of the place we are lucky enough to be a part of.