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Executive Director's Column

by Aaron Megquier

With typical grace and brevity, Edward Abbey needed just twelve words to describe the greatest challenge facing those of us who care about wild places: "The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders."

For Friends of Baxter State Park, inspiring and engaging the next generation of wilderness leaders is an important part of our mission. In fact, it's probably the single most important thing we do. We can work hard to support the Park today, and tomorrow, and next year, but eventually we will have to step aside and trust that future generations will do the same.

Our flagship program to achieve this is the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program. Now in its seventh year, this program sends ten Maine high school sophomores and juniors on a nine-day wilderness expedition in Baxter State Park. Along the way, they work with a variety of specialists to study wilderness through art, writing, history, and science. They also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills with a group of peers who are also emerging wilderness leaders. After returning home, participants give public presentations about the experience in their schools and communities.

Our selection committee met in Belfast a few weeks ago to choose the participants for this year's Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program. The pool of applicants was not only the largest we've ever received, but highly qualified as well. This bodes very well for the future of Baxter State Park. I think Ed Abbey would have enjoyed reading the application essays, and would probably rest a little easier if he knew there were so many 15 and 16 year-olds who care deeply about wilderness.

It's inspiring to read the applications, but to see our graduates in action after they complete



After being closed for a decade due to maintenance issues and low use, Baxter State Park cleared, reblazed, and reopened a section of the North Peaks Trail from treeline to the Northwest Basin Trail in 2012.

— Photo © David Colborne

Exploring the North Peaks Trail

by David Colborne

According to John Neff in *Katahdin: An Historic Journey*, the North Peaks route was used to ascend Katahdin as far back as 1846. The trail was first cut in 1885, and recut again several times in subsequent years. When it was reopened in 2012, I was keen to try it, so on June 21 I headed out from Roaring Brook to overnight at Russell Pond Campground. Water levels in the Wassataquoik had receded just enough to safely pass.

The hike to the Wassataquoik was very pleasant, gently rolling, and with dappled shade most of the way. Of par-

ticular interest were the outsized rocks that figure so prominently in the South Branch of the Wassataquoik. It is so odd to see boulders the size of houses in such a small stream. At the mouth of the South Branch are the two Wassataquoik Stream lean-tos. The first of these must be one of the best situated in the Park, facing directly upstream as the Wassataquoik flows in from the west and then takes a bend to the north. Between that lean-to and Russell Pond, I had to make four stream crossings, including crossing Turner Brook twice. The straight line through the one-time meadows of New

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Director's Column

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the program – that's when the real fun begins. We now have 60 alumni who are in the process of changing the world for the better, one day and one issue at a time. Mathias Deming, one of the graduates of our 2014 Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program, recently won the Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award for his achievements as an environmental leader. You can read more about this award on page five of this newsletter.

As part of our effort to inspire and connect with young people, we are making a major push in 2015 to partner with high school and college outing clubs. The Unity College Outing Club recently decided to join Friends of Baxter State Park and get involved with our programs. We hope that UMaine, College of the Atlantic, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, and others won't be far behind. We look forward to partnering with these clubs to help build a tradition of wilderness stewardship in Baxter State Park.

Friends of Baxter State Park will continue to inspire young people to care about the Park, but like most things in life, the biggest potential for impact comes at the family level. Sharing your love of the outdoors and your ethic of stewardship with the next generation is fun, but it's also one of the greatest gifts you can give to the Park.

Membership Matters

By Sarah Holland, Administrative Manager

This unusually hard winter has made me realize the community effort it takes to keep things going. From the snowplow driver working overtime, whole families shoveling together, neighbors helping to push cars out of snow banks, friends showing up with an extra hand and vital businesses staying open despite it all. It takes a village.

That same community spirit sustains us here at Friends. We have an ambitious list of goals for the year, including funding the relocation of the Abol Trail, supporting the Plants of Baxter State Park project, sending ten young people into the Park on a nine-day wilderness leadership expedition, hosting events and presentations, organizing Walks in the Park for members, and much more. But we can't do all that work alone. We are so grateful to have members like you, who volunteer, help in the office, and make donations that support our work. We are striving to expand this community of support and are offering some incentives for those who help in this effort. Please read more about our 2015 membership raffle on page five of this newsletter.

This year our rolling membership renewal system is keeping vital support flowing at a steady pace. Our Forever Friends sustaining membership program currently has 33 people enrolled, who collectively provide \$3,906 in annual support to Friends. Since moving to an office space at 80 Main Street in Belfast, it's easier than ever to host meetings and volunteer work events, and to greet the public. Please stop by and meet us if you are in the area. If you're interested in getting more involved in the Friends community please contact us. We could use volunteers – at the Park, in our Belfast office, or at events through out the state. Thank you all for your membership – it really does matter!



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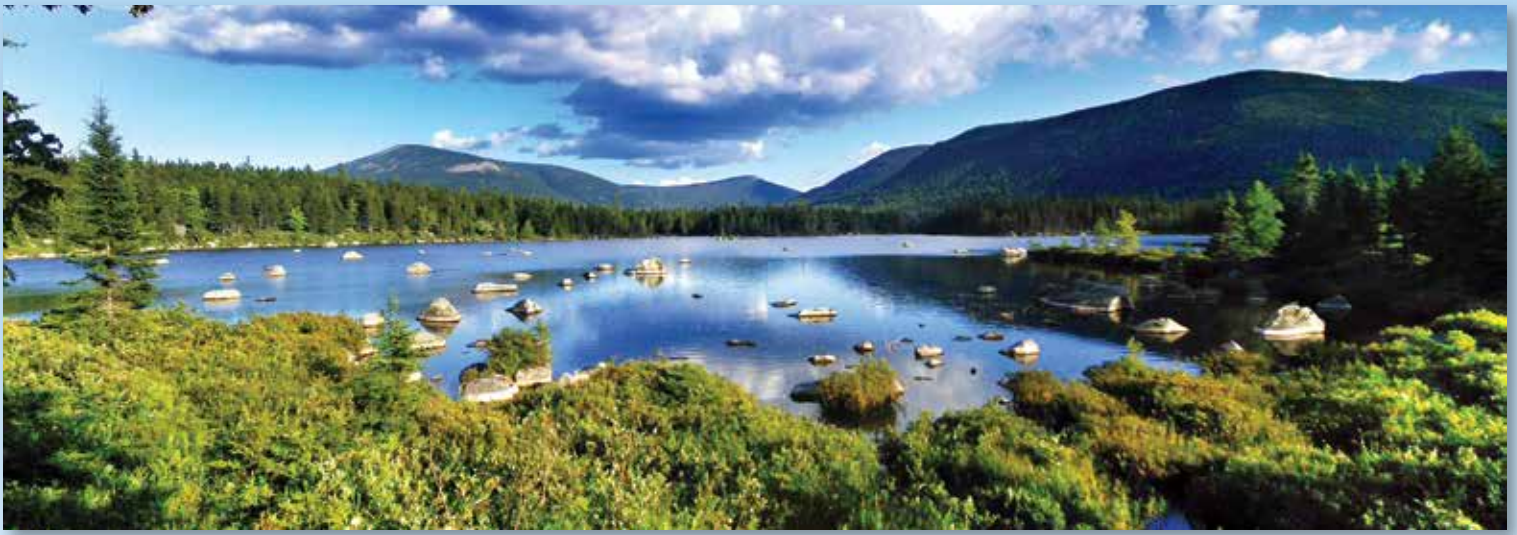
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Russell Pond, located in the Wassataquoik Valley in the heart of the Park's backcountry, makes an excellent base camp for hiking the North Peaks. The ridgeline of the North Peaks is just visible behind the shoulder of Russell Mountain in the top right of this photograph. *– Photo © David Colborne*

Exploring the North Peaks Trail *– Continued from pg.1*

City made for an agreeable arrival at Russell Pond. A moose was wading in Russell Pond when I first walked out on the dock. I set up in lean-to #5 and was treated to a pleasant night of birdsong, coyotes, and loons.

Early the next morning, I packed up and stopped by the pond before heading toward the North Peaks. I paused to watch a moose alternately surfacing and submerging in the pond just in front of the ranger cabin. The ranger had advised me to start out in my fording footwear, since the Turner Deadwater crossing is not far from the trailhead. The next portion of the trail is an old and fairly level tote road. Having heard that the North Peaks Trail is a fairly relentless upward grind, I enjoyed it while I could. At just over a mile in, the well-signed North Peaks Trail diverges to the left and heads for a third of a mile through a ravine toward the Wassataquoik. I found this the most challenging stream crossing of my two-day hike. I was just short of waist-deep in a fairly strong current.

On the other side the trail picks up near where Tracy Brook enters the Wassataquoik, and climbs a hogback between the two streams. With few respites, it continues to tend steadily upward until it eventually reaches the northern edge of the North Basin. The first four miles or so of the trail are below tree line, so there are few views to be had. This section of the trail is for the most part either gouged out of the earth or hacked out of dense forest. It is difficult to imagine how one could follow this route prior to the cutting of the trail. I also had difficulty envisioning pack and saddle horses following this trail, but apparently they did so over the years. As I passed above the treeline, there were great views of the Park interior to the north, as well as views of the Traveler to the northeast. After reaching treeline, there are about three miles of exposed hiking ahead.

The hiking on this section of the trail was typical tableland hiking, with no scrambling and nothing too taxing, although one has to pay close attention to each step as one moves continuously from boulder to boulder. The BSP trail crew has done a great job of using blazes and cairns at regular intervals to mark the trail across this exposed terrain. In the event that low clouds compromised visibility, the trail markings would likely permit a hiker to find the way.

The first vistas to the east, South Turner and Katahdin Lake, open up a quarter mile beyond treeline. Here the trail flattens out briefly at an elevation of almost 4,200 feet. To the south is a peak about 400 feet higher. This is the first of a string of peaks that line the North Basin's northern edge, culminating in the North Peaks. The trail leads toward the eastern slope of this promontory and then heads up in essentially a straight line to the top. At its crest I had even more impressive views to the east, as well as my initial glimpses across both the North and Great Basins. I also had my first sense of what descending the Hamlin Ridge would entail. In following the North Peaks and Hamlin Ridge Trails, one essentially walks around the entire rim of the North Basin. For me, this was the most memorable feature of my hike. While the walk along its circumference is long (about two miles), the narrowness of the cirque and the steepness of its cliffs make it very dramatic.

The North Peaks themselves were anticlimactic, being unposted and only incrementally larger than the peaks along the approach from the east. As I made my way to Hamlin Peak, a cloud descended over Baxter Peak and was quickly moving down over Pamola and the Knife Edge. I spent the next mile scrambling and sliding down wet boulders along the sometimes narrow Hamlin Ridge. The constant drizzle necessitated a particularly slow and careful descent. I was relieved to finally slip below treeline and reach the North Basin Trail. I turned right to connect with the Chimney Pond Trail and followed it east to Roaring Brook.

My total hiking time from Russell Pond to Roaring Brook was seven hours, with a total distance hiked of about 11 miles. My experience hiking the North Peaks Trail was well worth the time and effort, especially for the appreciation that I gained for the imposing North Basin. The main challenge, and maybe in part the allure of this hike, is that the trailheads are deep in the Park. A multiday hike – with a backpack, considerable time, and some planning – is the wise approach. Next time I would like to do a Northwest Basin – North Peaks loop, stopping at Davis Pond along the way.

I am grateful that the North Peaks Trail has been reopened. It is both a window into the Park's past and a way for future visitors to discover a different perspective on the great mountain.

President's Column

by Charlie Jacobi

What was I thinking?

A little more than 15 years ago in November 1999 I made the drive to Augusta for what was the second meeting of some Baxter State Park aficionados. After the Baxter State Park Authority decision permitting hunting on the West Branch Lands acquisition, they felt the time had come for an independent Friends group. I on the other hand knew nothing about that. But I had been wondering about a Friends group too, because I knew that Friends of Acadia was doing a lot for Acadia National Park and my own work there. I knew Dave Getchell Sr. was involved, and I knew Getch from my work with the Maine Island Trail Association. So I called him up and invited myself to the meeting – hence my title for this column.

I was striking off into the unknown for me, a wilderness of a sort, big and full of uncertainty, mystery, and difficulty of access, things my friend Laura Waterman and her husband Guy wrote about in their book, *Wilderness Ethics*. But in this case I wouldn't be seeking solitude and remoteness, but in fact would find and revel in its antithesis – getting to know the many people who also loved Baxter State Park.

I've probably served with forty or more Board members infected by a fervent sense of place from their many experiences in the Park. Getting to know all of them and working toward a common cause has been immensely rewarding. John Neff ministered our early years, as did Holly Dominie and Getch and many others. Barb Bentley was there in 1999 too, and with her husband Bill, she took us to the next level over her six years as President. Friends has evolved from an all-volunteer group to an Executive Director plus three part-time staff. We have come from a time when our first unrestricted gift of \$3,000 was looked at with a little trepidation to the point where we are annually putting ten times that into trails alone. We are doing well and are poised to do much more.

It's also been terrific to get to know Park staff. Every Park tour I took with former Park Director Buzz Caverly was an education and great entertainment too. What a storyteller he is, and such a stalwart defender of the wilderness values of the Park. BSP Director Jensen Bissell, Aaron Megquier, and I have had some great

walkabouts in the Park too, and Jensen has really opened the door so we can provide meaningful support. But I also have gotten to know many administrative staff and rangers all over the Park. They are all motivated and mission-driven.

And not least, serving on the Board has allowed me to get to know the Park



This large rock stands upright on a remote stream in Baxter State Park. How do you think it got there? Please send your guess to director@friendsofbaxter.org.

– Photo © Charlie Jacobi

much better, on the ground and in policy and practice. While out rambling last year, I ran across an admittedly imperfect example of why we all have a passion for the wilderness of Baxter State Park. Check out the rock in the photo. This is what I call a BFR – a big friendly rock – situated in the middle of a steeply cascading stream. It's not the Endless Cascade of my last column, but another even more remote. The rock is more than four feet high by three feet wide and more than a foot thick. It is not small. Why is this rock standing on end? Did the glacier leave it that way 12,000 years ago? Did some loggers do it? Or ten crazy guys from the University of Maine with nothing better to do? I don't know why and I probably never will, though my suspicions are an anthropogenic origin. So what. I still prefer to think of it as emblematic of the wilderness of Baxter State Park, a mystery never to be solved.

I am stepping aside from the Friends Board of Directors, but not too far or too fast. I've been on the Board of another great organization for a few years now, the Waterman Fund. Baxter State Park Naturalist

Jean Hoekwater serves there with me. The Waterman Fund is dedicated to fostering the spirit of wildness and conserving the alpine areas of the Northeast, the places we all hike to that are under stress from visitor use, climate change, and more. There are strong connections in mission between the Waterman Fund, Friends of Baxter State Park, and Baxter State Park. All three are supporting the Plants of Baxter State Park project. The Fund is also the architect of the biennial Alpine Stewardship Gathering, which will be hosted by Baxter State Park in Millinocket this November in partnership with Friends. I'll be there, alternating hats. Come join us.

I didn't know what I was thinking way back then as I entered that nonprofit wilderness, but it has been fun and an education. I encourage you to take that trip too. We always need dedicated Board members and you can start by volunteering. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to such a great place through such a vibrant and growing organization. Maybe I'll see you in the wilderness of Baxter State Park this summer. I hope you find something there that remains more than a little mysterious.



Mathias Deming (right) receiving the Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award in Unity on March 6, accompanied by John Rust of Maine Woods Forever (center) and Aaron Megquier of Friends of Baxter State Park (left).

– Image courtesy of Maine Woods Forever

MYWLP Graduate Wins Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award

Mathias Deming, a 2014 graduate of Friends' Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program, recently won the first-ever Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award. This award, sponsored by Maine Woods Forever, recognizes the achievements of Maine youth working to conserve our forest heritage and encourages them to become future conservation leaders. "The Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award honors today's young people and the legacy of America's most celebrated conservationist, President Theodore Roosevelt," said John Rust, chairman of the award committee. Maine Woods Forever presented Mathias with the award on Friday, March 6, at its 30th Roundtable event, held at Unity College.

Looking Back...

by John Neff, Author of
Katahdin: An Historic Journey



This painting of a cow moose and calf has welcomed visitors to Russell Pond since the 1960s. Those were different days, and current Park rules do not allow "tagging" or otherwise painting rocks in the Park.

— Photo © John Neff

Russell Pond Moose Painting Mystery

Those of you who have visited Baxter State Park's Russell Pond Campground across the years will remember a simple drawing of a cow moose and her calf painted in white on the face of a huge rock boulder near the southern entrance into the campground. It seemed to be almost a part of the landscape, so simple and unobtrusive was the image. The name of the artist was not known to very many at the time it was painted in the mid-to late-1960s and other stories of its origin emerged over the years. Finally the identity of the artist has come to light.

Connie Stockley Rand of Lincoln, Maine, contacted me recently to reveal that she was the artist of the rock painting. Connie's brother was a member of the Park's trail crew at the time, and she visited Russell Pond while he was working there. A graduate of the Portland School of Art, Connie saw the great boulder face and sensed a moment of artistic opportunity. With some white paint from the ranger she drew the simple moose images that have a hint of "primitive" flavor to them. Connie still visits the Park often, capturing its rugged beauty in her paintings as much as she is able. She and her husband now own an advertising business in Lincoln.

In my book *Katahdin: An Historic Journey* I was only able to report that she was "likely" to have been the artist. It is good to know the "likely" has turned into "definitely." Thank you Connie.

Grant from Eaton Peabody Foundation Puts Abol Trail Campaign Over the Top

Trails are the heart of Baxter State Park. With over 225 miles of trails in a variety of terrain, it takes an exceptional amount of skill and hard work to keep the Park's trails in good condition. For the past six years, Friends has supported Baxter State Park in this effort by hiring Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) trail crews to complete projects in the Park. Friends contracts directly with MCC, and then donates their services to the Park to complete the work as specified by Park staff. This is a strong partnership that works out extremely well for all parties involved.



On March 19, the Eaton Peabody Foundation awarded Friends of Baxter State Park a \$5,000 grant that helped us reach our goal for the Abol Trail Relocation Project.

After a landslide destroyed a one-mile section of the Abol Trail in the spring of 2014, Friends has been working to help restore access to this trail – one of only three main routes up Katahdin. Our goal was to work with foundations and businesses to fund fifty percent of the \$102,000 overall cost of the Abol Trail Relocation Project.

On March 19, attorneys at Eaton Peabody working through the Eaton Peabody Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to Friends of Baxter State Park for this effort. We are happy to announce that this grant put our campaign for the Abol Trail over the top! Coupled with support from LL Bean, the Davis Conservation Foundation, and the Recreational Trails Program, we have now met our goal of funding fifty percent of the Abol Trail Relocation Project. Many thanks to the Eaton Peabody Foundation for this generous grant, and for helping restore access to one of the most historic and popular hiking trails in Baxter State Park.

Membership Raffle

Friends has established a goal of reaching 1,000 members this year, and we're working very hard to reach that milestone. You can help us meet this goal. We are offering a membership raffle this spring with some great prizes. There are three ways to enter the raffle:

- 1) Join as a new member before June 30
- 2) Give a gift membership before June 30
- 3) Recruit a new member to join before June 30

If you meet any of these criteria, you'll automatically be entered to win. You can enter more than once. If you recruit ten new members, you'll get ten entries in the raffle. Here are the prizes for this year's raffle:



Getaway in Nova Scotia

Explore Lunenburg County on Nova Scotia's beautiful South Shore. This offer includes two nights lodging in a yurt on Bell's Island, coffee on the deck at sunrise, home cooked meals, and your choice of activities including coastal hikes, museums, and beaches. Offer limited to two adults or a small family.



Sail the Coast of Maine

Spend a full day of sailing on the sloop-rigged catamaran Moxie Cat with Captain Richard Klain. Your choice of Casco Bay, Muscongus Bay, or Penobscot Bay. Includes picnic lunch. Dates and details can be arranged with the winner. Offer limited to six passengers.



Handmade Cedar Garden Bench

This beautiful cedar bench, handmade by Friends Board member Bob Johnston, would be a wonderful addition to your garden or yard. The bench will be on display at the Friends Annual Meeting on April 11, 2015 in Augusta.





Attendees at the 2014 annual meeting elect new members to the Friends Board of Directors.

– Photo © Jym St. Pierre

Annual Meeting on April 11

Please join us on Saturday, April 11, for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Friends of Baxter State Park. The meeting will be held at the Viles Arboretum, located at 153 Hospital Street in Augusta, Maine. We'll gather for coffee and muffins at 8:30 am, and the meeting will start at 9:00 am. The meeting will feature a variety of interesting guest speakers, updates from the Park, and decisions by members. Please join us for lunch and an optional group hike following the meeting. Friends will provide a selection of sandwiches, salads, drinks, and desserts for lunch. The group hike location this year will be the Woodbury Sanctuary in Litchfield. Please visit www.friendsofbaxter.org for details.



Thankfully, the real Katahdin is in great shape, but our fiberglass model needs a little TLC.

– Photo © Aaron Megquier

Volunteer Programs for 2015

From campgrounds to trails, there are many different ways to volunteer in Baxter State Park. In partnership with the Park, Friends is offering a wide range of volunteer opportunities in 2015, including four special work weekends for Friends members. Please contact Alison Violette at volunteer@friendsofbaxter.org for more information or to sign up for any of these projects.

General Projects

- May 2: Earth Day Roadside Cleanup
- May 5: Invasive Forest Insect Outreach Volunteer Training @ BSP Headquarters
- May 9 –10: Chainsaw Safety Training @ Hidden Valley Nature Center

Campground Projects

- May 10 – 16: Campground Opening (weather & snow dependent)
- June 19 – 21: FBSP Volunteer Weekend
- July 10 – 12: FBSP Volunteer Weekend
- July 24 – 26: FBSP Volunteer Weekend
- Sept. 25 – 27: FBSP Volunteer Weekend
- Oct. 16 – 18: End of Season Campground Projects (Potential locations: Kidney, Daicey, Abol, Katahdin Stream, Roaring Brook, and Nesowadnehunk)
- Oct.19 – 22: Campground Closing @ South Branch Pond
- Oct. 24 – 30: Campground Closing @ Kidney & Daicey

Trail Projects

- June 6: National Trails Day/Trail Steward Training (Rain date June 7)
- July 6 – 10: Alpine Trail Construction – Hunt Trail
- July 13 – 17: Alpine Trail Construction – Hunt Trail

- July 20 – 24: Alpine Trail Construction – Hunt Trail
- July 27 – 31: Alpine Trail Construction – Hunt Trail

Volunteer Needed for Restoration Work

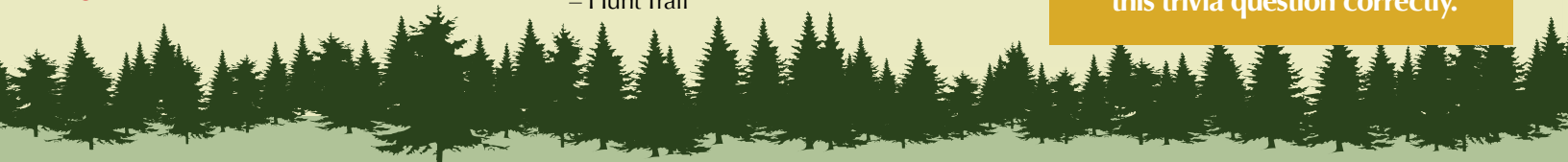
Friends is seeking a handy, artistic volunteer to bring our fiberglass model of Katahdin back to its former glory. The model needs a paint job – including detail work like trails, ponds, and treeline – as well as a new wood frame around the base. The model is currently at our office in Belfast. Painting and light carpentry skills would be helpful, as would a pickup or vehicle with good cargo capacity to transport the model to your workshop. Please call Aaron at (207) 975-3787 if you are interested in helping out with this project.



Answer: Trivia Question in Winter Newsletter

In our winter issue, we asked: "As you head west on Route 157 towards Millinocket and Katahdin you cross over Dolby Pond. Its former name was...?" The answer was B, Dolby Flowage.

Congratulations to Susan Wilson and Al Larson, who both answered this trivia question correctly.

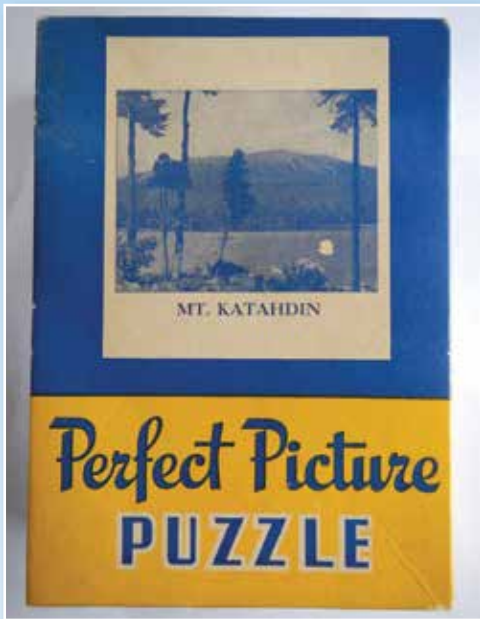


Sleuthing About Katahdin

by David Little, author of *Art of Katahdin*

"Sometimes the hardest pieces of a puzzle to assemble are the ones missing from the box."

- Dixie Waters



- Photo © David Little

For this collector of "all things Katahdin," the serendipitous gift from a friend of an early jigsaw puzzle of the mountain piqued my interest. While assembling the edging, shoreline, and emerging mountain silhouette of the view from Lower Togue Pond (in what is today Baxter State Park), I delved into the broader questions of the puzzle's history, aesthetic, and production.(1)

This small jigsaw puzzle was manufactured by the Consolidated Paper Box Company of Somerville, MA, in the years 1941-1942.(2) For this specific type of box and cover style (#16), the company produced at least 114 different puzzles, with titles like "Mt. Chocorua" and "Mt. Rainier"; "Maine Coast" and "Portland Head"; and "Attic Treasures," "The First Touchdown," and "Puzzled Puppies."

The completed puzzle image of Katahdin started with a photograph from the Maine Development Commission.(3) Other steps in its production included the making of a color lithographic sheet adhered to soft chipboard; the artist's drawing of the puzzle shapes in linear, intersecting patterns; the precision bending of razor-sharp ribbons of metal into a raised design; the die-cutting process; and finally the creation of the eye-catching colors and bold lettering of the box cover and side flaps.(4) Assembling the pieces of this

jigsaw puzzle and the clues to its history, whether by shape or color, intuition or Internet, might well be, as they have been for me, a metaphor for both the making of the book *Art of Katahdin* and for the fascinating, complex history of Maine's highest mountain. Whether an antique, artifact, or piece of ephemera, this Perfect Picture Puzzle of Mt. Katahdin is a memento of our shared past, challenging us on many levels.

(1) Check out the website www.PerfectPicturePuzzle.com and the remarkable research of two individuals, Chris McCann, collector and database creator, and Jim Ciccotti, collector and website builder. Contemporary puzzles of Katahdin are still being made, mostly customized from color photographs. The website Jigzone even has a Katahdin puzzle (48 pieces) that you can assemble online!

(2) The puzzle box measures 5 1/4 x 7 1/8 x 2 in., contains "over 275 pieces", and makes a completed puzzle of 15 1/2 x 10 1/8 in. On the side flap is a printed Victory stamp showing a soldier and a reminder to buy U.S. Savings Bonds.



- Photo © David Little

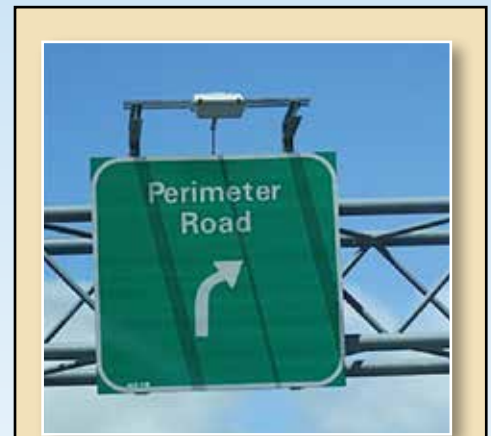
(3) The Maine Development Commission's work, which began in 1927, was an act of the Maine Legislature to "collect, publicize, and disseminate data relative to the resources of the State" through "progressive recreational advertising." The photograph, from the late 30's, is by Bert Call and was taken from Camp Natarswi, a Girl Scout Camp and former location of the Civilian Conservation Corps. See Neff & Whitcomb, *Images of America: Baxter State Park and Katahdin, 2012*. Arcadia Publishing p. 99.

(4) This style of puzzle design produced puzzle pieces that were not interlocking. The puzzles were such a popular form of cheap home entertainment (10 cents per



- Image courtesy of perfectpicturepuzzle.com

box) that many subjects were produced in three different box colors: red, orange, and yellow. The "Mt. Katahdin" puzzle's image was copyrighted in 1949 by the Louis F. Dow lithography company.



Baxter State Park Trivia

- Puzzle Master Al Howlett

The road through Baxter State Park is sometimes called the Perimeter Road. See photo. Where was this picture taken?

- a) At the Park entrance (south gate).
- b) At the traffic light at the corner of Penobscot Avenue and Central Street, Millinocket. (Hint: North Light Gallery is at this intersection.)
- c) At I-95 Exit 244. (Hint: this is the exit to reach the Togue Pond gate when driving north on I-95)
- d) New Hampshire.

Send Trivia answers to admin@friendsofbaxter.org



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Thank you!

2015 Walks in the Park

Friends is once again offering a series of overnight trips and day hikes for our members this summer! Advance sign-up is required for all events, and space is limited. Please RSVP to Sarah Holland at admin@friendsofbaxter.org.

North Brother Day Hike: July 17

Last year, a Maine Conservation Corps crew funded by Friends did some great work on the Marston Trail. We'll check it out on our way to climb North Brother – a challenging hike with great views of the Klondike and the wild north side of Katahdin.

Host: Aaron Megquier

South Branch Pond Weekend: July 24 – 26

Enjoy two nights at South Branch Pond, with wonderful opportunities for hiking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, and relaxing.

Host: Dick Klain

Kidney Pond Weekend: August 27 – 30

Kidney Pond makes a terrific base camp for hiking on the western side of the Park, paddling the many ponds in the area, or just relaxing in the library with friends. Accommodations in shared cabins. Join our day hike of Doubletop on Friday if you wish.

Host: Jill Ippoliti

Doubletop Day Hike: August 28

One of the most distinctive summits in the Park, Doubletop offers a challenging day hike with great views. We'll hike from the south via the trailhead at Kidney Pond.

Host: Aaron Megquier

