

# Forever Wild

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## President's Column

by Barbara Bentley

Prompted by a phone call the other day, I took a look at the 34 editions of *Forever Wild* that I have edited since 2005. "What is Friends of Baxter State Park anyway?" the caller asked. "Just a fan club for people who love the Park?" I reread the 27 President's Columns that I have written since 2007 while thinking, "Just a fan club?" That sent me to reading the minutes of our earliest Board meetings dating back to 2000.

Love of the Park is evident throughout these pages and certainly inspires the many dedicated and talented individuals who have worked to carry out Friends' mission to "preserve, support, and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park in the spirit of its founder, Governor Percival Baxter." OK, I guess we're a fan club. We love the Park – and know how to use tough love when needed, I might add – as we **educate** ourselves and others re: wilderness and the Park's unique nature, **recruit** people to work for the good of the Park, **advocate** for the Park's resources, and **participate** in the stewardship of the Park. Come to the **Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 27th** to learn what Friends has accomplished during the last year and where we are headed in the future. You will meet the new Board Members, and the Board of Direc-

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*The Last Drive*, 9' high bronze figures by sculptor Charles E. Tefft (1874-1951) located adjacent to the Bangor Public Library, was commissioned by lumber baron Luther H. Peirce in 1925.

– Photo © David Little

## Bangor: Outpost to the North Woods, Katahdin, and Beyond

"Bangor is inextricably tied to the river that runs through it" – these words by author Trudy Scee capture the essence of the city known in the 19th century as the "lumber capital of the world".<sup>1</sup> Baxter State Park and Katahdin, far to the north and nearer to its source, are also inextricably tied to the same great river.

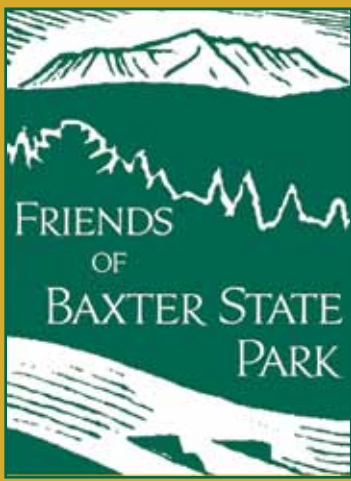
In the early 19th century, Bangor was the terminus city and hub for those pioneers traveling north into the Katahdin region. Unless one chose to travel by canoe from Moosehead Lake or by horse-drawn wagon along very rough roads, it was dif-

ficult to reach the Katahdin region unless you passed through Bangor and followed the Penobscot River. This frontier city with its stores, hotels, and guides was a jumping-off place to the vast wilderness north and west – a celestial point of departure and return.

In literary circles, the most famous essay linking Bangor to Katahdin is found in Henry David Thoreau's classic "Katahdin" which opens with the following passage:

On the 31st of August 1846, I left Concord in Massachusetts for Bangor and the backwoods of Maine, by way of railroad

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Friends of Baxter State Park is a 501(c)(3) organization working to preserve, support, and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park in the spirit of its founder, Percival P. Baxter.

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tors will elect a new President and new Vice President.

At the Annual Meeting, you will also meet a dynamic young man who grew up in the Bangor area, in a family that loved Baxter State Park and introduced him to it at an early age. He first climbed Katahdin at age six and started making annual trips into the Russell Pond area with his family two years later. Baxter State Park quickly became his favorite place to be, and that's still true three decades later. With a degree in biology from Colby College and a master's degree in conservation biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he has spent the last eight years working in the Maine land trust community. When you meet him, I know you will agree that we are so fortunate to welcome **Aaron Megquier as Friends' first Executive Director.**

Aaron and his wife Ashley live in Belmont with daughters Rowan (age 4) and Retta (age 1). Asked about his new job with Friends that starts on May 1st, Aaron says, "When I came back to Maine after graduate school, my goal was to find a job working on wilderness conservation in the north woods. Instead, I found a great job with a land trust on Islesboro. I learned how to successfully run a nonprofit organization, manage conservation land, and build strong partnerships. I also deepened my knowledge of Maine's ecosystems, and developed my skills as an ecologist, botanist, and field naturalist. So now, eight years later, I'm more ready to do what I set out to do in the first place. I'm deeply committed to the wilderness ideals that Baxter State Park exemplifies, and I'm thrilled to be able to support the park as Friends' new Executive Director."

Thrilled is an understatement of how I feel about sending Friends into this exciting new chapter of its development with Aaron Megquier at the helm. After May 1st, you will find me in the Park, on the trail, and at Governor Baxter Day on Bangor on July 24th.

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## Membership Report

by Sarah Holland, Admin. Manager



We had a robust response to our renewal reminder in March, thanks in part to the "Renew Online" option on our website – a quick and easy method of making contributions. Thanks to all of you who responded so promptly. Close to 50% have renewed so far, and we look forward to hearing from the rest of you. Please check the expiration date on the mailing label of this newsletter and your records. When you do renew, we hope you'll consider raising your level of support. And invite your friends to join! Membership support is vital to the success our many activities and programs. Here is Friends membership by levels:

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Gov. Baxter Society (\$1,000) | <b>11</b>  |
| Katahdin Club (\$500)         | <b>10</b>  |
| Knife Edger (\$250)           | <b>21</b>  |
| Hamlin Peaker (\$100)         | <b>113</b> |
| Sponsor (\$50)                | <b>154</b> |
| Family (\$30)                 | <b>218</b> |
| Individual (\$25)             | <b>216</b> |

Thanks for your renewals, and happy trails!

## Bangor *Continued from Pg.1*

and steamboat, . . . [The Maine Woods]

Thoreau's itinerary followed the Penobscot northward and then its westward branch to Katahdin as native peoples had done before his time. Traveling by horse and buggy, bateau, and on foot, he would reach the mouth of Abol Stream, the point of departure for his climb toward the summit, on September 6th.

Over the course of the 19th and early 20th centuries, this riverine highway would be augmented by a modest network of roads and railroads, bringing surveyors, geologists, botanists, artists, and excursionists to the Katahdin region from Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and points south.

Maine native Elizabeth Oakes Smith, the first woman to ascend Katahdin, passed through Bangor on her way to the mountain in August 1849. A young Teddy Roosevelt traveled via Bangor and Mattawamkeag to Island Falls in 1879 where he would set out with "Bill" Sewall and Wilmot Dow of Island Falls to climb Katahdin. In 1886, the Appalachian Mountain Club held its first encampment at Chimney Pond; and by the late 1890s, sporting camps had been es-

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# We're looking for PHOTOS for 2015 BSP CALENDAR!

The Baxter State Park calendar includes photos of all locations in the Park at twelve (12) months of the year and features only a few photos of Katahdin. Park staff and members of Friends of Baxter State Park donate all photos in the calendar. We welcome you to join and submit your photos for consideration.

## **Instructions for submitting photos:**

Each photographer may submit up to ten (10) photos. Bear in mind that most of the calendar photos are in landscape orientation, not portrait. Each photo must be labelled with photographer's last name, location of photo, and approximate date (month) of photo. *Include lens and distance from subject for wildlife photos.* Label the CD or DVD with contact information for the photographer (mail, email, & phone).

## **Format:**

Best option for Photo File is a digital negative (DNG). Camera Raw Files are just as acceptable (NEF, CRW, CR2, ORF, etc.). If your camera does not support RAW format, then format your photograph as a 12.5" x 9.5" image at 300 Pixels/inch. Save as a TIFF (.tif) File. JPEG Files are not acceptable for quality reproduction.

## **Questions:**

Contact Bill Bentley for help with technical details for your photographs at 207-542-6580 or bentleys@tidewater.net

**Send CD or DVD to Friends of Baxter State Park at PO Box 609, Union, ME 04862-0609 or to Baxter State Park at 64 Balsam Drive, Millinocket, ME 04462 by October 30, 2013. Please do not send photos via email.**

Cross-country ski trails reward the skier with this view of Katahdin from Hammond Ridge at New England Outdoor Center. – Photo © Bill Bentley

## **Bangor** *Continued from Pg.2*

established at Kidney and Daicey ponds. Most of these excursionists and "sports" came to Bangor first to gear up and lay over on their journey north.

Landscape painters reached Katahdin by the mid-to-late 19th century – most notably Frederick E. Church, who painted some of his most sublime landscapes of Katahdin while at Millinocket and Katahdin Lakes. Eminent 20th century modernist artist Marsden Hartley, who also portrayed the mountain from Katahdin Lake, maintained a studio in Bangor and taught art classes at the Bangor Art Society.



Artist and author Edmund "Marsden" Hartley (1877-1953) maintained a studio in Bangor and taught art classes. – Photo © Bangor Daily News (clipping), February 8, 1940. Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Innumerable names and accomplishments come to mind when one thinks of

greater Bangor's direct links to the Katahdin region – trailblazer Marcus Keep, graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary; naturalist and folklorist Fanny Hardy Eckstorm of Brewer; bateaux-builder Hosea B. Maynard of Bangor; Stillwater's Joseph Peavey, inventor of the peavey pole used for generations in log driving; Orono native and botanist Merritt L. Fernald of Harvard's Gray Herbarium; Bangor photographer James C. Stodder; James W. Sewall and his mapping and surveying company of Old Town; and many others.

While the route north for most visitors to the Katahdin region today is via automobiles traveling Interstate 95, there is still a reminder of simpler times. Many Appalachian Trail hikers do their final provisioning in Bangor, take the bus to Medway, and arrange for a shuttle to Baxter State Park. Katahdin remains the start and finish for countless AT thru-hikers, just as the City of Bangor remains for many, in Thoreau's words, "a star on the edge of night."

– Howard Whitcomb, *Friends of Baxter State Park Historian*, with contributions from David Little and John Neff

<sup>1</sup> Trudy Irene Scee. *City on the Penobscot*. The History Press, Charleston, SC. 2010, p. 9.

## **The Best of Baxter – A Park for All Ages**

Katahdin is renowned as the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail and the highest mountain in Maine. Reaching Baxter Peak is the goal of many who come to the Park. However, the Katahdin massif encompasses many ridges, peaks, and ponds and offers experiences closer to wilderness than you are likely to find on Baxter Peak on a clear summer day. Similarly, Baxter State Park offers much more than "the Mountain." The 209,000-acre Park harbors a smorgasbord of nature to be appreciated in all seasons by people from near and far.

Friends is asking you to share some of your favorite places in

the Park. (No, we did not expect people to offer up favorite fishing holes.) Your favorite locations may have changed over the years as your children have grown or as your knees have aged and your stamina diminished. Test your memory. Did the black flies really obliterate everything good about that hike? What advice do you have for a 1st-time visitor to a place you love? When is the best time to experience a certain place? Where would you go as an alternative to popular spots such as Sandy Stream and Katahdin Stream Falls?

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I have volunteered to collect your suggestions and create a checklist of favorite places with a few comments about each: waterfalls worth walking to, favorite picnic spots, good places to see moose with views that won't disappoint even if you don't, favorite hikes with kids under 10, favorite hikes under 3,000 feet, best birding spots (include season), best wildflower walks, best place to camp for stargazing, favorite places to swim, favorite places to paddle.

Please send comments on the idea of creating checklists, suggestions of places to include, and volunteers who are willing to help with this to [info@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto:info@friendsofbaxter.org)

– Jill Ippoliti, FBSP Board Member

**Answers:**

**Mountain Profile ID:** No ID submitted. Are you still thinking?

**Trivia Question in Winter newsletter:** Rick Young & Spencer Meyer are winners. (Town line sign says Indian Purchase.)

**Our Readers Write...**



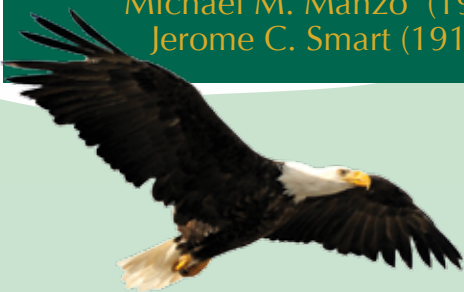
**Bluebird Day on Katahdin**

We had a bluebird day on Katahdin on February 10th! We summited around noon on Sunday, and stayed for a half an hour... even enough time for a game of whiffle ball (yes, really)! As for the way in on Friday, we ended up walking in from Abol Bridge to the Gatehouse, but there was just enough snow to ski all the way to Chimney. Got snowed in on Saturday and played around in North Basin and on Dudley, then climbed the mountain on Sunday. Did a few laps of tree skiing in the woods on the way down – great fresh powder! Even had a little time to promote the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend.

– Lindsay Bourgoine, Portland, ME

FBSP Board member Lindsay Bourgoine is a veteran of many annual winter ascents of Katahdin. – Photo © Andy Fisk

**In Memoriam**  
**Michael M. Manzo (1925-2013)**  
**Jerome C. Smart (1919-2013)**



James Clement and Governor Baxter lunch at the St. George Agricultural Fair held at the Trotting Park in S. Montville. No fried dough in sight!

– Photo © Cook, Belfast ME, courtesy of Pauline Clement and Montville Historical Society.

**Governor Baxter at St. George Fair**

This photo came from the James J. Clement family collection. He served on Baxter's council and was a prominent person in the Montville community. I think Pauline, his granddaughter, is still living at age 95. Her sister Louise died two years ago at the age of 95 or 96. I wish at the time that I had a tape recorder when she and Louise were speaking about their grandfather and Governor Baxter.

– Debi Stephens, Montville

**AT Community Designation for Millinocket**

Millinocket has been designated an Appalachian Trail Community by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The town joins 25 other communities along the AT from Georgia to Maine that act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail community and are considered assets by A.T. Hikers. This program engages communities along the Appalachian Trail to promote and protect the AT. It also serves to assist communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation. Millinocket is located 17 miles from Katahdin in Baxter State Park where it's highest point, Baxter Peak, is the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. Hundreds of hikers find their way into town where local stores, restaurants and lodging facilities help meet their needs and thereby boost the local economy. Benefits to the town include a national designation, network of media communications through the Appalachian Trail Conservancy website and publications, recognition by use of signage and a press release, and an increased sense of place and cultural sustainability, as well increased community environmental stewardship. The Katahdin region is rich in outdoor recreation with hiking, kayaking/canoeing, white water rafting, fishing and winter activities. By promoting economic development and linking the region's major outdoor recreational assets people will be aware of the beauty and adventures that await their visit.

– Jaime Renaud, Millinocket, ME

Trip reports and photos should be sent to Sarah Holland at [admin@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto: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.



## Update from the Park

by BSP Director Jensen Bissell

The winter camping season in the Park came to an end on March 31 after a successful and enjoyable winter of recreation for Park visitors. Park revenues for the season were very comparable to 2012; and after a somewhat cold and windy January, the Park enjoyed plenty of snow and seasonable temperatures providing opportunities for ice climbing, skiing, and snowmobiling. The season was capped with a very nice letter from Dick Chasse of **Acadia Mountain**

### **Guides Climbing School.** Mr. Chasse wrote:

*“Let me say that after returning to guiding after a 10-year hiatus, I find that the new winter regulations and general attitude towards technical climbing are fantastic. It has been a real joy and privilege to work in the park. Not only do the new regulations make it logistically more feasible for me to offer trips within BSP, but also I find that the fundamental mission and character of BSP has remained intact.”*

The transition from regulations to recommendations has been an effort shared by all Park employees as we work to inform the visitor that safety and good decision-making are the responsibilities of each individual in the Park’s wilderness.

Winter operations in the Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA) have also concluded after a very successful winter season. The Park has contracted with former State Economist Lloyd Irland of the Irland Group to conduct a review and assessment of the economic performance of the SFMA. Lloyd is working closely with Park Resource

Manager Rick Morrill to gather data for development of management policy and recently visited the SFMA.

In addition to patrol and recreation management work, the Park Ranger staff had an extremely productive winter of maintenance work including the transport of all materials for a new leanto at Center Pond (replacing the existing leanto located a mile north of Center Pond) as well as the standard supplies and materials for backcountry facilities at Chimney Pond and Russell Pond. Experience, ingenuity, and determination are valuable traits used liberally by Park Rangers in completing this work. Another significant project this winter was the remodeling of the Chimney Pond Crew Camp, led by Park Carpenter Craig Kennedy.

We are completing our policy and administration work for the coming summer season. The Baxter State Park Authority recently approved revisions to the Park Management Plan regarding a response plan addressing invasive and exotic species in the Park and the management of vistas and open areas in the Park.

The Administrative team has prepared the 2014 fiscal year budget (July 1 2013 – June 30 2014) and revised the administration of the Park Volunteer Program. As a long period of steady improvements to the Park Reservation System nears an end, On-Line Reservations are now in sync with the rolling reservation system. A sure sign of spring is the hiring of new Park staff. We look forward to welcoming April Bolstridge and Dave Chase as new Campground Rangers at Roaring Brook and Abol Campgrounds, respectively. Harold Read and Alan Watson will be joining the Park as Trail Crew Leaders. And we will be wishing a fond farewell to Park Interpretive Specialist Marcia Williamson, who will be retiring from the Interpretive Specialist position in early May and hope to have a new person on board by June 1. By then, the flies will be out, and summer will be in full swing. See you on the trail!



L to R: Lloyd Irland and Rick Morrill stop briefly in Millinocket at the stockpile of spruce logs harvested this winter and awaiting shipment to a local mill.

– Photo © BSP staff



Seen here at Chimney Pond, long-time Park employee Marcia Williamson, currently BSP Interpretive Specialist, will retire from Park Service in early May.

– Photo © BSP Staff



This winter, Park rangers have hauled building materials to Center Pond where a leanto will be constructed this spring.

– Photo © BSP Park Staff



L to R: Kathy Johnson, Candy McKellar, and Alison Dibble survey plants on July 12, 2012 in Strickland Gap between Strickland Mt. and Center Mt. in T4R10 just east of Nesowadnehung Lake.

– Photo © S. Holtse

### Plants of Baxter State Park - Project Update

During 2012, Alison Dibble, Don Cameron, and I began the fieldwork portion of a five-year effort to compile an up-to-date list of all the plants of Baxter State Park. With financial support from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, Friends of Baxter State Park, Baxter State Park, Maine Natural History Observatory, and private donors, we were able to make a strong first year effort. We teamed 21 volunteers with professional botanists for targeted fieldwork. Overall, we were able to document hundreds of plants new to specific Park townships and about 125 new species never before recorded in the Park.

The total number of plants documented in the Park has grown from about 625 species to approximately 750 species. Our volunteers took approximately 4,000 photos to document our botanical finds. Our 2012 field effort was so successful that we are running another five volunteer field trips during 2013. All field trips are currently filled with volunteers although we are looking for alternates for each trip in case of cancellations. If you would like to be listed as an alternate for any of our field trips, please contact Maine Natural History Observatory at [purplesandpiper@gmail.com](mailto:purplesandpiper@gmail.com).

– Glen Mittelhauser

*Note: This project will update the work of the early botanists and codify the new research into a full-scale field guide to the plants of Baxter State Park. You can learn more about this valuable work during **Governor Baxter Day in Bangor on July 24th**. Hear what BSP Naturalist Jean Hoekwater, botanist and artist Alison Dibble, artists and authors Becky Goodale and David Little, and others are doing to document changes and discoveries in the Katahdin area. Baxter State Park Visiting Artists will host a plein air wet-paint art exhibit and sale to help this project.*

## ART of KATAHDIN



David Little  
Edited by Carl Little

Art Detective David Little's column *Sleuthing About Katahdin...* will return in the Summer edition of *Forever Wild*. We introduce you to his exciting new book, *Art of Katahdin*, in this issue.

### Amazing Tapestry of Katahdin's Artistic Tradition

Published by Down East Books, *Art of Katahdin* by David Little, edited by Carl Little, is the first book to celebrate the work of the many artists who, for the last 150 years, have been drawn to Maine's highest mountain, captivated by Katahdin and its wilderness surroundings. Included in the book's more than two hundred images are works by prominent American landscape painters including Frederic Edwin Church, James Fitzgerald, Marsden Hartley, and John Marin. Covering the earliest surveyors of the region, book illustrations, work from 19th and 20th century painters, and contemporary artists, this volume weaves a surprising and stunning tapestry of the area's artistic tradition.

Signed copies of this hard cover 200-page book may be purchased from Friends of Baxter State Park for \$50. We will have 48 copies on hand for sale at the Annual Meeting on April 27th when author/artist David Little will give a presentation about the book. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase an important addition to your Baxter collection and support FBSP while doing so. Books will also be available during Governor Baxter Day in Bangor on July 24th.

### Looking back...

#### The Wilderness Way North of Bangor

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

It is most appropriate for the Friends of Baxter State Park to recognize the unique connections between Bangor and the Katahdin region. To reach that storied wilderness tract (even via Moosehead Lake) most travelers have always needed to go through this important Penobscot River city. And that remains the case today. The city has always been the gateway to the great north woods. Recently I found myself asking - How did those early travelers find their way north after leaving the comforts of the city?

There were no roads or trails well into the 18th century, and

the way was difficult and hazardous. The earliest explorers ascended the river by bateau and canoe. As the 19th century dawned, travelers could reach only to Mattawamkeag by horse and wagon, before that rough road was extended in the 1830s to Stacyville and beyond. The railroads arrived beginning in the 1860s, providing easier access, but it was still a long journey, especially if you were from Boston or points south. Even then adventurers, at the end of their journey, had to revert to canoe, buckboard, and foot travel to get even close to Katahdin. And so it was until the automobile changed everything.

Some thoughts to ponder as you and I drive ever so comfortably right to any of Baxter State Park's trailheads.



## Pitchin' In and Steppin' Out

by Laurie Rich, Volunteer Coordinator

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## Spring Is in the Air and Bringing Many Changes

Now is the time to send in your Baxter State Park Volunteer Application, which can be found online at <http://www.baxterstatepark-authority.com/pdf/volunteer/VolunteerApp1.pdf> All volunteers must have a current form on file at the Park. Give me a call or an email and let's get stated on making this a great year for volunteers in the Park.

The **Earth Day Litter Patrol** in the Park is on **Saturday, May 4th** this year. There are many more volunteer opportunities on the schedule (see Friends of Baxter State Park Winter Newsletter and BSP website) where you can have fun, make friends, and learn lots while working alongside Park staff and sharing their outlook and insight into the Park's unique qualities.

We now have assignments for **FBSP Chainsaw Crews** to clear blowdowns at:

**May 11 – 12: Kidney Pond:** Patrol Kidney Pond Campground area trails: Sentinel Mt. & Link, Celia & Jackson, Little Beaver, Rocky Ponds, Slaughter & Doubletop Mt. Trails.

**May 18 – 19: Kidney Pond:** Continue effort of trails listed above.

**May 25 – 26: Trout Brook Farm:** Patrol Horse Mt., Five Ponds and Trout Brook Mt. Trails.

We are in serious need of volunteers sawyers and crewmembers for four crews. Each team needs one certified sawyer and three able bodies. FBSP is looking into sponsoring chainsaw training and certification in July and will offer scholarships to those willing to volunteer. Although it is not in time for May assignments, we need six volunteers with chainsaw experience to take the training in July and be prepared for chainsaw crews in May 2014. You may wish to be part of a crew this May in order to see the great work that is accomplished by the Friends chainsaw crews.

On a personal note, for three years now I have had the honor and privilege to volunteer alongside a man who was willing to take on just about any task as a volunteer. Steve Ellis worked with our chainsaw crews and became a certified sawyer. He stained more buildings in the Park than I can remember, opened and closed campgrounds, trimmed brush from roadsides, split and stacked firewood, and even transported a new picnic table by canoe to a remote site. There's plenty more that Steve did, but the important thing was in the way he did it – with good humor and good will. Some of you may not know, but Steve is ending his fight with cancer. I for one will greatly miss Steve, and I know the Park will be losing one of its all time best volunteers.

## Trail Friends Opportunities:

To volunteer to work with BSP trail crews on the following projects, sign up with BSP Trail Supervisor Paul Sannicandro at [paul.sannicandro@maine.gov](mailto:paul.sannicandro@maine.gov) More information about each project is available on the Park website.

**June 1** (rain date June 2): **BSP Trail Project #1 National Trails Day – Trail Stewards Training:** Learn general maintenance and basic GPS

operations, meet trail friends, and decide if you would like to take a Trail Steward maintenance assignment for 2013. Challenge Level = Easy to Moderate

**June 9 – 13, 2013: BSP Trail Team #2 Trail Skills Week:** Join BSP crews on a variety of projects at different sites each day. There is room for 12 volunteers. Challenge Level = Moderate

**July 14-18, July 21-25, and July 28-August 1 (3 dates): BSP Trail Team # 3 Alpine Trail Reconstruction – Hunt Trail** Three days in a row, hike up to the worksite from Chimney Pond – a gain of 2,000 vertical feet, 6 miles round trip. Room for 4 volunteers for each set of dates. Challenge Level = Most Difficult

**June 30th - July 4th and July 7-11 (2 dates): BSP Trail Team # 4 – Bridge Construction on the Chimney Pond Trail** Hike 2 miles (4 miles round trip) daily to the worksite from Roaring Brook Campground. Room for 4 volunteers per week. Challenge Level = Moderate

**July 14-18: BSP Trail Team # 5 – Katahdin Lake Trail Extension – New Trail Construction** Hike 3.5 miles to Katahdin Lake, where we will be based for the duration of the project. Room for 6 volunteers. Challenge Level = Moderate

**August 25-29 and September 15-19 (2 dates): BSP Trail Team # 6 – Sandy Stream Pond Trail – Bog Bridge Construction** Room for 4 volunteers per week. Challenge Level = Moderate

Please note new dates: **Leave No Trace (LNT)** training will be on June 12 & 13. Scholarships are available. Contact BSP Interpretive Specialist Marcia H. Williamson at 207-723-8537 or [marcia.williamson@maine.gov](mailto:marcia.williamson@maine.gov)



## Walks in the Park 2013

June 20, 21, 22 (3 nights) – Martin Pond & South Katahdin Lake – host Milt Wright

August 22, 23, 24 (3 nights) – Chimney Pond – host Henry Beeuwkes

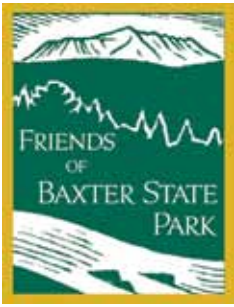
September 6 & 7 (2 nights) – Daicey Pond – host Jill Ippoliti

*Contact us soon if you would like to reserve a space in a Walk in the Park, and we will put you in touch with the host for that trip.*

Warm Winter Weekend participants enjoyed glorious sunshine on Millinocket Lake while staying at New England Outdoor Center in March.

– Photo © Bill Bentley





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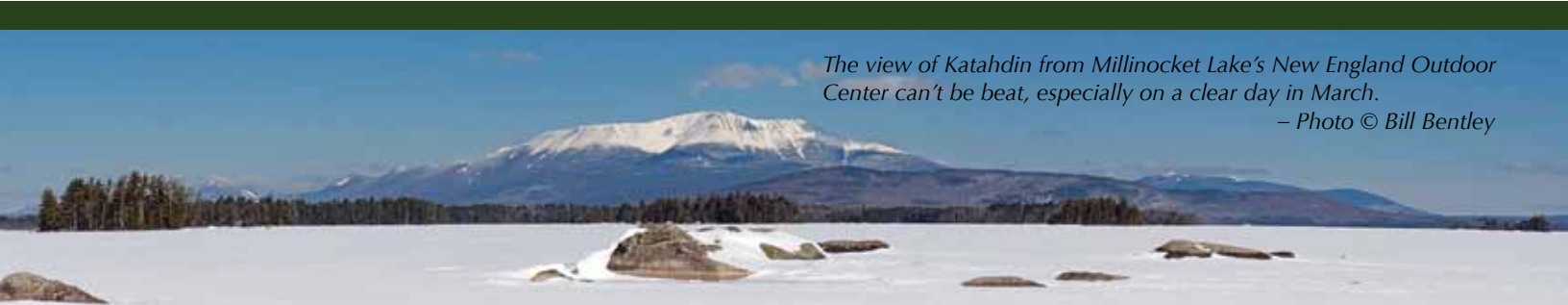
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*The view of Katahdin from Millinocket Lake's New England Outdoor Center can't be beat, especially on a clear day in March.*

*– Photo © Bill Bentley*

## **Friends of Baxter State Park**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Viles Arboretum in Augusta, Maine**

**April 27, 2013 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Come meet Friends' new Executive Director, hear BSP Director Bissell's *State of the Park* address, learn about David Little's new book *Art of Katahdin*, get updates on Plants of Baxter State Park and Vegetative Mapping projects, enjoy conviviality among Friends and complimentary fabulous lunch. Come early for a bird walk and stay later for a hike. There is no registration fee, but please let us know how many are attending so we will have copious provisions on hand. Contact [info@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto:info@friendsofbaxter.org) or 207-763-3014.

## **Governor Baxter Day: Bangor to Katahdin**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2013**

Join us for a full day of activities in the Bangor area – hikes, walking tours, lectures, presentations, contests – and plan to attend the *Top of Bangor Tour*. There will be an historic house tour, reception, music, book-signings, silent auction, presentations, *plein air* wet-paint exhibit and sale with four BSP Visiting Artists, and more. Details available shortly. Limited number of tickets available for *Top of Bangor Tour*.



On the access road to the ranger's cabin at Katahdin Stream Campground (the original route of the tote road), there is a boulder on the left close to the road with deep grooves in its base. Those grooves were caused by:

- a) snowplows
- b) helicopters
- c) road graders
- d) tour buses

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