



# FOREVER WILD



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## Executive Director's Column

by Aaron Megquier

I've been thinking a lot about tipping points lately. The American Heritage Dictionary defines a tipping point as follows: "A critical moment in a complex situation in which a small influence or development produces a sudden large or irreversible change." Like many things, tipping points are easier to see in hindsight and often harder to see in real-time. But sometimes, with enough perspective and many sets of eyes, we can see them as they occur.

I talk to thousands of people a year about Baxter State Park. Over the past several years, the phrase that has come up most often is this: "I've never seen anything like it." When I hear this from someone who has been visiting the Park for decades, my ears tend to perk up. The stories are everywhere: entire lean-tos tossed by the wind; Wassataquoik Stream rising 10 feet in a few hours, with miles of trails under water; Bear Brook washing away a large section of the Roaring Brook Road; bone-dry conditions and extreme fire risk in early spring; open water in mid-February instead of the usual 30 inches of ice; tick populations rapidly increasing; heavy rainfall events occurring in every month of the year. Anecdotes are not a substitute for scientific data, but they sometimes have greater power in motivating social change. Anecdotally, it feels like we have passed a tipping point, and that the pace of climate change is accelerating.

The phrase "new normal" experienced a surge in usage during the early years of the pandemic. It's a concise way of acknowledging sweeping and sometimes overwhelming changes. But the phrase implies "normalcy" in a new steady state. Normalcy, in the sense of adhering to an expected value or pattern, is simply not in the cards for our climate future. A tipping point is often followed by a period of rapid change – one in which the past is no longer a good predictor of the future, and

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Early April in Maine is the tail end of winter, with snow at the higher elevations and unsafe ice on many lakes and ponds. Baxter State Park is closed to camping and most forms of use in April for resource protection. Those hoping to visit the area for the April 8 solar eclipse should plan to keep their tires on the paved roads and their boots on the sidewalks of our Katahdin Region communities. – Photo © Ardis Hacker

## 2024 Solar Eclipse in the Katahdin Region

By Hope Rowan

Northern Maine will be the place to be on Monday, April 8, 2024, as visitors from across the country and the world travel to the region to view a total eclipse of the sun. While such occurrences happen around the world about every 18 months, they occur at any given place only every 360 to 410 years on average. In the United States, April 8 will be the last chance to view a total solar eclipse for over 20 years. The last time a total solar eclipse occurred in Maine was in 1963, and it won't happen again in the state until 2044!

The entire eclipse in Maine will last for about 2.5 hours on the afternoon of April 8. Most of this time will be a partial eclipse, with the moon only blocking part of the sun. Only a narrow swath of Maine – about 107 miles wide – will experience a total eclipse. The totality phase of the eclipse is when the darkest part of the moon's shadow (known as the umbra) is cast on the earth and completely blocks out the sun. The sky will darken as if it were twilight, with shadows diminishing. In Millinocket, totality will begin at 3:31 P.M. and last for 2 minutes and 56 seconds.

Baxter State Park will be within the path of totality, but it is not a good place to view the eclipse. Every year, the Park closes in April for the safety of visitors and to protect the Park's fragile natural resources during mud season. Plant communities on Katahdin, Traveler, and other alpine summits cannot withstand foot traffic during spring weather conditions. To fulfill its primary objective of preserving the Park's ecosystems, the Park closes all trails above treeline on Katahdin and Traveler during April and a large portion of May. You can

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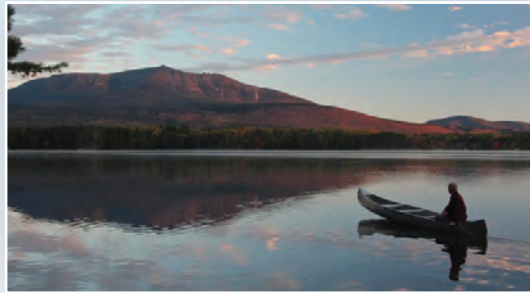
Friends of Baxter State Park strives to inspire passion for the Park's wild character in the spirit of Percival Baxter. We promote exemplary use, natural resource stewardship, and a healthy Katahdin region to ensure the Park forever remains a refuge.

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change itself is the dominant characteristic.

We all need to come to grips with this, and the sooner the better. Adaptability will be the name of the game indefinitely – both in our day-to-day lives and our trips to the Park. Winter visitors are already encountering a landscape without reliable snow and ice. Packing skis, snowshoes, hiking boots, and microspikes is a good idea – but how about a kayak? Without dependable conditions for snowmobiles, Park staff will have to develop alternative ways to transport materials in winter. All visitors to Russell Pond should take food for extra days in case they are stranded if Wassataquoik Stream floods. Over the coming decades, the Park will need to make a major effort to move trails, roads, campsites, and other key infrastructure out of floodplains and other vulnerable areas.

Humans have a superb capacity for learning in complex situations. But we must accept what we are seeing before we can learn from it. Stories – especially stories from people we know and trust – are among the most powerful ways to learn. If you have a story to tell about your experiences in the Park, please consider submitting a trip report on our website at [friendsofbaxter.org/trip-reports](http://friendsofbaxter.org/trip-reports). Other visitors will then be able to learn from your experience. We may also print some trip reports in this newsletter.



No matter how you like to explore the Park, your stories and experiences can help others better understand what to expect. Please consider submitting a trip report via our website.

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## Member Musings: Miscellany from our Membership

Edited by Rachel Spatz Bidstrup

Member Musings, our edited collection of submissions based on a prompt, will continue in our next edition of *Forever Wild*. Submissions can be in any form such as essays, poems, sketches, artwork, photography and other miscellany. The prompt for our next edition is SOLITUDE.

Submissions can be sent to [rachel@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto:rachel@friendsofbaxter.org) or PO Box 322, Belfast, ME 04915 and must be received no later than June 21, 2024. We look forward to your submissions!



## Baxter State Park Trivia

### Question:

If a drop of rain lands on Katahdin and flows downhill without evaporating along the way, where would it eventually reach the ocean? (Bonus: pick a spot on Katahdin and trace the journey of the raindrop to the ocean).

Please send trivia answers to  
 Rachel Spatz Bidstrup at  
[rachel@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto:rachel@friendsofbaxter.org).

## Answer: Trivia Question in Winter Newsletter

In our winter newsletter, we asked whether Traveler Mountain is: 1) Located mostly outside the Park boundary; 2) The highest volcanic mountain in New England; 3) Home of Maine's highest fire watch tower; 4) Named after Gerald M. Traveler; or 5) All of the above. The answer is 2) The highest volcanic mountain in New England. Congratulations to Harlan, Cloe, Thom, and Rick for answering correctly!

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## 2024 Solar Eclipse *Continued from pg.1*

help the Park by respecting trail closures during this time.

There is limited access to the Park in the winter, including the month of April. The approach roads to both Park gates are not plowed, and the road to the Togue gate serves as a designated snowmobile trail during the winter months. With thinning ice and variable snow cover, access by cross-country skiing or snowmobiling is often difficult or impossible in April. For this reason, Baxter State Park is closed to camping throughout April each year. It is illegal to camp outside designated campgrounds in the Park any time of year. While lakes and ponds may seem like a nice, open viewing spot to see the eclipse, ice in April is often thin and unsafe, making this a dangerous proposition.

The path of totality will cross a vast swath of northern Maine. There are numerous places outside Baxter State Park that will make for wonderful places to view this astronomical event. The Katahdin region is excited to welcome visitors for the eclipse, and is currently creating a variety of "Star Parks" in Millinocket and other local communities. Star Parks are designated eclipse viewing locations that are chosen with safety, convenience, and great views in mind! New England Outdoor Center (recently renamed as Ktaadn Resorts) is planning a special, ticketed event for April 8 with food, live entertainment, and dedicated eclipse viewing space. More information about Star Park locations can be found on the Aroostook County Tourism website ([visitaroostook.com](http://visitaroostook.com)) and the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce website ([www.katahdinmaine.com](http://www.katahdinmaine.com)).

In Maine, the eclipse will be visible low on the southwestern horizon. To view the eclipse with Katahdin, you will need to be at a high vantage point northeast of the mountain, such as Patten or Mt. Chase. Make sure to get a pair of eclipse glasses soon (<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters>) so that you can view the eclipse safely. If you choose to head north to view the eclipse or are lucky enough to live within the path of totality – and the weather cooperates – it should be a very memorable experience!

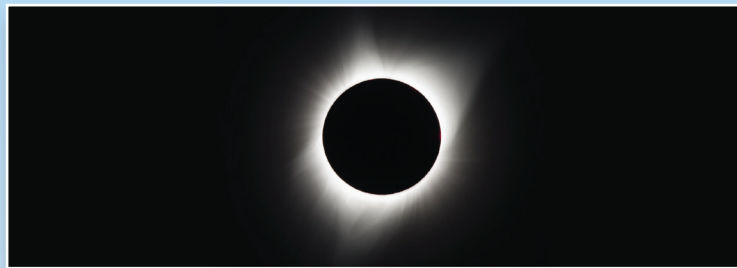


Photo by Aubrey Gemignani via NASA

### NOTICE: Spring Restrictions in Baxter State Park Will Remain in Force During the April 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



**No Camping in the Park**

With thinning ice on the ponds and lakes and variable snow cover for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, the unpredictable conditions of spring in northern Maine make access to the wilderness difficult at this time of year. Therefore, **all campgrounds close** throughout April each year. It is **illegal to camp outside of designated campgrounds** in the Park at any time of year.



**Katahdin & the Traveler Range are Closed**

Katahdin and the Traveler Range are home to **highly fragile ecosystems**. The critically important plants that grow in these alpine environments **cannot withstand foot traffic** during spring weather conditions. To fulfill our primary objective of preserving the Park's ecosystems, we close these trails every April. You can help us in this endeavor by observing the rules and respecting trail closures during this time.



**No Vehicular Access to Park Gates**

During the winter months, approach roads to the Park gates are not plowed and are designated snowmobile trails. For safety reasons, **it is illegal to drive any other motor vehicle on a snowmobile trail.**

Snowmobiles may access the Park during this time, but are restricted to the **Tote Road only.**

#### Heads Up!

The eclipse will be somewhat low on the southwestern horizon; to view the sun with Katahdin, you will need to be at a high vantage point northeast of the mountain.



#### Where Else Can You View the Eclipse?

The Katahdin Chamber of Commerce provides a listing of viewing locations ("Star Parks") and eclipse events in the Katahdin region: <https://www.katahdinmaine.com/eclipse-events/>

The Maine Office of Tourism lists eclipse viewing events and opportunities along the path of the eclipse across the state: <https://visitmaine.com/things-to-do/in-the-sky/solar-eclipse-2024>

Thank you for being safe and helping us to protect our treasured park!

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– Calendar cover photo © Ken Wadness

### Call for Calendar Photos

Friends is now accepting photo submissions for the 2026 Baxter State Park calendar, with a deadline of October 31, 2024. This is a wonderful way to support Baxter State Park with your photography! For guidelines and more information, please visit our website at [friendsofbaxter.org](http://friendsofbaxter.org).

### Baxter State Park Authority 2024 Meeting Schedule

- March 8, 2024: Room 600, Burton M. Cross Building, Augusta
- May 31, 2024: Kidney Pond Library
- July 12, 2024: Room 600, Burton M. Cross Building, Augusta
- October 4, 2024: Kidney Pond Library
- December 20, 2024: Room 600, Burton M. Cross Building, Augusta

All meetings are 10:00am - 12:00pm. Meeting dates are subject to change. Please visit [baxterstatepark.org/home2/meeting-info](http://baxterstatepark.org/home2/meeting-info) for an up-to-date schedule, meeting materials, and additional information.



## President's Column

by Josie Quintrell

I want to express our gratitude for your generous support of our 2023 year-end appeal. Your donations enable Friends to continue and expand our support for the Park through education, advocacy, and outreach. Friends is a small organization that depends on teamwork and the support of all our members and donors. Our shared love of this special place brings us together – and together, we are making a difference. Thank you!

At any given time, Friends is working on a variety of projects to support the Park's mission. Our two summer youth programs – the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program and Baxter Youth Conservation Corps – introduce the next generation to the Park. Right now, staff are busy recruiting participants, making selections, updating the curriculum, scheduling invited speakers, writing grants, and working with Park staff on planning. Our new *Baxter and Friends* podcast series is in full swing, with new episodes released monthly. The Membership Committee is developing several events this year to bring people together and to expand our membership. The Policy Committee is monitoring legislation and other

activity that may impact the Park and surrounding area. These are just a few highlights of our work – please attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2024, to learn more.

We are always looking for new ways to support the Park. In January, several Board members sat down with Park leadership in Millinocket to brainstorm. There was no shortage of ideas! Friends is currently assessing what can be done in the short term, what might take more time or additional resources, and developing an action plan. We will report back as this process unfolds. We appreciate the Park's leadership team working with us on this effort.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. A theme that runs throughout this issue and other recent issues is the impact of extreme weather events on the Park's trails, bridges, roads, and natural resources. Storms are occurring with greater frequency and intensity. Making Baxter resilient in our changing climate will be a focus for years to come.

See you on the trails,  
Josie



Hikers enjoying a spectacular winter afternoon on the Abol Trail.

– Photo © Aaron Megquier



## Update from Baxter State Park

*Editor's Note: This update is excerpted from a written memo presented to the BSP Authority at its January 12, 2024 meeting. It has been edited slightly for brevity.*

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at the Park. On Monday, December 11, we received a big storm with enough warm air to give most of the state of Maine 2-3 inches of rain. This storm had very light inland winds, and the Park came through it relatively unscathed.

On Monday, December 18, Maine received what normally would have been a significant snowfall this time of year. Instead, southerly tropical winds carried this storm and dumped another 2-4 inches of rain, and brought 40-70 mph gusts inland. The Park roads suffered significant, but not major, damage – the rest of Maine suffered major damage to roads and electricity.

Most trails in Baxter State Park weathered the storm. There was some damage to the boardwalk at Grassy Pond. We advise hikers to take the Blueberry Ledges Trail instead until this issue is resolved, which is set for early summer 2024.



Flooding damage to the Tote Road near Nesowadnehunk Field Campground in December 2023.



A lean-to blown over at Nesowadnehunk Campground in December 2023.



Damage to the Roaring Brook Road following a heavy rainfall event on December 18, 2023.

– All photos courtesy of Baxter State Park

# History of Daicey Pond Camps

by Cassandra Knudsen  
BSP Interpretive Specialist

*Editor's Note: We will be providing a sustained focus on Daicey Pond this year as the beloved cabins undergo major restoration and repair. While this work is underway, Daicey Pond will be closed to camping from May 2024 to April 2025. This article has been lightly edited for brevity and use in the newsletter.*



The spectacular view of Katahdin from the dock at Daicey Pond has delighted visitors to the camps for over a century. – Photo © Aaron Megquier

First established by Maurice York in 1899, the campground that sits upon the shores of Daicey Pond predates both Baxter State Park and the Tote Road that now provides access to it. York first created the camp, initially known as Twin Pine Camps, in the tradition of Maine's famed sporting camps. Governor Baxter purchased the parcel of land that includes Kidney and Daicey Ponds in 1941 before officially adding their acreage to Baxter State Park in 1945. While the York family continued to run Twin Pine Camps for almost a quarter of a century after Baxter State Park acquired Daicey Pond, the Park has run the campground since 1969.

## Twin Pine Sporting Camps

Sporting camps, which first gained a foothold across the state in the mid-1800s, are a unique part of Maine's heritage that stretches back almost to the state's creation in 1820. The camps were typically the result of a partnership between individual entrepreneurs and large lumber companies, in which the latter would lease out pockets of land for recreational purposes such as hunting, hiking, and fishing, so long as those recreational activities didn't interfere with lumbering operations. Between the late 1800s and mid-1900s, the Great Northern Paper Company owned much of the land that Baxter State Park now occupies. Completion of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad in 1890 and the introduction of steamboats into the lakes and river systems around northern Maine allowed the public greater access into the depths of the Maine Woods, which in turn gave rise to sporting camps in the area.

At first, most sporting camps were reachable only by a combination of train, steamboat, canoe, and foot travel. They became more accessible after the completion and subsequent improvement of the Greenville-Millinocket Tote Road in the 1930's. The isolated nature of the sporting camps made them a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, and they continued to be popular destinations well into the mid-1900s.

Maurice York built his twelve cabins in the shadow of two towering white pines on Daicey Pond's shores between 1899 and the 1920s. The lease remained in the hands of the York family for 70 years and three generations. The Yorks were instrumental in shaping the areas around Daicey Pond into what they are today, alongside the MATC (Maine Appalachian Trail Club) crews that regularly stayed at Twin Pine Camps, the Hunt Brothers (who founded the neighboring Kidney Pond Camps), and some of the two camps' regular "sports." We have these parties to thank for the creation of the network of trails linking the area's ponds, the first

trails to ascend Sentinel, Doubletop, and OJI Mountains, and, of course, the historic Hunt Trail, which is, to this day, the stretch of the Appalachian Trail which leads up Katahdin's southwestern spur to the AT's northern terminus on Baxter Peak.

## The Appalachian Trail and Baxter State Park Move In

In 1930, Governor Percival P. Baxter purchased a 6,000-acre stretch of land around Katahdin from the Great Northern Paper Company, which led to the official founding of Baxter State Park in 1931. In the following decades, Governor Baxter continued to acquire and donate parcels of land to the state of Maine, with the Park now encompassing over 200,000 acres.

Meanwhile, the development of the Appalachian Trail, which now stretches between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Katahdin's summit, Baxter Peak, finally concluded in the mid-1930s. Though initial plans for the AT set the northern terminus at Mount Washington in New Hampshire, Myron H. Avery – an important member of the ATC (Appalachian Trail Conservancy) and stalwart champion of the Katahdin region – convinced planners to continue the trail through Maine to Katahdin. In 1933, he and three others painted a stretch of the AT's renowned white blazes from Katahdin's summit right through the middle of Twin Pine Camps and beyond.

In 1941, Governor Baxter purchased the land parcel, including Kidney and Daicey Ponds, from the Garfield Land Company. He officially donated the land to the state of Maine in 1945, but he continued to honor leases with the sporting camps' proprietors. It wasn't until nearly a quarter century later, in 1969, that the Park Authority officially took over full responsibility for Daicey Pond Campground. Since then, Daicey Pond has been run by the staff of Baxter State Park.

## An Evolving Campground

Change is an inevitability for all things that survive. Just as a river slowly carves new pathways into the landscape it inhabits, and just as a snake sheds an old skin once it's become tight and worn out, the campground we now call Daicey Pond has changed in many ways since its initial founding in 1899. Though the 2024 Project will be a major work, it is only one of many changes Daicey Pond has undergone in the last 125 years.

Though Maurice York began building cabins along Daicey Pond's shore shortly after acquiring the lease for the land in 1899, he opened the camps before the cabins were ready to accommodate guests. Before completing the newer buildings, he ran the business from within several abandoned lumber camp buildings in the field below the pond, where the Day Use Parking Lot now sits. Those original buildings no longer exist.

Maurice York built his cabins on the shores of Daicey Pond. Between 1946 and 1969, Earle York Jr. and his wife Jeannette completely dismantled each of the cabins and rebuilt them away from the pond's edge in the more private, secluded, and protected locations they now occupy. Changes to the cabin's materials and designs were also made during this relocation.

In the 1930s, Foster Field, which is just under 2 miles from Daicey Pond, was formerly the site of a large lumber camp. The log scaler there, who measured the size and quality of the logs from the operation, lived in a white building situated in the field. Though the Civilian Conservation Corps razed most of the lumber camp's buildings in the late 1930s, the scaler's house was given to the York Family and moved to Daicey Pond, where it underwent numerous renovations and continues to serve as the

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ranger station there.

Finally, in 2004, two of the original Dacey Pond cabins were removed and replaced with a single six-person cabin in 2005, resulting in accommodation for the same number of people. The old cabins were deteriorating from heavy use. Additionally, one of the cabins had a notable environmental impact on the pond's shores.

The work the Park is now undertaking on the remaining cabins represents the next chapter in the long history of this campground. In accordance with Governor Baxter's wishes, we aim to maintain the rustic conditions visitors have experienced at Dacey Pond Campground for the better part of a century. We hope that our careful attention to the aesthetic of these old buildings will result in the maintenance of their original character, and visitors will continue to be able to imagine the site's rich history.



Keith Wehmeyer, BSP Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor, explains restoration plans for cabin #2 at Dacey Pond to Attorney General Aaron Frey and BSP Advisory member Mike Perry. — Photo © Aaron Megquier

## Applications open for the Baxter Youth Conservation Corps

The Baxter Youth Conservation Corps (BYCC) is an excellent opportunity for high school students and recent graduates from the Katahdin region to receive job training and service-learning experience. They work full-time on trail projects in Baxter State Park, led by experienced adult crew leaders. The participants also receive job skills training and career mentoring.



BYCC crew members after a day of work on the Chimney Pond Trail in July 2023. —Photo © Jake Kowalski

We are currently hiring youth trail crew participants for our 2024 program. The BYCC season will run from June 17 to August 9. Crew members can sign up for the entire 8-week season or choose to work for 2, 4, or 6 weeks. Currently enrolled students and recent graduates (2022 or 2023) from Stearns, Schenck, Katahdin, or Southern Aroostook high schools and Mattanawcook Academy are eligible to apply, as well as homeschool students from those districts. We will also accept applications from seasonal residents of the Katahdin Region between the ages of 15-19 who live in Maine year-round. Trail crew positions offer a starting rate of \$17/hour, with a \$1/hour raise for every year of experience in the program.

We also offer the BYCC Conservation Fellows program, which provides a unique opportunity for youth from the Katahdin Region to pursue paid leadership and conservation work, as well as independent study. This

program is similar to a college-level internship. Fellowships are offered to those demonstrating exemplary motivation and career interests in outdoor recreation, conservation, or environmental fields. Conservation Fellows must be juniors, seniors, or recent graduates (2022-2023) of Stearns, Schenck, Katahdin, or Southern Aroostook high schools or Mattanawcook Academy.

Applications for the BYCC and Conservation Fellows programs are available on our website. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2024.

## New Podcast Episodes

By Mary Weitzman

Our podcast series, *Baxter & Friends*, was launched last year by board members Jensen Bissell and Bill Green. In this series, Jensen and Bill interview people with a wide range of Park expertise and some incredible stories to tell. We will release new episodes this spring and summer on the first Friday of each month. If you plan on visiting the Park this season, tune in to our podcast during your drive – it's the perfect soundtrack for your journey!

### March: Nava Tabak, All in a Day's Work

Nava Tabak is the Director of Natural Resources at Baxter State Park. Her role involves overseeing research, education, outreach, and the Scientific Forest Management Area. Managing and protecting Baxter State Park is a complex task, and Nava gives us an insider's perspective on her work, her views on the Park, and the challenges it faces. Her discussion provides a glimpse into the intricate world of safeguarding and managing Baxter State Park.

### April: Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Maine's State Historian Discusses Baxter

Earle Shettleworth is widely regarded as the foremost authority on the history of Maine. He has been serving as Maine's State Historian, a position appointed by the governor, for the past 20 years. Bill and Jensen had the privilege of speaking with Earle about Percival Baxter's life, as only he could. Earle knew Baxter, and in sharing his personal experiences, he gives us a unique insight into Baxter's life as a Portlander and a true man of Maine. This podcast is available in two parts.

### May: Nels Kramer, Fisheries Master and Master Fisherman

Nels Kramer held the position of Regional Fisheries Biologist at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, where he surveyed almost every pond in Baxter State Park. His work establishing a baseline of knowledge regarding water quality and fisheries in the Park is invaluable. This discussion is packed with helpful information. This conversation may ignite a desire to go fishing for brook trout in Baxter Park! Fishing licenses are available at any Park Campground and the Visitor Center throughout the summer.

### June: Evelyn Dunphy, The Park Through an Artist's Eye

Evelyn Dunphy is a watercolor artist who specializes in plein-air painting. She was also Baxter State Park's first Visiting Artist. Evelyn has painted from Painter's Beach on Katahdin Lake, following in the footsteps of the famous 19th-century artist Frederic Church. In addition to her painting, she also teaches others her craft. She joins Jensen and Bill for an interesting discussion about art and Baxter State Park.

### July: Charles FitzGerald, a Passion for the Park

Charles FitzGerald spoke with Bill and Jensen about his extensive involvement with Baxter State Park. During their discussion, they delve into the fundamental principles that have motivated Charles to engage in activities such as filing lawsuits, buying land, participating in advisory committees, establishing sporting camps, and creating foundations for natural education. It's an intriguing conversation with a man who is deeply committed to his beliefs.



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*Thank you!*

## You're Invited! Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 6

We are thrilled to be holding our annual meeting in person this year and invite you to join us!

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
Colby College Alumni Center  
4 Hillhouse Dr, Waterville, Maine

We'll gather for coffee and goodies at 8:30 am. The meeting starts at 9:00 am and will feature guest speakers, the latest news from the Park, and updates on Friends of Baxter State Park programs.

All are welcome to join us for lunch at 12:00 pm.

RSVP by March 20 at [friendsofbaxter.org/events/annual-meeting](http://friendsofbaxter.org/events/annual-meeting)