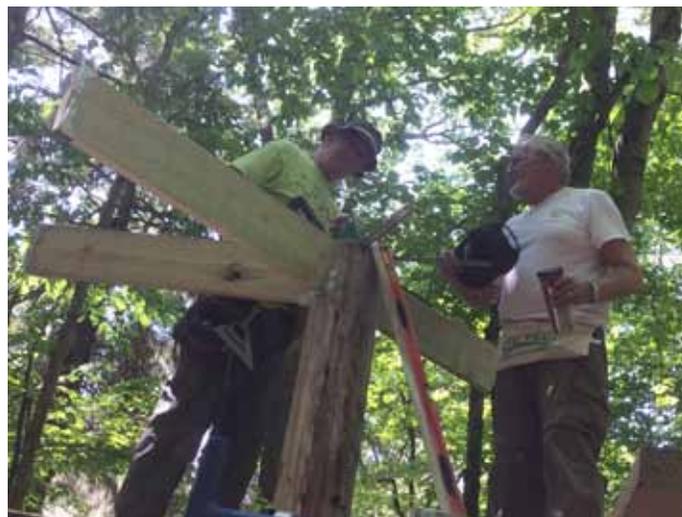


## Eagle Nest Construction Report as of June 20, 2020

Jerry Brown led a team of 6 to Clearwater Presbyterian Forest from June 17-20 to construct the first “landing” of our handicap access ramp to the treehouse that we had built last summer during our camping session. We arrived before noon on Wednesday and started right in on the project. Lance Baumann, from camp, had already “planted” the utility pole in cement for us, so we were ready to begin hanging our green treated lumber around the pole at about 10 feet above ground.



Alan and Rick are arranging long steel strips on the pole in the correct places for making a hexagonal shaped deck, and that allowed Rick and Jerry to fasten a 2 X 8 stringer to each strip so they hung off the pole in the proper places. The camp provided scaffolding and platforms for us to sit and stand on as we worked overhead.



Jerry had roughly pre-cut most of the lumber and numbered all the pieces in order of assembly, so we were able to make quick progress on this build. Here we have added diagonal 2X6 supports to stabilize the stringers all around the pole.



Kathy was right up there with Rick installing bolts and screws, so it wasn't long before we had 4x4 posts attached to the corners of the hexagon!



By Friday lunch we had finished the landing, so we had time to hang our 2-person swing in the treehouse and the big sign over the trail at the edge of Eagle Lawn.



Lance and Jerry relax in the swing and enjoy the view

Here are photos of the landing from different viewpoints. There will be a sloped ramp connecting the treehouse to the landing at a 1:12 pitch (recommended by ADA), and then the ramp will continue out to the right to meet a second landing 30 feet away. From there the ramp will turn back to the left another 60 feet to the ground level entrance where our sign hangs between two trees.





Our Crew (L to R): Jerry Brown, Alan James, Molly James, Rick Bell, Gerry Buhaug and Kathy Buhaug