

W O N A L A N C E T O U T D O O R C L U B

May 16, 1989

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring has finally arrived! Boots, gloves, icy roads, are a dim memory. Once more we can open our windows, see the trees begin to leaf, feel gentle breezes, and share the long warm days with the hungry black fly.

The Executive Committee met during April to discuss work needed on Club trails, and to plan summer activities.

The Sandwich Range Cooperative Conservation Crew, headed by Nat Scrimshaw, will work on some of WODC's trails. This heavy maintenance work is financed partially by our contribution. This work on trails is most helpful, but does not negate the need for members to volunteer hours of work for trail clearing, and does burden our finances. WODC is responsible for 40+ miles of trails; your membership and effort is most essential.

Thanks go to those who have adopted trails:

Mt. Katharine: John & Martha Chandler
Kelley Trail: Helen Steele & Clara Read
Gordon Path: The Randall family
Wiggin Trail: Ian Cooke & Steve Harris
McCrillis Trail : Barbara & Ted Sidley
Bickford Trail: The Zink family
Cabin Trail: Ralph Weymouth
Lawrence Trail: NEEDS ADOPTING
Wonalancet Range Trail, Walden Trail, Old Mast Rd.:
three trails worked by Russ Kelley
Square Ledge Trail: The Mersfelder family
Big Rock Cave Trail: Over the Hill Gang
Bennett Street Trail: Andy & Jacky Thompson
Blueberry Ledge Trail: Doug MacVicar & Frumie Selchen
Rollins Trail: Doug Mayer
Dicey Mill's Trail: Frank Feely
Gorge Path (cutoff): NEEDS ADOPTING

** Saturday, May 27, (rain date Sunday, the 28th) is the first Trail Day, when all members and friends are needed. Trail workers will meet at the parking lot off Ferncroft Road at 8:30 a.m. Bring any clippers or clearing tools. Call Dana Steele for information at 323-7287. He will be able to tell you the plans for clearing and any extra tools needed. At 5:30 p.m. that evening, join the workers and providers at a potluck supper at Zinks' Schoolhouse. Those who are not working on trails are asked to provide a portion of the meal. Call Sally or George Zink at 323-8693 if you can contribute to the potluck.

** A second Trail Day is scheduled for July 15 in conjunction with the 1989 WHITE MOUNTAINS TRAILS DAY. By combining our forces with theirs, it is hoped both the Forest Service and WODC will benefit. You will hear more on this at a later date.

** July 9 at 7:30 p.m. John Lanier, Chief Wildlife Manager on the White Mountain National Forest, will speak at the Wonalancet Chapel on the topic "Wildlife on the White Mountain National Forest".

** July 29, George Zink will lead a geology trip up the Kelley Trail. Although emphasis will be on the effects of continental glaciation, there will be some consideration of bedrock geology. Meet at the Ferncroft parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring lunch.

** August 6, 7:30 p.m in the Wonalancet Chapel. "Acid Rain: What Is It Doing to New England's Forests?" will be the subject of a talk by James Hornbeck, Research Forester of the U.S. Forest Service at the University of New Hampshire.

** Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m in the Wonalancet Chapel.

Good News for Hikers! Permanent public access to the Forest via the Bennett Street Trail is now a reality due to the generosity of the Noss-Mutter family. In March 1989, Tisha and Rudy Mutter signed a conservation easement which will protect their land (Jose's Bridge area) from development, and an agreement with the Forest Service which grants public access by hikers along the Bennett Steet Trail from a parking lot on Bennett Street to the Forest boundary. The corridor is closed to mechanized travel. Our thanks to the Mutters.

As of May 22 there has been no decision from WMNF concerning motorized access to Flat Mountain Pond via the Guinea Pond and Flat Mountain Pond Trails. No news is not necessarily good news. WODC has expressed opposition to mechanized access, but the decision will likely be made on political considerations, with little consideration given to protecting the forest resources.

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In summary: SUMMER 1989

May 27-Trail Day, 8:30 a.m. Parking lot, Ferncroft Rd.

5:30 Potluck Supper

July 9-Wildlife on WMNF-John Lanier 7:30 pm, Chapel

July 15-Trail Day with WMNF

July 29-Geology Field Trip-9:00 a.m.Parking lot

Aug. 6-Acid Rain-James Hornbeck-7:30 p.m. Chapel

Aug. 20-Annual Meeting-7:30p.m. Chapel

Hope to see you at many of our summer gatherings,

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