



## Friends of Baxter State Park

### President's Column

by Barbara Bentley

There is something everyone should know about Friends of Baxter State Park – we are a *volunteer* organization. That means several things. First, all our work is accomplished by individuals on the Board and from the membership at large who come forward and share with us their time and talents – and financial support. I hope the fact that we are a “working board” is no surprise to new Board Member Henry Beeuwkes, but returning Board Members Al Howlett, Anne Huntington, Lester Kenway, and Howard Whitcomb re-upped for another 3-year term with eyes wide open. Each of these Board Members has unique talents and expertise related to the Park, and I feel very fortunate to be able to welcome them as they join the ten others on the Board. And for their willingness to serve, I say THANK YOU to all of them – on a daily basis.

That Friends is a *volunteer* organization is good news for its members, as well, because your membership dollars are going entirely to Park-related projects. We employ part time administrative help, but that is our only overhead expense. This year alone, we have contributed \$4000 for professional trail work in the Park, published a brochure

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# Forever Wild

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Snow is still visible on Katahdin from the Cribwork on the West Branch of the Penobscot in June.  
– Photo by Bill Bentley

## Friends to Focus on Next Generation's Wilderness Ethic

We cannot take for granted that the next generation will care as much about wilderness preservation as members of Friends of Baxter State Park do. We must ensure that today's young people understand the importance and values of wilderness and the term *forever wild*. Not only is Maine's greatest resource dependent on that understanding, the survival of our planet demands it also.

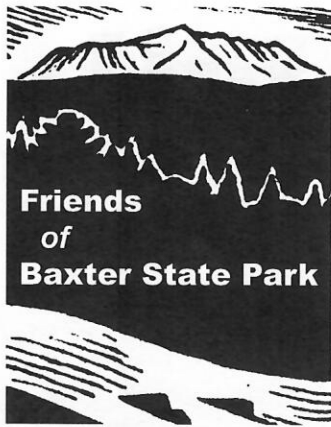
That's the basic premise behind an exciting new venture Friends has proposed for the summer of 2009. Entitled *Wilderness Preservation for the Next Generation*, this proposed pilot project will involve ten Maine high school students and two experienced wilderness education leaders for a week in Baxter State Park. These students will learn through hiking and recreating in the Park's trails, lakes,

and campsites, as well as working with several experts in wilderness resources.

A geologist will introduce the group to the Park's unique geological features, and a naturalist and a wildlife biologist will teach students about the flora, fauna, animals, and birds that appear in a wilderness setting. Park personnel will familiarize the group with wilderness management, balancing the needs of the public with the needs of wilderness, as well as career opportunities within natural resources. Stories of the Park's past will both excite and entertain the youth.

Additionally, students will learn how art, photography, and Native American culture can deepen one's experience with nature. At Katahdin Lake, students will participate in painting *en plein air* with a re

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Friends of Baxter State Park is an independent citizen group working to preserve, support, and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park, in the spirit of its founder, Governor Percival Baxter.

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about the Park's unique nature for distribution at tourist information areas along I-95, run a second printing of the 4-volume *Percival P. Baxter's Vision for Baxter State Park*, collaborated with the Park on publishing a 2009 calendar of photos of Baxter State Park, and distributed our quarterly newsletter to a wider audience. That is your membership dollar at work! Further, a generous member of Friends and long-time supporter of the Park has underwritten the publication of Howard Whitcomb's new book, *Governor Baxter's Magnificent Obsession*, due out later this summer. You can see that Friends has had a productive year.

Our *volunteer* organization presents myriad opportunities for member participation, both in the Park and in public venues in the state and farther afield. As our 2008 *Keep It Personal* membership campaign winds up, we have close to 500 memberships, thanks to the efforts of Board members, members, and Honorary Directors who have enrolled friends, family, and acquaintances as members. If we count the individuals in these memberships, we are close to 700 strong! And you meet them everywhere. Each time I've been to the Park this spring, I've met Friends at work as volunteers. Several newly appointed members of the BSP Advisory are Friends, many of the participants in the Trail Steward Training on National Trails Day are Friends, and two Friends took the two-day Leave No Trace Trainer course. In May, the first FBSP four-person sawyer team cleared blowdowns on the Freezeout Trail — more Friends at work. Many Friends are partici-

pating regularly in the evolving conversations about land conservation in Maine's North Woods around the state. Howard Whitcomb and John Neff are frequently invited to speak about the Park, its history and unique nature, and its founder. Those in attendance at the April opening of the Jake Day exhibit at the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden got to hear from them both! The current art exhibit on Katahdin at the State Capitol in Augusta includes paintings and photos by members of Friends.

When one has been a long-time volunteer in the Park; a Founding Member of FBSP; then a Board Member, Vice President, and Newsletter Editor; and now an Honorary Director, what then? I'd say Godfather status is next. Recognized this spring for his life's work in land conservation by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and recipient of the \$5,000 Espy Land Heritage Award, Dave Getchell, Sr. chose Friends of Baxter State Park as one of the organizations to share the prize money. We are proud of Dave's work and so pleased to have him as our Godfather. Thank you, Dave, Friend extraordinaire, for showing us all the way.

## Job Posting Baxter State Park

Open: June 24, 2008 Close: August 8, 2008  
**Baxter State Park Chief Ranger**  
*Job code: MR25 Spec: 47 Grade: 25 plus State-paid Health and Dental insurance and State's share of Employee Retirement*

The Park is seeking a professional resource manager to join an experienced management team and work with a dedicated staff to preserve, protect, and effectively manage Maine's largest wilderness area.

Applicants should submit a direct hire application, resume, and answers to all supplemental questions to:

**Human Resource Dept.,  
 Baxter State Park,  
 64 Balsam Drive,  
 Millinocket, ME 04462  
 Tel. 207-723-9616**

### Available for Purchase from Friends Notecards

- Assorted BSP Scenes - pkg of 8 - \$10
- Assorted Wildflowers - pkg of 8 - \$10
  - Panorama of Katahdin from KL - single \$2.50
- Baxter State Park Calendar - \$12

### Bill Bentley Photos

Color \$15, \$30, \$50 sizes  
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**Hats w/ FBSP Logo \$20**



gional artist for a morning. They will be equipped with digital cameras for the week to enhance their understanding of the power of photography in deepening one's awareness of wilderness.

Not only will the students' photos record the week, but nature journals will provide an additional memento. Students will learn how both words and simple drawings can enhance their powers of observation through a workshop with an experienced educator/writer who will share the basics of the "illuminated nature journal."

Of course, the many details to make this week happen are extremely important, and the proposal includes the services of the Chewonki Foundation for their longtime successful commitment to outdoor experiences for youth. They will provide the leaders, the vans, the equipment, the food, and the knowledge to make the pilot project a success, one that can be replicated in the future.

The Board of Directors, as well as Park Manager Jensen Bissell, strongly supports the project, which had its genesis at the Fall 2007 Board Retreat when the Board considered its priorities for the coming new year. Education and outreach to the public are important efforts to an organization committed to the preservation of wilderness.

FBSP has submitted a grant proposal to the Quimby Foundation for funding and expects to hear by August 1st whether the grant has been approved. If it is, we hope all FBSP members will start thinking about high school students who would find such a project interesting and encourage them to apply. We will also be looking for a few volunteers to help us work out the details for the project. If you are interested in this project, please contact Linda McKee, project coordinator, at [plumgoodfarm@aol.com](mailto:plumgoodfarm@aol.com).

– Linda McKee, FBSP Board Member and Chair of Public Relations Committee

## How Baxter State Park Got Its Logo

In the summer of 1959, working for the Maine State Highway Department on road construction, I observed that most State vehicles were identified by a logo which consisted of the Maine Dirigo Seal with the department identified below. During my early years at Baxter State Park, our vehicles were identified in the same manner, with the words "Baxter Park" under the logo. Later, as Park Supervisor, I talked to former Authority Member Chair, Jim Erwin, and shared with him the opinion that because Baxter Park was unique in comparison to other agencies, specifically the Maine State Park Commission, I thought it was important that we have our own identity and would like to contact artist Maurice "Jake" Day to solicit his help in designing the appropriate insignia. He concurred and encouraged me to go forward.

In those days, it was not uncommon for Jake to visit the Park with his wife so I had a number of opportunities to talk to him about this project. Several months later, he submitted a design which I instantly felt was representative of Maine's highest mountain, beloved park, and the Moose, which via its popularity, enjoyed recovery after being absent from Maine during much of the 1940's and 1950's. The combination of the natural image of the woodland, and a clever touch that only Jake could create – the cloud puff off Pamola, made a living image of what Baxter State Park represented through its natural resources. When I shared this design with staff, Authority members, and many others, immediately all who saw it were supportive. Consequently, I asked East Millinocket Representa-



This Baxter State Park logo is a very familiar image to most of us. –Photo courtesy of BSP.

tive Walter Birt if he would share this with other members of the Legislature, and if sponsorship was necessary via a Legislative document, assist in getting it approved. Meanwhile, I contacted the Secretary of State for his review and approval. Within a 12-month period, all requirements necessary for this to be accepted as Baxter Park's Official Logo were accomplished and the original design is as illustrated today.

From 1972 until this day, the logo continues to be used on Park vehicles, snowmobiles, boats and canoes, heavy equipment, and the large sign at Park Headquarters along with the numerous directional and trail signs throughout the Park. The Park should always be grateful to Jake Day, the man who created Bambi the deer for Walt Disney and extended his talent, time, and generosity in providing a logo which proudly displays Maine's greatest mountain, natural resources, and extraordinary gift to its people by the Park donor, Percival P. Baxter.

– Buzz Caverly, Baxter Park Wilderness Commissioner and FBSP Honorary Director, April 8, 2008

### Artists Invited to Design a BPWF Logo

Baxter Park Wilderness Fund Commissioner Buzz Caverly invites artists to submit original designs for a logo for this newly formed organization. The design should be distinct from Baxter State Park's logo, and from the Friends of Baxter logo, and reproduce well in color as well as in black and white. Entries should be sent to Friends of Baxter State Park Admin. Manager Rosemary Hastings at 28 Serenity Lane, Hope, ME 04847 or [rosehast@tidewater.net](mailto:rosehast@tidewater.net)

## Looking Back ... The Great Storm of 1932

The rain began on September 16, 1932. A “howling gale” followed, lasting the rest of the day and through the night. After subsiding for a time at daybreak on the 17th, the storm returned with even greater fury. The tempest finally came to an end later that day, but the damage to the Katahdin region was devastating. Trees had cracked and snapped, and the clearly delineated OJI slides no longer conveyed their trademark letters. Slides from both sides filled the valley of Nesowadnehunk Stream and dammed the flow of water (Slide Dam today) while the famed Toll Dam across the Nesowadnehunk below Daicey Pond was partially washed away. All through the region, streams overflowed their banks and new watercourses developed because of rock and gravel movements. Chimney Pond rose to a new level, and Roy and Abby Dudley were marooned there for several days. Trails were badly damaged and in some cases obliterated entirely. The great storm occurred not long after Percival P. Baxter’s first purchase of land, and during the time the Maine state legislature was considering whether or not to accept his gift to the state.

What an extraordinary beginning for this great wilderness park. No wonder the CCC crews had plenty to do when they arrived soon thereafter to work in the newly established Baxter State Park

– *John Neff, Author of Katahdin: An Historic Journey, can be contacted at [jhneff@fairpoint.net](mailto:jhneff@fairpoint.net)*

### Invasive Algae Alert STOP ROCK SNOT

DEP and IF&W warn that Didymosphenia (*Didymosphenia geminata*) is moving north on anything that has been in the water – boats, fishing gear, waders, watershoes. It takes 30 minutes in hot soapy water to get it off felt-sole waders. It forms algae blooms 10 - 12” thick on rocky river bottoms and smothers aquatic life forms. Do your part and don’t bring it to the Park! Please report sightings.



(L to R) Outgoing president of MCHT Jay Espy and Espy Land Heritage Award recipient Dave Getchell share the limelight at ceremony in May.

– *Photo by Eliza Ginn*

## Espy Land Heritage Award Goes to Dave Getchell, Sr.

In May, Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) chose Dave Getchell, Sr., to receive the first Espy Land Heritage award and conservation gift of \$5000. Friends couldn’t agree more with their assessment that Dave is “truly an outstanding conservationist and his enthusiasm and work ethic are contagious.” Dave has generously named FBSP along with two other organizations he has helped found – Maine Island Trail Association and Georges River Land Trust – to share the monetary prize.

## Record Attendance at FBSP Annual Meeting

More than 50 members attended this year’s FBSP Annual Meeting held at the Cascade Grange in Oakland to hear Maria Girouard, Director of Cultural and Historic Preservation for the Penobscot Indian Nation, present the keynote address entitled *Wabanaki and K’taadn: A History and a Future*. She discussed the historical and spiritual significance of the mountain to the Penobscots and shared photographs and tales of the annual 100 mile pilgrimage run. Perhaps the highlight of the presentation was her beautiful rendition of two songs (one traditional and one she composed herself) with accompanying drum, about respecting our natural environment.

Park Chief Ranger Chris Drew provided members with a spirited State of the Park update, highlighting winter events at the Park (snow, snow, snow) and reviewing major projects for the 2008 camping season. He also quizzed the audience on how many named lakes and ponds are in the Park. What’s your guess? Answer below. He also presented a very entertaining reading of

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Hiking Mt. Philip after the Annual Meeting are (1st row, L to R) David Little, DJ Cooke, Ken Spalding, Ralph Pope, and Ted Allen and (2nd row, L to R) Howard Whitcomb, Rose Rodrigue, Al Howlett, Rosemary Hastings, Mary Cooke, Barbara Bentley, and Mikki Little.

– *Photo by Bill Bentley*



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an original story he wrote about the unusual fauna in the Park (See story in this newsletter.)

Board Members Bill Bentley and Charlie Jacobi provided a preview of an updated slideshow about Baxter State Park the two are creating that will be available for presentation to groups interested in learning more about the Park and the work of FBSP. NYU film student Caitlyn Coady showed a portion of the documentary film she is working on about the Park.

Several Board Members and other members were recognized for extraordinary service, with a special recognition to our outgoing Administrative Manager, Mary Cooke. Members also received reports on current FBSP projects, membership activities, and financial condition. Following an election at the Annual Meeting, we have one new Board Member, Henry Beeuwkes, and four returning Board Members, Al Howlett, Anne Huntington, Lester Kenway, and Howard Whitcomb. Following lunch provided to all attendees by FBSP (with delicious homemade bread and soup by Board Member Anne Huntington), thirteen Friends set off on a hike up nearby Mt. Philip. All returned unharmed.

We hope to see all of you at next year's Annual Meeting in April '09. There are 71 named lakes and ponds in the Park. How did you do?

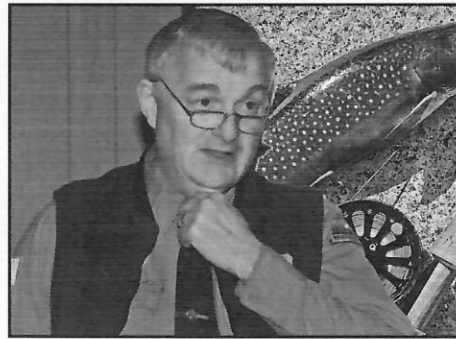
– Sally Daggett



Penobscot Maria Girouard addresses the audience in song, poetry, and prose at the FBSP Annual Meeting in April.

– Photo by Bill Bentley

## Annual Meeting Features Tales of Katahdin's Unusual Fauna



BSP Chief Ranger Chris Drew regales Friends at the Annual Meeting in April with tales of unusual sightings in the Park.

– Photo by Bill Bentley

Mount Katahdin, Maine's highest mountain, has an interesting array of unusual animals. The lichen vole, northern snow snake, dwarf tree squeak, pied-billed granite warbler, and the short-haired lake trout are good examples of Katahdin's unusual fauna.

The lichen vole, a mammal seldom exceeding eight ounces in weight, feeds heavily on the lichen found above the mountain's timberline. This vole is nocturnal by nature. It is the only mammal known to hibernate during periods of great drought. The lichen vole mates during heavy rainstorms through the months of July and August. The gestation period is fifteen minutes; there are seldom more than six voles to a litter.

The northern snow snake, not uncommon in northern Maine, is found near all areas of human habitation. This snake seldom exceeds eight inches in length. A yellow secretion is emitted by this creature when it bores through the snow. Consequently, the most evident sign left by this creature is the yellow holes it leaves in the snow.

The dwarf tree squeak, another nocturnal animal, is among the smallest of Katahdin's mammals. This animal will weigh less than one ounce when fully grown. This species feeds primarily on the dwarf birch trees that are abundant along the slopes of the Katahdin Plateau. Because of their small size, it takes approximately seventy-five dwarf

tree squeaks, squeaking in unison, to make a squeak of twenty decibels.

The pied-billed granite warbler, a bird that nests in the Klondike Swamp, feeds heavily on the dwarf tree squeak. This bird is also nocturnal in nature. The nest, composed of tree squeak fur, always contains three granite-like eggs. It is the only bird that can fly faster in an upside down position.

The short-haired lake trout, found only in Klondike Pond, is the only fish known to have ticks and fleas. This trout also has castors. These castors, often used by Maine's early Indian inhabitants, were used as a bait in trapping the now extinct sea mink. This trout spawns during the month of December and it spawns on the upstream side of old beaver dams found along the outlet of Klondike Pond. The gestation period is sixty-nine months. The short-haired lake trout, unlike all other fishes, nurses its young. Each adult has thirty-two mammae. Due to Klondike Pond's severely cold water and the trout's slow growth, the weaning process takes two years.

Little scientific knowledge has been gathered concerning Katahdin's little known fauna. The remote locations and the nocturnal habits of these creatures are not conducive for scientific study. With the advent of better technology, perhaps more information on these elusive animals will be found in the near future.

– Chris Drew, District Ranger,  
Baxter State Park, Written at Maine  
Warden School, University of Maine,  
Orono, Maine, 1974

Chris writes, "Bob Howes and I attended Warden School together with Maine IF&W wardens, Sea & Shore Wardens, and Indian Wardens. It was a ten-week course, if I remember correctly. Dr. Jacob Bennett taught report writing (rather a dull subject) but allowed us to choose our own topic for our final report. ... He never knew the difference!"

## Our Readers Write...

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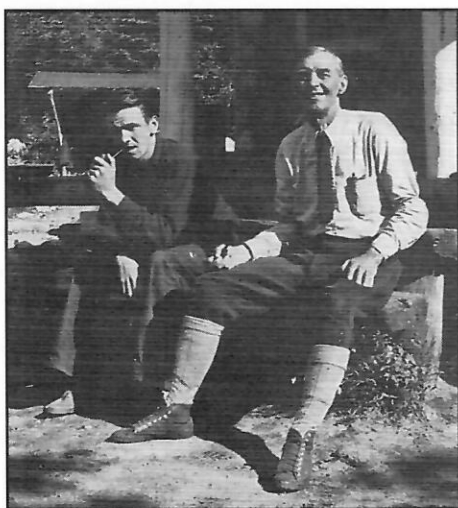
I'm enclosing a few pictures, mostly taken inside the park. ... Hopefully you can use them, too. Doubt there are any worthy of being in a calendar, but if there is any, you are welcome to use the pictures for whatever you wish. I did try to pick out photos of places that visitors seldom see.

In 2003, Joanne and I set a goal to hike all the trails in BSP. We went up a week before our volunteer time and over-did the hiking. Atrial fibrillation and asthma about did me in so only Joanne did any work that year. I would estimate, considering all the new trails cut in the last 10 years, we have hiked about 75% of them.

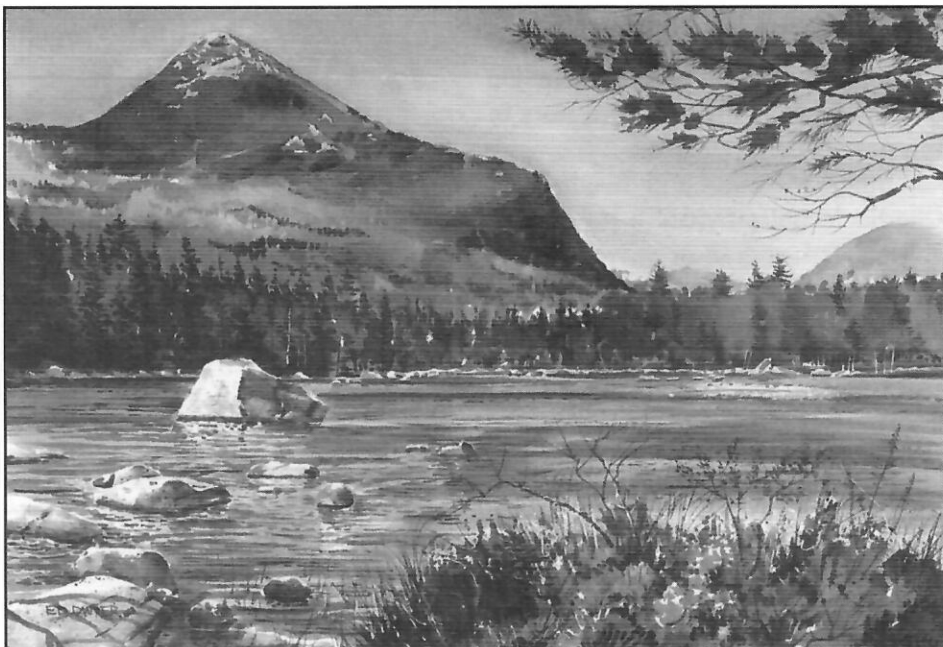
The old pictures were taken by my father-in-law, Whitey Edson, on a wedding trip. He told me that in 1937 they camped at Chimney Pond and that it was a mud hole from over use and misuse. Buzz Caverly was unable to identify the other person in the picture with Ranger Dudley. He told me that he asked old-timers around headquarters and they too were unable to identify. If you get the man's name, I would be interested in knowing as well.

– Paul Woodward, Bozrah, CT

If you can identify this person, please send name to [rosehast@tidewater.net](mailto:rosehast@tidewater.net) and we'll forward it to Paul. Thanks. – Editor



Ranger Roy Dudley and unidentified friend at Chimney Pond sit on porch of Ranger's cabin.  
– Photo by Whitey Edson



### Painting the Park

About ten years ago, I decided to take on my fear of watercolor. Many of my paintings are “pictures of the mind,” fond memories of outdoor experiences. Others, like this card, begin with a photographic reference ... and end with bits of artistic license. Most painting is done at home, but some *en plein air* work is undertaken, usually at workshops.

– Ed Dwyer, Auburn, ME

Who can identify the scene? FBSP Board members were sure they had but, upon consulting the artist, discovered they were on the wrong side of the mountain! Send your guess to [barbarabentley@tidewater.net](mailto:barbarabentley@tidewater.net)

– Editor

### Birthday celebrations at Katahdin Lake Wilderness Camps

Yes, I'm sure that it is a favorite place! After my most recent visit to Baxter State Park, I counted the number of times I have been there. Beginning in 1959, I, either alone or in company with members of my family and occasionally with some good friends, have camped in Baxter a total of 28 times.

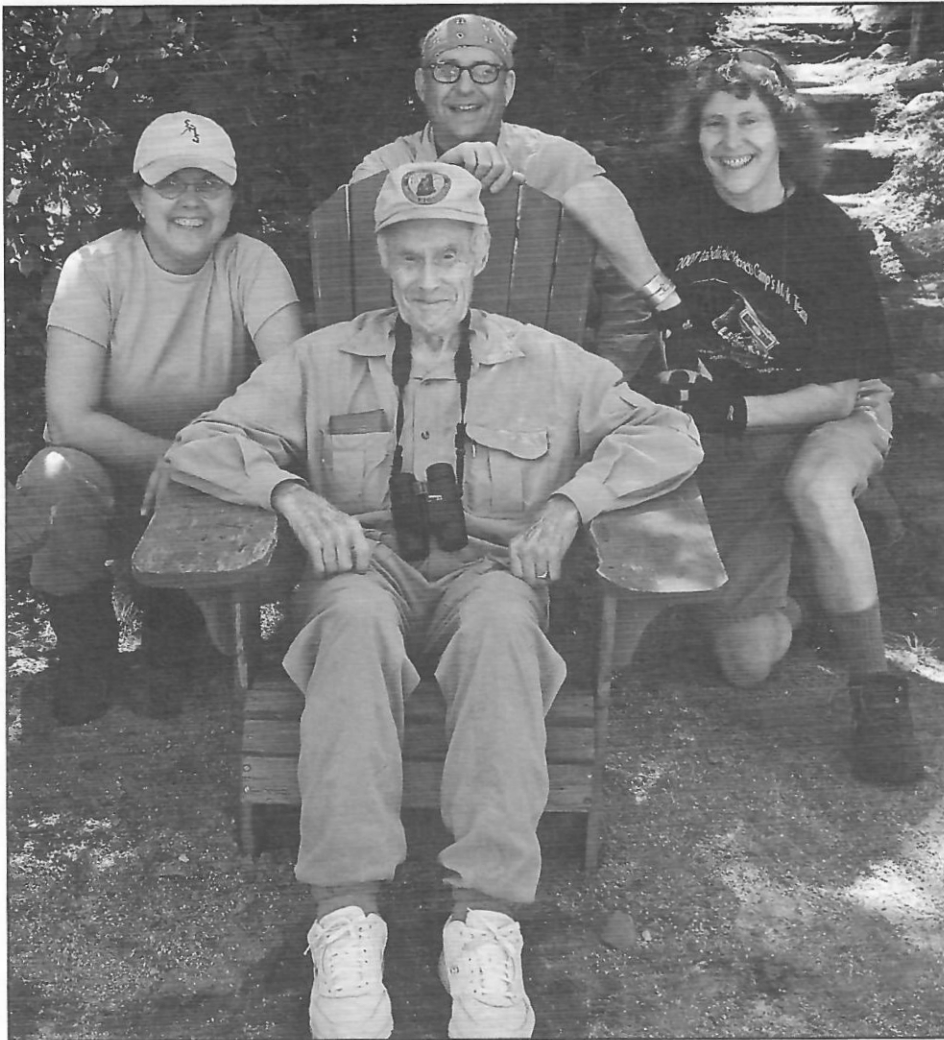
It all began for me in the summer of 1959 when I tent camped at Nesowadnehunk, fishing the stream with some success, and returning home overwhelmed with the beauty and the wildness of the park. Since then I have camped at each of the campgrounds, concluding with an exciting visit this year when my son David and I stayed at Katahdin Lake, delighted in the recognition that this is now an integral part of the park itself. It is no exaggeration to speculate that Percival Baxter himself must be very pleased.

This, my most recent visit, began in spirit last Christmas Day when I opened a card from David and read the exciting words that he and his wife were giving me four days with him at the newly designated Katahdin Lake parcel. What a present! I had been following the news all year of the Katahdin Lake campaign and thrilled with the announcement that this effort has been successful. David first camped at Baxter with me when he was ten years old. Now at age 50, and I at 85, we joined together in celebrating our birthdays at Katahdin Lake, moved by the majesty and beauty of the lake and pleased by the friendliness of the current three-person staff.

Yes, a favorite place indeed! Since my solo visit in 1959, all of the Schallers at one time or another have been to Baxter State Park, either in a cabin, or tenting, or in a leanto.

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Carlton Schaller, Jr. (center) celebrates his 85th birthday in style at Katahdin Lake Wilderness Camps. (2nd row, L to R) Kat Conley, his son David Schaller, and Holly Hamilton provided birthday surprises.  
*– Photo by Barbara Bentley*

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**Our Readers Write...**

The accompanying letter from Percival Baxter was written in 1964 in response to my “thank-you” note after one of our visits that fall with good friends from our hometown in Littleton, New Hampshire. I treasure this letter from the park’s founder!

*– Carleton Schaller, Jr., Littleton, NH*

**Mother’s Day Hike with Granddaughter a Success**

I spent the day before Mother’s Day hiking in BSP with my granddaughter Kaytie. After a big breakfast and obligatory trip to the Millinocket playground, we packed our snacks and drinks and headed down the Golden Road to the Blueberry Ledges Trail.

The day was gorgeous. We went down a couple of the side trails to the stream, and Kaytie exclaimed how beautiful it was. We sat on the ledges and ate our snacks admiring the views. We had a wonderful day.

On Memorial Day weekend, I took along on the same trail my 10-year-old grandson Ryan with my stepdaughter Angela, her 15 year-old daughter Autumn, and one of Autumn’s friends. Again, everyone enjoyed the hike. Ryan is looking forward to something a little more challenging, and I have promised him a trip without his sister tagging along.

One of the secrets to a good hike with children is flexibility. The schedule should not be so rigid that extra time can’t be spent enjoying a view or that it

can’t be cut short if someone gets tired or bored. There needs to be something to see and maybe a little challenge – something geared to their level that will give them a sense of accomplishment and a desire to go again.

Don’t forget to take a camera along on your hike. Most children love to have their picture taken. You can also provide younger children with a disposable camera so that they can take the photos if they prefer. The snapshots can be put into an album that can be added to after each subsequent hike.

Another suggestion is to provide them with an inexpensive piece of hiking gear. A small pack, a walking stick, or sturdy pair of shoes to be used for hikes can be a great incentive. Kaytie admired my Camelback pack and now has a little pink one of her own.

Letting children be involved in the planning stages can also give them a sense of excitement about hitting the trails. You can pick two or three trails that match their skill level and let them make the final choice of which to hike. A trail map for them to look at is a good tool to use. Letting them choose which snacks to take (with some guidance) is another option. Hiking should be an adventure, not a chore to be tolerated.

I hope you will introduce the little people (as well as those who are not so little) to some of the many beautiful trails found in Maine. Wherever you are located, there is sure to be a hiking trail not far away.

*– Rosemary Hastings, Hope, ME*



Kaytie stops for snack on Blueberry Ledges Trail. *– Photo by Rosemary Hastings*



The formal start of the Park's summer season is always the all-staff meeting in June, one of the few chances the staff has each year to get together as a group and trade info and training to prepare for the season. Pictured here is the 2008 Park staff. – Photo by BSP Staff

## 2008 Summer Season a Busy One

### Update from the Park

by Park Director Jensen Bissell

The Park campgrounds and trails are now open, the last hiking trail to open being the snow-laden Saddle Trail. Heavy snows and late frosts delayed the opening of most Park campgrounds past their usual May 15th date and even Chimney Pond, which normally opens on June 1st, was delayed two weeks and opened on June 14th.

The summer of 2008 has already turned into a busy one. The Park is ahead of reservation revenue by 13% from last year at this time and although a good portion of that change is due to the last stage of the most recent fee increase, 4 or 5% of the added revenue is from additional camping reservations. The Park staff has already started to work on a number of summer projects, some of which include the final steps in the restructure of Nesowadnehunk Campground, renovation of the Kidney Pond Library, installation of a picnic shelter and toilet at

Katahdin Lake, and removal of the dam at the outlet of Abol Pond. Over two miles of new trail in the Katahdin Lake parcel will provide access to East and West Martin Ponds.

We have also initiated posting and advertising for the impending vacancy in the Park's Chief Ranger position. (See announcement on p. 2.) If you know of anyone who may be interested and qualified for this position, please direct them to the Park's website for a complete position announce-

ment and application materials. The retirement on August 31 of long-term and legendary Chief Ranger Chris Drew from the Park has focused our administrative team and the Authority on the effort required to successfully fill this position - some very big shoes, for sure. We hope to announce this selection before the end of October. Until then, I hope to see you on the trail this summer. If you are coming to the Park soon, be ready - it's a very good bug year, and they are fierce!



BSP Trail Supervisor Paul Sannicandro explains to two dozen volunteers the plan for work on the Marston Trail during National Trails Day. – Photo by Bill Bentley

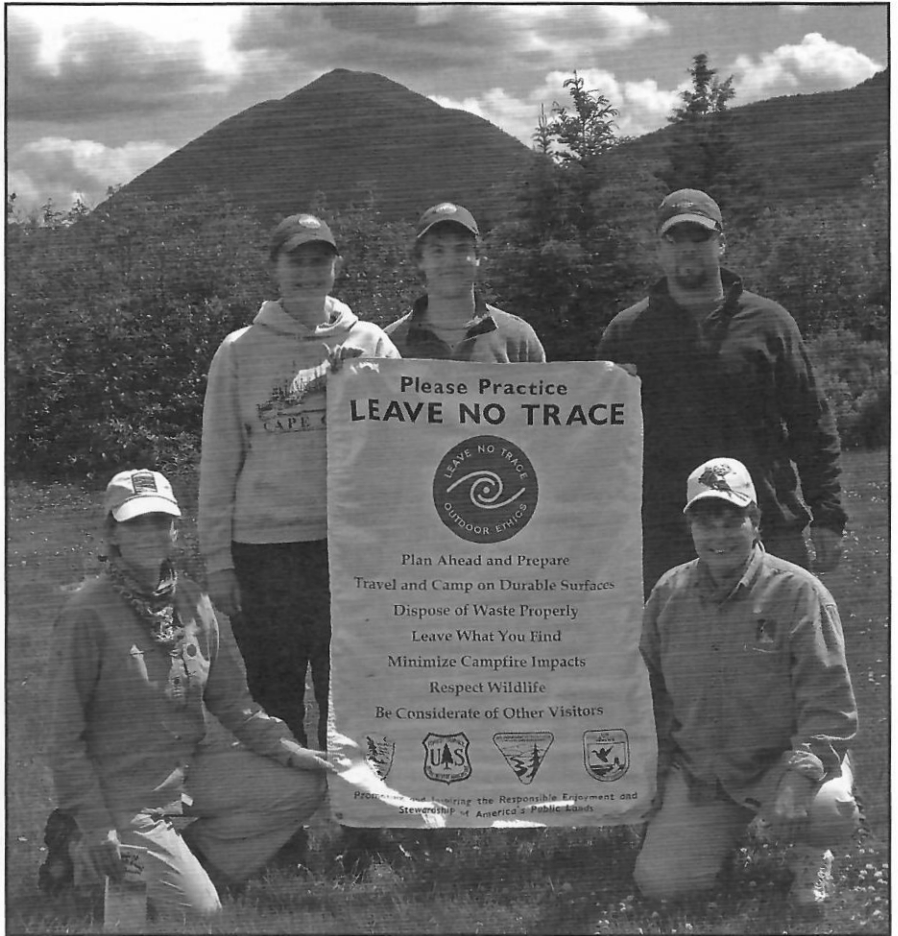




Two FBSP Board Members on litter patrol May 3rd.  
 – Photo by Jean Hoekwater



(L to R) Laura and Charlie Kenney and Lauren Goode cook a feast for folks on litter patrol.  
 – Photo by Barbara Bentley



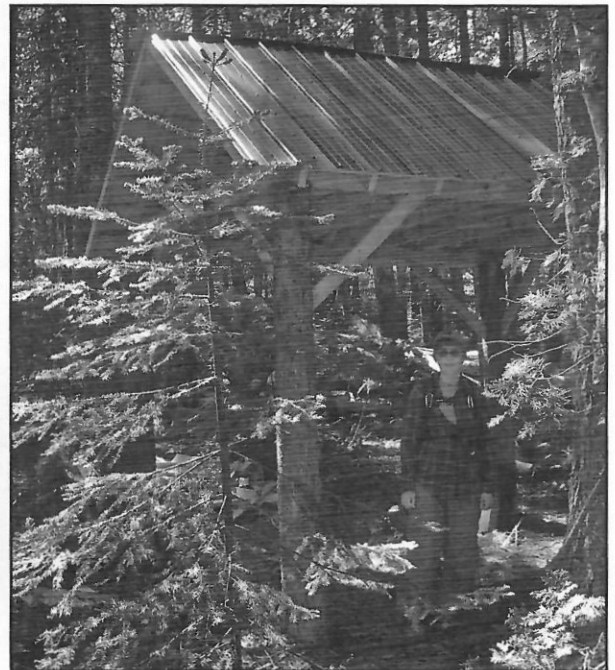
(Above, L to R) Their wilderness ethic all tuned up, graduates of the 2-day Leave No Trace Trainer course taught by Marcia and Gabe Williamson display the seven principles of LNT at Nesowadnehunk Campground with Doubletop in the background. They are Barbara Bentley, Molly Merserve, Benjamin Blair, Rex Turner, and Donna Riley. – Photo by Marcia Williamson (Below) Rosemary Hastings in the new picnic shelter at Katahdin Lake is a short walk from a fabulous view.  
 – Photo by Barbara Bentley



(L) Brad Wayne Viles, author of *Dreaming the Appalachian Trail, A Backpacking Novel*, sports very effective apparel during bug season while participating in Trail Steward training on the Marston Trail.  
 – Photo by Bill Bentley



Recently appointed to the BSP Advisory Committee are (L to R) Laurie Rich, Dave Edwards, Gordon Mott (SFMA), Rick Bray, Laurie Nale, Tom Goetz, and Alison Dibble (SFMA).  
 – Photo by Bill Bentley



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## We're looking for New Friends

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_____ \$ 500	Katahdin Club
_____ \$ 250	Knife Edger
_____ \$ 100	Hamlin Peaker
_____ \$ 50	Sponsor
_____ \$ 30	Family
_____ \$ 25	Individual

Please make checks payable to Friends of Baxter State Park. Dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Send to **Friends of Baxter State Park,**  
**P.O. Box 1442, Bangor, ME 04402-1442.**

**Friends Website: [www.friendsofbaxter.org](http://www.friendsofbaxter.org)**

Thank you!

## Volunteer Opportunities & Walks in the Park - 2008

### July

**11** (rain date 12) **Painting in the Park** with artist Evelyn Dunphy.

Pack your painting gear, meet at Roaring Brook, and hike to a view to paint for a day. Contact [barbarabentley@tidewater.net](mailto:barbarabentley@tidewater.net) to sign up.

**19 Loon Count** (7:30 - 8:00am) Contact [Marcia.Williamson@maine.gov](mailto:Marcia.Williamson@maine.gov) to sign up. Hiking to remote sites a possibility.

**23, 24, 25 Walk in the Park** – Camp for three nights at Chimney Pond.

Contact [barbarabentley@tidewater.net](mailto:barbarabentley@tidewater.net) to sign up.

### August

**21** (rain date 22) - **Nature Walk in the Park** with lake educator and Maine Guide Rex Turner exploring water ecology in BSP's lower terrain. Contact Rex at [rexpturner@gmail.com](mailto:rexpturner@gmail.com) or 207-441-9521.

### September

**6 & 20** (approx. dates) **Volunteers for Peace (VFP) hosts** in Bangor area needed to meet and house early/late arrivals at airport. Contact [barbarabentley@tidewater.net](mailto:barbarabentley@tidewater.net) or call 763-3014 to sign up.

**13 & 14 End of Trail Festival** in

Millinocket. To help out in the FBSP booth, contact Rosemary Hastings at 207-785-2641 or [rosehast@tidewater.net](mailto:rosehast@tidewater.net)

### 19, 20, & 21 Common Ground Fair

Volunteers needed at the FBSP booth. Contact Linda McKee at 207-685-4385 or [PlumgoodFarm@aol.com](mailto:PlumgoodFarm@aol.com)

### October

**4 & 5 Chainsaw Training & Certification** course in Windham, ME – FBSP needs a certified sawyer on each crew. Contact Craig Dickstein at [craig.donna@wildblue.net](mailto:craig.donna@wildblue.net) to sign up. \$130



With temperatures in the v80's and bugs in full force, volunteers high up on the Marston Trail welcomed this view of Doubletop during Trail Stewards training on National Trails Day. — Photo by Bill Bentley