

Forever Wild

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Executive Director's Column

by Aaron Megquier

Like many outdoors people, I believe that wilderness has intrinsic value, independent of our own existence. But I am continually amazed by the multitude of ways that people value wilderness and interact with it. Ask ten people why they love wilderness, and you will likely get ten different answers. This summer, I've had conversations with Baxter visitors about fishing, photography, astronomy, painting, foraging, hiking, writing, paddling, climbing, and introspective silence.

Wilderness is a very effective mirror for our values. In the absence of distractions, and the clutter of objects that fill our lives, it magnifies them until they are larger than ourselves. Anyone who has traveled for more than a few days in the wilderness knows the clarity of mind and purpose that it can bring.

This August, participants in the 2013 Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program learned this firsthand. While traveling through the core of the Park backcountry, from South Branch Pond to Roaring Brook, the kids studied wilderness with experts in a wide range of fields. They learned Leave No Trace practices to travel lightly on the land, and met challenges through teamwork, self-reliance, and leadership. Friends is proud to provide this ex-

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Full of enthusiasm after their nine days in the Park, the 2013 Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program graduates described the experience as one of the best in their lives. Shown here are (L to R) front row: Trip Leader Annika Alexander-Ozinskas, Will Greene, Ivy Enoch, Beverley Guay, Paul Philips and back row: Nate Skvorak, Emma Houston, Katelin Moody, John Devine, Addie Drinkwater, Emmett deMaynadier, Trip Leader Matt Stern. - Photo © Bill Bentley

Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program 2013

"Just what is wilderness?" asked co-leader Annika Alexander-Ozinskas as she and co-leader Matt Stern opened the roundtable discussion at Baxter State Park Headquarters. Answers flew through the air. The ten participants in the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program had plenty of ideas. They were ready to set out on their nine-day backpacking trip in the Park's backcountry. Unplugged from social media, far from friends and family, these teens experienced the rare treat of carrying on their backs only what they needed to

survive for nine days, relying solely on each other and their personal relationship with the wilderness itself for support. Park Director Jensen Bissell joined the discussion to clarify Baxter's "forever wild" mission. Botanist Glen Mittelhauser and Intern Abbe Urban gave the group training on how to identify and photograph specimens along the trail as part of the *Plants of Baxter State Park Project*.

These ten Maine high school students, leaders in their schools and communities across the state, took to the wilderness

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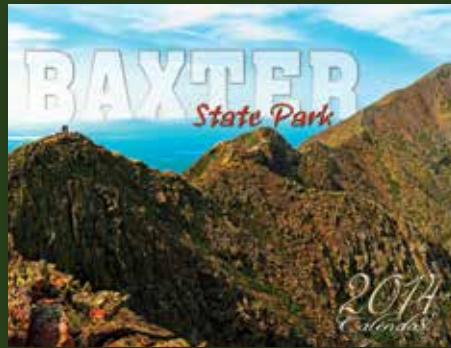
Executive Director's Column

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perience each year to the next generation of wilderness advocates.

So, what does wilderness mean to you? What are your favorite memories in Baxter State Park? We asked those questions in September to people who visited our booth at the Trail's End Festival in Millinocket, and the Common Ground Fair in Unity. If you weren't able to join us at either event, please feel free to send us your thoughts. We'll print a sample of them in our winter newsletter. Until then, I hope you find what you seek in the Park.

2014 BSP Calendars make great holiday gifts!



Call for photos for 2015 BSP Calendar

Deadline October 31, 2013

We're still looking for photos for the 2015 Baxter State Park Calendar! With a deadline of October 31, 2013, there are just a few days left to enter. Each photographer may submit up to 10 digital photos on CD or DVD. For detailed entry instructions, please visit www.friendsofbaxter.org.

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Membership Matters

by Sarah Holland, Admin. Manager

This is the time of year we all marvel at the abundance of summer as we watch it wane and gather our reserves for winter. Here at



FBSP we are reflecting on the bounty of Friends we have. As of this printing, we have over 800 members from 32 states plus the District of Columbia, four Canadian provinces, and now Puerto Rico and Mexico! Some are new Friends and some are renewing Friends. Some have not yet renewed, and we will be gently nudging them with a reminder. If you have not yet renewed this year we urge you to do so. It's easy to do by visiting our website and renewing online. However, you can still do it the old fashioned way, with a check in the mail, if you prefer. Coming soon we will introduce a new membership option called Forever Friends. This will be a sustaining membership program, with automatic and regularly scheduled payments to FBSP via credit card, debit card, or bank transfer. We hope this option will be a convenient and affordable way for our members to manage their giving without having to be concerned about renewal dates. Please contact us if you are interested in this option.

Mystery Member: *We received a Post Office Money Order in a membership envelope with a membership level checked, but without any name or address on it. The only hint we have is the Lehigh Valley, PA postmark. Anyone know who this might be? We would love to send this person a membership packet, newsletter, and information on all things Baxter State Park so he or she doesn't miss out.*

In Memoriam
Amanda Rowe 1955 - 2013



Maine Youth Leadership *Continued from Pg1*

like ducks to water. And water there was. Heavy rains, swollen streams, flooded trails, and thunderstorms afforded the group opportunities to make decisions about itinerary options, but failed to dampen enthusiasm during the long trek from one end of the Park to the other. The group started at South Branch Pond with *Leave No Trace* training with Ranger Gabe Williamson, a hike up North Traveler where geologist Bob Johnston met them, and an evening campfire with retired ranger Chris Drew and plenty of bear stories. The group played "Astronomy Jeopardy" with astronomer Doug Rich when the clouds kept the stars to themselves.

Three nights at Russell Pond gave the group time to explore the area, do a serious session of "corridor definition" on the Wassataquoik Lake Trail with Ranger Greg Hamer, and spend an "eye-opening" day with Barry Dana, Cultural Educator and former Chief of the Penobscot Nation. As one participant put it, "The man is a legend. Time with him was of great value as it made me question the way I lead my life." As he walked blindfolded into a bees nest, Will Greene said with good cheer, "I've never been stung by six, no seven, wait – it's eight, bees before!" A night at Chimney Pond gave everyone a perspective on Katahdin, although thunder and lightning kept them from summiting. Katie Moody said that the look on Annika's face when she saw the headwall was worth the trip! Everyone painted at Katahdin Lake with BSP Visiting Artist Michael Vermette, and even the most skeptical enjoyed learning techniques



The open ridgeline of North Traveler, with its unique geology and views of the South Branch Ponds, is one of the spectacular hikes enjoyed by participants in the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program.

– Photo © Aaron Megquier

while painting two versions of the Katahdin view. All thoroughly appreciated "real food" at lunch with Holly Hamilton at Katahdin Lake Wilderness Camps, and tips from journalist Aislinn Sarnacki on how to write about their expedition. (See her article "Baxter expedition forms next generation of wilderness leaders" in the *Bangor Daily News* of August 14, 2013.)

The exuberant group returned to Park Headquarters full of superlatives to describe their experience, and high praise and appreciation for Matt and Annika, their expert trip leaders from Chewonki. Participant Nate Skvorak has since said, "Friends of Baxter State Park is building up the next generation of wilderness advocates for Maine and beyond, something you all should be proud of." And so we are. Thanks to all who made this year's program so successful, including the generous anonymous donor who has totally funded the program through 2015.

Our Readers Write...

Dear David [Little],

Dick Winslow kindly sent me the *Maine Sunday Telegram* of 4 August celebrating your exhibit & book *Art of Katahdin* ---- Congratulations. I look forward to reading this & will order a copy soon. Wish I could see the exhibit & hear your talk, but as I go nowhere now, I must live vicariously. I bow to you and your light in bringing the Mountain to Portland, surely a place of light, and to us everywhere. The Baxter family, Percy 1st & foremost, salutes you. I am so grateful for this great gift you have given us. Blessings on you, your book, and exhibit.

- J. Parker Huber, August 12, 2013

J. Parker Huber is the author of The Wildest Country, Exploring Thoreau's Maine published by AMC in 1981; revised and reissued in 2008.

In the Bag...

This year our visit to Baxter State Park in late August included a hike to Russell Pond, our first. The night before it had rained a good bit, but the Roaring Brook ranger assured us that the trail was navigable and the streams were fordable.

Hoisting our 35 lb. packs we set off at 9 a.m. in good spirits and bright sunshine. Even after a short distance we were uncomfortably reminded that in our late 70s we were no longer as sure-footed as we had been in earlier years. As we stopped at the Wassataquoik South Branch to study the rather lively water before taking off our boots to ford it, Ranger Rob caught up with us. Years back Rob had waltzed us across the Dry Brook Crossing on the Chimney Pond trail after Hurricane Katrina had turned it into waist-high white water. We

were delighted to meet him again and get his suggestions for a safe crossing. The ups and downs of the trail had begun to tell on our legs by the time we caught the ominous growling of the boulder-strewn Wassataquoik Stream.

As we came out of the trees to the steep bank we registered with some relief that despite the noise the water appeared not particularly dangerous. Boots and socks off again, water sandals on, and into the chilly water up to our shins, inching across slippery, invisible stones. Within a few yards swirling currents had pinned me to a large rock; I was unable to go back or forward. At my first tentative step away from the rock the current swept me off my feet and I floundered in the water. Meanwhile my husband Charles, with some difficulty, had made his way toward shore but with his pack on could not turn back in response to my anguished yelps for help. I managed to get my pack off, regained my feet and dragged the pack through the stream to the shore. We spent 15 minutes wringing out the contents of my sodden pack. Miraculously my hiking boots and socks at the top of the pack had stayed dry.

We arrived at Russell Pond campground and the ranger's cabin where we were greeted by Rob and resident Ranger Greg. I held out my damp reservation form and, a bit sheepishly, mentioned my inglorious dunking. Greg graciously offered to lend me a spare sleeping bag he kept at the cabin for just such emergencies – and a magnificent bag it was, bright yellow, extra large, heavy duty down filling, rated to at least -40F, it kept me cozy for the next two nights.

We enjoyed the charms of Russell Pond, peace and quiet, a paddle around the lovely small pond with moose and heron sightings, blueberries for breakfast, and a short hike to the Caverly Overlook.

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Letter from the President

by Charlie Jacobi



Aaron Megquier, FBSP Director (left), and Jensen Bissell, BSP Director (right), admire the new sign for wilderness visitors while hiking the Traveler Loop on August 16, 2013. – Photo © Charlie Jacobi

A Walk in the Park

A walk in the Park is a good thing on multiple levels. It's healthy for mind and body, of course. We experience new places and people. It's also good for thinking. As I wander so does my mind, often all over the place. I'm sure yours does too. Many great writers and thinkers were inveterate walkers: Wordsworth, Emerson, Thoreau, and Muir, to name a few. Many have noted the connection between walking, thinking, and creativity. Walking is also a great way to get to know people better, as the roving, thinking mind generates wide-ranging and thoughtful conversation.

Aaron Megquier, our Executive Director, and I took a couple of walks in the Park this summer with BSP Director Jensen Bissell. The first was on the new OJI Trail, which is scheduled to be completed this fall. The most recent one was the Traveler Loop in mid-August. And while I'd like to say our creative synergy while "Traveler-ing" on foot solved all the challenges we discussed, I can't. But we did have many good conversations about the virtues of the Park, such as its flora and fauna; our personal connections to it and experiences in it; the fabulous fall-like weather; and of course various Park issues, the role of the Friends, and how we can add value to the Park. Aaron (ecologist and botanist that he is) was happy to stop and linger at close range over any unusual plants to add data points to the Plants of Baxter State Park Project. Jensen was happy to be out of the office. I was happy to just complete this hike on more than one failing joint. And we were all happy to share a little ice cream (yes, ice cream!) and more conversation with South Branch Pond Ranger Gabe Williamson and Marcia, his happily retired ex-BSP Ranger spouse.

The importance of getting to know one another on many levels can't be underestimated. A walk in the Park beats a conference table any day, even with a little thunder. Aaron and I and other Board members will continue to get to know Jensen and other Park staff as the Friends grows in its new configuration with Aaron as the Executive Director. We'll continue to learn from them, through a walk in the Park whenever possible.

But I can't end this without a pitch to you. Join the Friends next summer for a walk in the park, or some volunteer trail walk, I mean work. Check future newsletters for details. Come and get to know us and other like-minded Friends. Take a more active role. We all love this place and have a lot in common. The Board, Aaron, and I all want to hear what you're thinking and gain from your creativity as we wander down (or up!) the trail.

Looking back...

by John Neff, Author of *Katahdin: An Historic Journey*

Native Americans have a deep and abiding spiritual relationship with Katahdin and the area surrounding it. For them this large massif is the dwelling place of the Great Spirit. Because they feel it wrong to intrude on that sacred space, they do not climb to the Tableland. Other gods dwell on or near the mountain. Many stories and tales about their activities have been handed down from one generation to another. Many of these stories have been preserved and remain meaningful to the native peoples as well as other visitors. The native peoples today continue to revere the land. It remains one of the sacred mountains of the world. Because of this great cultural gift, most visitors to the mountain today come as pilgrims – to find solace and renewed energy for their lives elsewhere.

Sleuthing About Katahdin...

by David Little, Art Detective

Now in his eighties, Pennsylvania Academy professor and printmaker Dan Miller climbed Katahdin in the 1950s and remembered signing the register in a cairn at the summit. Years later, inspired by Marsden Hartley and some magazine photos, the artist drew and cut a woodblock design of the mountain looking northeast from the Kidney Pond area in the Park. Notice the final print is a reverse impression from the original block!

David Little is author of *Art of Katahdin*, Down East Books, 2013. An exhibition to help launch the book is currently on view through Oct 29th at the University of New England Art Gallery, 716 Stevens Ave in Portland. www.une.edu/artgallery (207) 221-4499



Dan Miller, *Mt. Katahdin*, hand-colored woodcut on paper, 12 in x 24 in., edition # 16/40. Photo courtesy of Rosemary and Garry Levin, Chapter Two, Corea, ME.



Update from the Park

by BSP Director Jensen Bissell

The brilliant fall colors of the Park forests will fade to winter snow as the 2013 summer season draws to a close. Although this summer will be remembered as a rainy one, the Park was very busy and very full. Part of this is almost certainly due to the online reservation capacity installed in 2012. The use of baxterstateparkauthority.com as a primary portal to access and learn about the Park continues to increase.

Productive work continues on the OJI Trail relocation. The entire relocation route from the existing OJI trail to "Old Jay Eye Rock" has been cleared. The Maine Conservation Corps crew is working on grubbing the treadway. At this point, the completion date of this relocation effort is uncertain. Once completed, this trail should also be more stable and require less trail maintenance effort over the long term.

We have had a very successful trail maintenance year with the help of very capable Trail Crew Leaders and Trail Interns. The storm damage in July did have a lasting effect in the vicinity of the Wadleigh Brook/Freezeout Trail junction. In this area, the storm exhibited tornado strength. Rehabilitation and clearing efforts will include timber salvage in this area (in the Scientific Forest Management Area). Hikers should avoid this area until we can completely address the situation in 2014. Earlier this season, a crew of volunteers and rangers completed work on the new lean-to at Center Pond. It is an important component in future efforts to develop a backcountry link between Center Pond and the Northwest Basin to provide hikers a long loop hike opportunity in the Park.

The major construction project this summer has been the replacement of the large culvert at Black Brook. This crossing is in the northern end of the Park Tote Road. The former culvert consisting of 6' and 7' culvert sections was removed and replaced with a large bottomless arch placed on concrete footings set well below the elevation of the existing stream bottom. Black Brook was chosen as a relatively low-impact location to develop experience with large projects that involve a temporary closure of the Tote Road. The new structure provides unrestricted fish passage and should last the Park a very long time.



Black Brook culvert

– Photo courtesy of Jensen Bissell

We worked on beta-testing the integration of tablet devices in the registration process at Togue and Matagamom Gates. We hope to fully integrate these devices in 2014 to make faster and more efficient visitor registration and data management at Park entrances.

Visitors to the Park may notice an improved view of Katahdin from the parking area just before Togue Pond Gate and the area of "Maynard's Marsh" on the way into Daicey Pond Campground. The view in these areas had become obscured by trees over the past decades. Recent work by the Park staff and BSP Advisory Committee resulted in a vista and open area management protocol. In addition to improved views at a few traditional Park locations, the permanent configuration of the large openings at Nesowadnehunk Field and Trout Brook Farm has been established and will become more apparent as mowing defines the outline in coming years.

Other than an exciting and very successful Short-Haul Evacuation of an injured hiker this summer, we have had a "normal" summer of Search and Rescue with numerous walk-downs and Ranger assistance incidents on Katahdin Trails. Perhaps this is in part due to the new signs posted early this summer on Katahdin-access trails. The signs are placed well up the trail to capture the full attention of hikers regarding a limited, but critical, set of reminders geared toward hiker safety.

As the summer winds down, we begin the slow tumble into winter. Our project and issue agenda for this winter is already filling up. If this past summer was any indication, winter will be here in no time.



Togue Pond Gate

– Photo courtesy of Jensen Bissell



Improved views of Katahdin just before Togue Pond gatehouse.

– Photo courtesy of Jensen Bissell

Answers: Mountain Profile ID & Trivia Questions

Richard Young successfully identified the mountain profile from the Spring and Summer Newsletters as Double Top and Moose Bosom. He also answered the trivia question from the Summer Newsletter correctly. The answer is B, Donn Fendler found alive in 1939. Congratulations Richard!

Governor Baxter Day: Bangor to Katahdin



Donn Fendler signs autographs for young fans following his talk at the Bangor Public Library during Governor Baxter Day. —Photo © Aaron Megquier

The second Governor Baxter Day on July 24 in Bangor was very well received. Through a number of diverse events, participants were able to explore the links between Baxter State Park and the “Queen City” of Bangor, and support the *Plants of Baxter State Park Project*.

Alison Dibble wrote, “The tour of the Standpipe was absolutely grand – really! We could see Katahdin in the distance. It was a first visit for me, and I took a slew of photos. The Bourassas were so generous with their house and barn. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time.”

Our Historian Howard Whitcomb said, “I thoroughly enjoyed the day in Bangor. The morning and early afternoon events that David (Little), John (Neff), and I attended were all quite successful. Donn Fendler was his usual self. This year’s presentation, with the film and his concluding remarks, was excellent. The 50 individuals were delighted with the signing opportunity afterwards. I loved the Low/Bourassa home and the Standpipe tour.”

Joellyn Pollock assisted our guide for the historical tour of Bangor. She told us, “I don’t know about the first two hikes, but the little group of us who had done the walk together started to really interact by the end of the day. Two different couples had recently moved to places near Lincoln, and I was able to connect them so they could become friends. Nice. David Little jumped in and added valuable information from his talk. I am enjoying his new book, *Art of Katahdin*.”

Barbara Bentley, our tireless and skilled organizer of Baxter Day, wrote: “The plan was to have each BSP Visiting Artist mentor a small group of the juried artists selected to participate in the *plein air* paint out using guidelines set out by Suzanne Savage Brewer.

They were undeterred by a downpour part way through the day. (We still have an umbrella in “lost and found,” by the way.) The final exhibit of paintings in the barn at the Top of Bangor Tour was very impressive.”

As part of his presentation, David Little mentioned that a number of artists had passed through Bangor and many completed works there. Located on the Penobscot River in the early days before autos and highways, Bangor was an important access point for those traveling into the Katahdin region, whether exploring, trapping, hunting, fishing, trading, or looking for subject matter for art. The likes of Frederic Church and his Hudson River School friends, the Stodder brothers, Augustus Hamlin, and Marsden Hartley all lived in or visited Bangor.

In his August report to the Board of Directors, Friends’ Executive Director Aaron Megquier related the following: “Thanks to Barbara Bentley’s outstanding networking, we formed many partnerships with organizations in Bangor, many of which were directly involved in supporting Baxter Day. The media coverage, coupled with partnerships and outreach efforts, raised the profile of FBSP in the Bangor area significantly. As a fundraising event for the Plants of BSP Project, Governor Baxter Day exceeded expectations. FBSP sent a donation of \$2,000, the proceeds of Baxter Day, to Glen Mittelhauser at Maine Natural History Observatory for the Plants of BSP Project. By any measure, Governor Baxter Day: Bangor to Katahdin was a success.”



Baxter State Park Visiting Artist Michael Vermette paints *en plein air* along Kenduskeag Stream during Governor Baxter Day. —Photo © Bill Bentley

Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Matt and Jody Bourassa, and to all of the volunteers, artists, community partners, and attendees who helped make this success possible!



Friends of Baxter State Park is now on Facebook!
Link up with us at www.facebook.com/bspfriends
for updates, photos, and more.





Pitchin' In and Steppin' Out

by Laurie Rich, Volunteer Coordinator
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Color has reached its peak in the north and a decided chill is in the air. The summer volunteer season has come to an end. While weather hampered the beginning, many projects were still seen to completion. There were many returning volunteers and a few new ones. The Park is now gearing up for winter projects. For those brave souls who like shoveling snow from roofs, or transporting building materials to backcountry sites, there is still volunteering to do.

The FBSP Facebook page is a great place to check for volunteer requests. When a project comes up it will be listed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bspfriends. If you are interested, you can get in touch by email.

Due to health issues, this is my last year as volunteer coordinator for FBSP. I have enjoyed my three years meeting, talking and working with those who have been interested and those who have volunteered. I hope you will continue with the volunteer program in the future. The Park needs the time and skills you can contribute! My very best to you all.



Baxter State Park Volunteer Rick Bray at the recently-completed Center Pond lean-to.
-Photo © Bruce White

New Lean-to at Center Pond

Baxter State Park recently opened a new lean-to at Center Pond, located along the Wassataquoik Lake Trail between Little Wassataquoik Lake and Nesowadnehunk Field. This lean-to re-



Fall foliage on Center Mountain, viewed from a canoe on Center Pond.
- Photo © Pedro Guimaraes

places the infrequently-used Center Mountain lean-to, which was built in the 1990s about one mile north of Center Pond. The new lean-to, which has a canoe, provides better access to the views and healthy brook trout population of Center Pond. The lean-to was built by a group of Rangers and volunteers, including Greg Hamer, Stewart Guay, Bob Baribeau, Chip Jahnke, Craig Kennedy, Mike Martin, Bruce White, and Rick Bray. For the full story on the Center Pond lean-to, please visit the Baxter Trails Blog on the Baxter State Park website.

Our Readers Write... *Continued from Pg3*

When I returned the borrowed sleeping bag I noticed an inscription, written in black marker on the yellow stuff sack: "Buzz Caverly, dir. Transferred to chief ranger. Return me to Russell Pond." Greg confirmed that this had indeed been Buzz Caverly's personal bag. A shiver of awe ran down my spine – this alone was worth falling into Wassataquoik Stream. - Ingrid Richardson, Chestnut Hill, MA

Trip reports and photos should be sent to Sarah Holland at admin@friendsofbaxter.org for posting on the FBSP website. Please aim for 150 words or less and include date of trip, your name and contact information.



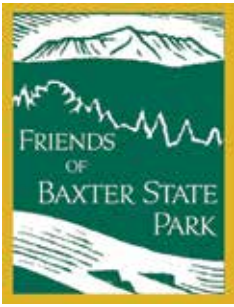
A group of Friends of Baxter State Park members, directors, and staff toured the lands owned by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. along the eastern boundary of Baxter State Park on October 5, 2013. Shown here are (L to R) front row: Milt Wright, Charlie Jacobi, Dick Klain, Aaron Megquier, and back row: Dorothy Beeuwkes, Jill Ippoliti, Anne Huntington, Paul Renaud, Jaime Renaud, Henry Beeuwkes, Jym St. Pierre, Bob Johnston, and John Beeuwkes. - Photo © Charlie Jacobi

Baxter State Park Trivia - Puzzle Master Al Howlett

What is the total height of the four volumes entitled *Percival P. Baxter's Vision for Baxter State Park*, compiled by Friends' Historian Howard Whitcomb, when stacked one atop the other?

- a) two inches
- b) four inches
- c) six inches
- d) eight inches
- e) eight feet [just kidding!]

Send Trivia answers to admin@friendsofbaxter.org



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Thank you!

Forest Management Tour of the Austin Cary Lot

1:00 pm on Sunday, November 3 in Harpswell, ME

Please join Friends of Baxter State Park for a forestry tour of the 222-acre Austin Cary Lot in Harpswell, Maine. Rick Morrill, Resource Manager for Baxter State Park, and Barrie Brusila, Mid-Maine Forestry, will lead the tour of this property, which is managed by the Baxter State Park Authority under standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The lot includes 184 acres of woodland, 13 acres of freshwater wetlands, 25 acres of saltwater marsh, and extensive frontage on Long Reach & Doughty Cove. The 1973-74 deeds transferring this property to the State of Maine requires *"that the land be used for a demonstration forest, wildlife management area, or for other educational and scientific uses."* Join us on the tour to see how this fall's timber harvest fits with management objectives and enjoy the public access afforded on this unique property.

The Austin Cary Lot is located on Sebascodegan Island (aka Great Island), in the town of Harpswell, Maine. From Cook's Corner, take Route 24 South for 4.8 miles. Turn right onto Long Reach Road immediately after passing Harpswell Auto Sales. Immediately bear right at the fork onto Long Reach Lane, and park in the parking area on the left just past the fork. The walk is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 3, 2013, with a rain date of November 17.

For more information, please contact Jill Ippoliti at 207-395-2427 or 207-215-6202. If weather is questionable, please check FBSP's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bspfriends for notice of postponement anytime after 9:00 am on November 3.