



FOREVER WILD



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Executive Director's Column

by Aaron Megquier

As a small, grassroots organization we are always looking for ways to increase our impact. There are many good ways to do this, but programs that achieve multiple goals at once are one of my favorites. Friends has a long-term interest in providing trail support to Baxter State Park, cultivating the next generation of wilderness stewards, and ensuring a strong relationship between the Park and surrounding communities. We have successful programs in each of these areas, but what if we could offer a single program that would tackle all of those issues at once?

The Baxter Youth Conservation Corps is our current answer to this question. This program, to be launched in July 2017, will hire youth ages 15 to 18 from the Katahdin region to work with professional leaders on trail projects in Baxter State Park. The Youth Corps will focus on basic trail maintenance tasks, including corridor definition, blazing, and waterbar maintenance, as well as more technical projects under the supervision of Baxter State Park staff.

We will pay young people well for their efforts – about \$12 per hour – to help connect the dots between conservation and economic vitality. In 2017, we plan to hire ten youth and two adult leaders for two weeks, resulting in about 1,000 hours of trail work donated to Baxter State Park. Participants will meet at a central location outside the Park, ride into the Park in a van each day, and work a full day before returning home in the evening. The program will also incorporate a group hike, job shadowing of a professional trail crew, and other special opportunities.

The 2017 crew will focus on the south end of the Park, with a workplan focusing on trails in the Katahdin Lake area. We hope to add a

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The 2015 Mitchell Scholars spent a day in Baxter State Park showing that volunteerism is a core part of good citizenship, and accomplishing a great deal of work in the process.

–Photo courtesy of Baxter State Park

Baxter's Culture of Giving Back

by Aaron Megquier

Anyone who knows the story of Baxter State Park understands that the Park represents a profound gift to all of us. Percival Baxter spent four decades of his life writing an ethic of stewardship onto the landscape of northern Maine. His spirit of generosity, selflessness, and civic responsibility is part of the Park's history. It is part of the present-day culture of the Park as well, in the actions of Authority members, staff, volunteers, and visitors who constantly strive to leave the place better than they found it. For the Park to remain forever wild, this ethic of stewardship must be part of its future as well. If you've ever hauled trash out of a campsite in the Park, or tossed a fallen branch off the trail while hiking, chances are that this ethic of stewardship is already part of your feelings for the Park.

There are many meaningful ways to give back. The Park offers a volunteer program with a wide variety of events scheduled every season. The entire list of volunteer opportunities for 2017 is published on page 7 of this newsletter. The Park has several volunteer committees that provide invaluable advice and support on different areas of Park operations. These include the BSP Advisory, BSP Investment

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second 12-person team in 2018. That team would focus on the north end of the Park, offering an easier commute for youth from the Sherman-Patten-Stacyville region.

Our goal is to make this an attractive program for area teens, and to inspire them to view wilderness and economic vitality as going hand-in-hand. This project represents a creative effort to address the conservation challenges facing Baxter State Park and the economic crisis facing the Katahdin region. We anticipate that every dollar we invest in the Baxter Youth Conservation Corps will provide at least four or five dollars worth of benefit to the Park and the communities of the Katahdin region.

This program has received generous grant support from the Maine Community Foundation (both the Penobscot County Fund and the Haskell – Stetson Fund for Penobscot County), the Davis Conservation Foundation, and LL Bean. Many thanks to these organizations for supporting Baxter State Park and the future of the Katahdin region!

Answer: Trivia Question in Winter Newsletter

In our winter newsletter, we posed this question: "The recently published *Plants of Baxter State Park* field guide provides full descriptions and photographs of all 857 species of plants known to occur in Baxter State Park. How many of those 857 plants are considered to be invasive in Maine?"

The answer was C, seven species. If you'd like to know what they are, you may want to pick up a copy of the guide!

Membership Matters

by Sarah Holland, Administrative Manager

While the financial support of your membership is vital, so too is your volunteer support. Friends was founded as a volunteer effort of like-minded people with a passion for Baxter State Park. We have grown over the years, and now maintain a small staff of one full-time director and one part-time employee. We still depend heavily, however, on volunteers to lead our organization, guide our programs, organize events, and coordinate group activities. Each year at our Annual Meeting we elect volunteer Board Directors to serve three-year terms. Throughout the year we seek member participation in numerous committees focusing on Member Activities, Public Relations, Membership, Development, Policy Issues, the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program, and the BSP Calendar. We also rely on volunteers who donate their time and talents by submitting photographs for the BSP Calendar, acting as mentors for the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership program, hosting trips for our 'Walks in the Park' program, or participating as citizen scientists on various studies in the Park. We have even had volunteers paint our office walls and build furniture.

There are countless ways to get involved in supporting our mission. Of course, many members also volunteer in the Park on various projects from clearing trails, cleaning cabins, painting, and more. Volunteering is a great way to meet other Friends who share your interest in BSP. To those of you who already participate – thank you! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us and let us know about your interests. Whether it's a one-time event or a long-term commitment, we appreciate volunteer support at any level. Happy Trails!



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Participants in the Park's annual Earth Day Cleanup collect many pounds of trash from roadsides between Millinocket and the Togue Pond gate at the south end of Baxter State Park.
— Photo courtesy of Baxter State Park

Committee, SFMA Advisory, and BSP Research Committee. If you have a love of the Park and expertise in any of these areas, you might inquire about serving on one of these committees. Volunteer search and rescue teams from across Maine respond to incidents in the Park, and provide a vital service to Park visitors. Citizen science projects – like the recently completed *Plants of Baxter State Park* project – offer a great way to volunteer for those with an interest in the natural world. If you would like more information on any of these volunteer options, please contact us anytime.

There are more intangible, but still vital, ways to help. Taking a young person to the Park and inspiring him or her to love the place is an investment in the Park's future. So is writing or speaking in defense of the Park's wilderness values in a public venue.

One of our most important goals as an organization is to help people transform their love for Baxter State Park into constructive action. In this newsletter issue focused on volunteerism, I hope you find the inspiration and information you need to do just that.

Remembering Bert Call

By Isabel A. Jacobs

It's not difficult for me to pick the most memorable and exciting experience of my growing up years. Without question it was the trip up Katahdin with Bert Call in 1939. He was going for the primary purpose of taking pictures for the Bangor and Aroostook (Railroad's) annual publication, *In The Maine Woods*. Since he had camera equipment to carry, he needed help in toting supplies. He also liked people in his pictures, not too conspicuous, but there in the foreground. So Mary Call, his granddaughter, Elaine Gilbert and I were asked to go along. We were thrilled. Lillian Call who worked for Bert in the Call Studio and Ruth Slater, our French teacher, were also part of the group.

Bert was a woodsman of the old school as well as a gifted photographer. He did everything easily with a minimum of movement and talk. I got into more sweat making up my bedroll than he did over planning the whole trip. He bought all the food supplies, the same sort of things he had always taken into the woods. I remember beans, coffee, the makings for biscuits and pancakes, bacon, canned fruit and cheese. We divided it among the five of us. The

packs were heavy but not as heavy as his camera equipment.

We started out from Roaring Brook full of confidence. We girls had done the trip before with the Girl Scouts from Camp Natarawi and felt like veterans for about the first mile. Then the packs seemed to get heavier and heavier. We kept our mouths shut however, because there was Bert, in his 70's, leading the way with a heavier load. He wasn't even breathing hard. The last mile into Chimney Pond seemed very very long and the rocks in the old stream bed more slippery. We weren't exactly skipping from one to the other.

At Roy Dudley's cabin on Chimney Pond we were given a warm welcome. Bert and Roy were old friends and we were expected. We girls had anticipated sleeping in the Adirondack shelters and looking up at the stars over the rim of the Knifedge. That was not to be. Roy felt that Bert and his party should have the best so we stayed in his cabin. We girls were not thrilled with the idea of crawling into bunks made up with old woods quilts which had probably been in use since Teddy Roosevelt's time. We survived the first night with little sleep and the company of several friendly squirrels. After that we were too tired to care.

Bert, of course, was up early making pancakes for all of us. He and Roy had sat on the porch talking for a long time the night before as they did every evening. I wish we had had sense enough to listen more. Those days on "the Mountain" were very very special. I am thinking of them now in terms of Bert, or B. L. or Grampa. He answered to any of those names. He was in his element. He was taking the kinds of pictures he most enjoyed. He was an artist at work with his favorite medium in one of his favorite places. He had an old friend to visit with, one with whom he could sit and talk, or not talk, in perfect contentment. The teenagers in the party were ones he could tolerate. In fact he could tolerate almost anything. Never once on that trip did I see him get angry or even show irritation.

The day we went for the top was the day that really bonded us to the mountain and each other. We went up Cathedral Trail with frequent stops for picture taking. Those pictures and others taken nearer Chimney Pond were around for years. It was after the war, I was married and had three children when I opened an almanac and there was Mary, standing on a ledge looking out into the distance. Mount Katahdin. It gets to one and never leaves. Some of you know what I mean. Bert Call had the spirit of the mountain in his soul and was able to capture it for others with his camera.

We learned a great deal on that trip, more than we could realize at the time. We learned to stretch ourselves physically, not to be too nicey-nicey about old woods quilts and that the ice waters of Cathedral Pool could keep us clean. We learned about Pamola, the Indian God, from Roy Dudley who was on intimate terms with that deity and watched a full moon rise over Baxter Peak. And above all, because Bert Call was the guiding presence and understood so much of the woods and Roy and the mountain we felt a little of the spirit the Indians called Pamola. I know now that all this was not separate from what our churches had been trying to teach us, but was part of the whole. Bert knew, although he never said it. The woods and waters and especially Mt. Katahdin had been his church for many years.

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Volunteers in Service to Wilderness



A FBSP volunteer removes two unwanted items from the Park: roadside trash, and bristly locust (*Robinia hispida*), an invasive plant that occurs near the Togue Pond gatehouse.
– Photo © Alison Violette

Winter has been a time of enjoying everything that Maine has to offer in its frozen state: ice, snow, wind, all held at bay by the warmth from the wood stove. We have watched eagles eating the fish heads left by the ice fisherman on a local pond. We've skied on several old and new trails as the snow began to mount up. As the long nights stretched to late dawns, we caught up on our reading.

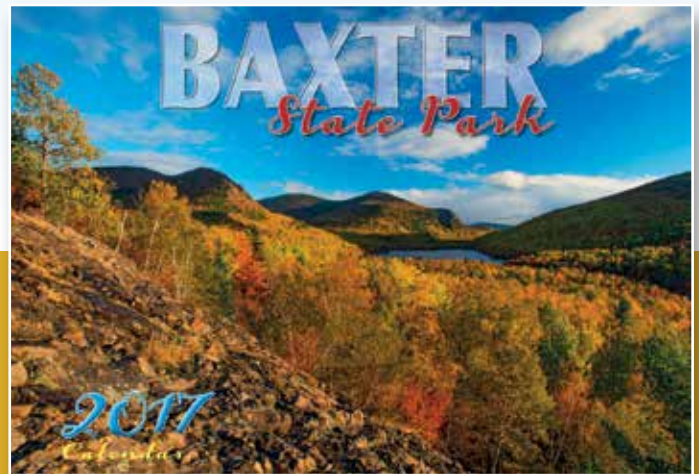
The article in our winter issue about the Park's new *Adopt a Trail* program brought to mind the long history of volunteerism in the United States. In many ways our republic was founded by volunteers. We began with Committees of Correspondence between and among the colonies. The representatives to the First Continental Congress were unpaid volunteers who at first just wanted to negotiate with their king. Later on, after a long and hard fought war, four guys by the names of Washington, Madison, Hamilton and Jay got together to try to create on paper what a better government might look like. They did this as volunteers to make a more perfect union – to make our country better for posterity. None of these four sought payment for their efforts. They only sought improvement of the common good. As we left our Confederation behind we adopted a Constitution and elected our first President. Soon after that a Frenchman by the name of d'Toqueville visited the new United States and found a nation bursting with energy, ideas, industry, and committees of volunteers that did everything possible to improve the lot of the citizenry. His comments, now nearly two centuries old, still ring true today.

I feel fortunate to live in a town protected by a volunteer fire department. At this stage of my life I am fortunate to serve on a volunteer town committee – in our town we are limited to only one. We volunteer through our church at the local soup kitchen. My wife volunteers at the local food pantry. Volunteerism is just a part of who we are as a family. We enjoy volunteering in a variety of places and with a variety of people. Many of my best friendships have come as a result of helping others and joining others to accomplish a common goal.

As Sarah Holland noted in her column on page 2, this organization was formed by volunteers. Through the volunteer efforts of our predecessors our organization has done amazing things to support the vision of Percival Baxter. Katahdin Lake is now a part of the Park. We have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for trail maintenance and construction within the Park to augment what the Park could do at the time. So far, we have graduated eighty Maine students through our Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program. We have sponsored several essential books about the Park, including a documentary history, a picture history, and the best trail guide available. Largely through the efforts of volunteers, the first comprehensive guide to the flora of Baxter State Park is now in print. We have been advocates for the Park through education. We continue to promote Park policies with Appalachian Trail thru-hikers, both north and south bounders. The list goes on and on.

I encourage each of you who may read these words to get involved and volunteer actively in this organization and others. I assure you that whatever organization you decide to join and spend time with, you will come away with a new sense of pride in your work and your neighbors. You will be inspired by what can be done when a few join together toward a common goal. For real inspiration be sure to read about one ten year-old's gift to Friends in the Our Readers Write section on page six.

Winter is over. Reading time is done. The days are longer now. Spring is the time of doing. Put those winter boots and books aside. Join us in making a better Park – a better world.



– Calendar cover photo © Billy Fay

2017 Baxter State Park Calendars For Sale

Still need a wall calendar to mark the days until your next visit to the Park? Friends has 2017 Baxter State Park calendars on sale for just \$10, with sales tax and shipping included. All proceeds benefit Friends of Baxter State Park. The photos alone are worth the price! You can order online at www.friendsofbaxter.org, mail a check to PO Box 322, Belfast, ME 04915, or call (207) 505-5779.



Baxter State Park Announces A.T. Hiker Permit Process

Myron Avery established the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) on Baxter Peak in 1933, two years after Percival Baxter donated more than 6,000 acres on Katahdin to the State of Maine as the first parcel of Baxter State Park. Since the A.T.'s establishment, the Baxter State Park Authority has hosted the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. The Trust Guidance and informal communications left by Percival Baxter to direct the governance and management of Baxter Park are silent regarding the A.T. They are not silent, however, as to the need to balance human use and resource protection.

For the past decade the increasing numbers of A.T. long-distance hikers entering the Park has been drawing the attention of Park management as the Park has applied increased resources to administer this group's unique needs.

Use of the Park by A.T. long-distance hikers has increased an average of 9% annually over the past 25 years. In 1991, the total number of recorded A.T. long-distance hikers in Baxter State Park was 359. In 2016, 2,733 A.T. long-distance hikers registered in the Park, an increase of more than 700% from 1991. Even in the last year (2016), 23% more A.T. hikers registered in the Park than in 2015.

In order to protect the natural resources of Katahdin and the visitor experience at Baxter Park, the Baxter State Park Authority has managed hiker access to Katahdin and Baxter Peak for several decades under a limited use model - with the exception of A.T. long-distance hikers. All Park visitors, both resident and non-resident, with the exception of AT hikers, work within a system that limits

daily hiker access to Baxter Peak on Katahdin.

Based on the significant growth rates of the A.T., the Baxter Park Authority has determined that the time has come to include A.T. hikers in the same model respected by all other Katahdin hikers. This plan includes commercial, camp, school, guided and other organized groups entering the Park on the A.T. and planning to hike Katahdin via the A.T.

In 2016, Baxter Park initiated an A.T. Hiker Permit Card process that required A.T. hikers in Baxter Park to acquire a permit card. This process will continue, but to improve our management of A.T. long-distance hikers in the years ahead and to be consistent in our management of all of BSP visitors wishing to climb Katahdin, the number of permit cards available to A.T. long-distance hikers in 2017 will be capped at 3,150.

All Northbound and Southbound Thru Hikers, Section Hikers and Flip-Flop A.T. Hikers entering Baxter Park in 2017, including commercial, camp, school, guided and other organized groups, will be required to secure an A.T. long-distance Hiker Permit Card for the Hunt Trail section of the A.T. This permit system applies to every hiker, so each member of the group will be required to secure an A.T. Hiker Permit Card prior to hiking the A.T./ Hunt Trail out of Katahdin Stream.

The number of cards available in 2017 is 417 cards more than were issued in 2016. A.T. Hikers will be required to have a stamped permit card prior to hiking the Hunt (A.T.) Trail from Katahdin Stream Campground to Baxter Peak.

Here are the specifics that A.T. Hikers will need to know:

1. A.T. Hiker Permit Cards will be available when the Hunt Trail opens to hiking in the spring (usually in early June).
2. A.T. Hiker Permit Cards must be secured in person at Park Headquarters or Katahdin Stream Campground. Hikers must provide their actual name, trail name, and an emergency contact phone number to receive a card.
3. There is no fee for a card.

4. The cards will be issued to four categories of long distance A.T. hikers: Northbound, Southbound, Section and Flip-Flop. Each hiker will be required to self-determine and declare their category prior to being issued an A.T. Hiker Permit Card.
5. The available number of A.T. Hiker Permit Cards for 2017 will be 3,150.
6. Hikers must stop at the Katahdin Stream Ranger Station to have their Permit Card stamped. Hikers can obtain a yellow hiker registration sheet at this time.
7. Permit Cards will be date-stamped at the time of issue. Permit Cards are valid for a period of seven days from the date stamp on the Card. For example, a Permit Card date stamped 9/23/17 will be valid through 9/30/17.
8. If all available 2017 permit cards have been issued, registration of A.T. hikers will end for the season, the Long Distance Hiking campsite will be closed and normal access protocols will apply to A.T. Shuttle traffic arriving at Togue Pond Gatehouse.
9. If all available cards have been issued, A.T. hikers may still complete their hike by entering the Park through the Togue Pond Gate following the same process as other day use or camping visitors.



- Photos courtesy of Baxter State Park

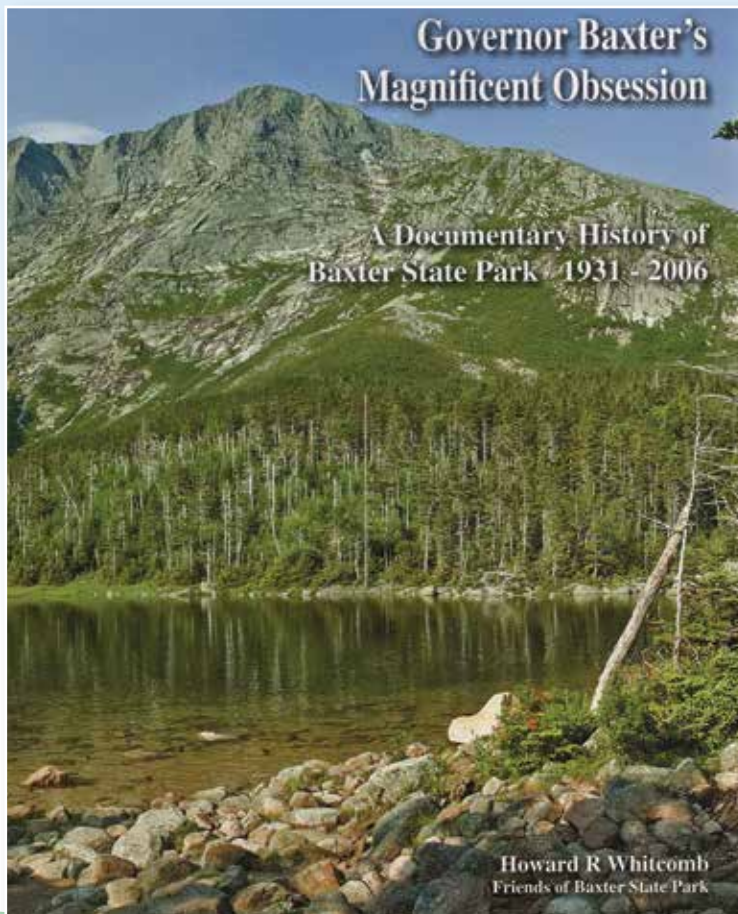
Friends partners with Maine State Library to distribute Baxter documents

Friends has entered into a new partnership with the Maine State Library to distribute two publications online through the Digital Maine program. Both works were compiled and edited by Howard R. Whitcomb in an exhaustive research effort that spanned many years.

Governor Baxter's Magnificent Obsession, published by Friends in 2008, is an essential reference work for anyone interested in Baxter State Park. This volume features an excellent historical essay on the creation of the Park, the complete Deeds of Trust, documentation on land acquisitions after Baxter's death, maps, and useful annotations throughout.

Percival P. Baxter's Vision for Baxter State Park is the definitive reference on the creation of Baxter State Park, from vision to completion. It contains 1,400 pages of primary sources in four volumes: Vol. 1, Deeds of Trust and Judicial Opinions; Vol. 2, Attorney General Opinions; Vol. 3, Speeches and National Park Controversy Correspondence; and Vol. 4, Correspondence Related to Baxter State Park. It was originally published in 2005, with a reprint in 2008.

Friends retains the copyright to both volumes, and has granted the Maine State Library permission to distribute them under a Creative Commons: Attribution – Non-Commercial – No Derivatives license. Both books may be downloaded in PDF form at http://digitalmaine.com/baxter_docs. Friends is very pleased to make these books detailing the legal, ethical, and historical foundations of Baxter State Park more broadly available to the public.



Published in 2008, *Governor Baxter's Magnificent Obsession* is an outstanding resource on the history and creation of Baxter State Park. This book is now available digitally via a partnership with the Maine State Library.

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Our Readers Write...

This past summer, I hiked Mount Katahdin with my family and my best friend Ruth. I really enjoyed it, so I wanted to donate to your organization, to help further support the park for other people, so they can enjoy it as much as I did. For the past four years I have sold a various range of my homemade products (lip balm, salves, felted acorns, and gnomes) at the Chewonki annual holiday craft fair. Every year I can spend a third of the money I earn, donate a third, and save a third. I am so happy to be able to contribute to helping this beautiful park!

Sincerely,

Sierra, Age 10

(Letter arrived with a donation of \$128)

Friends Continues Outreach to Appalachian Trail Thru-Hikers



HIKING TO KATAHDIN?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

Katahdin is in Baxter State Park.

Baxter is different from anywhere else on the AT. Wilderness comes first. Recreation comes second.

Katahdin is sacred to Maine's native people. It is a fragile and special place to finish a thru-hike.

In Baxter State Park and on Katahdin, plan to:

- ✓ Hike in small groups
- ✓ Celebrate quietly
- ✓ Save alcohol for later
- ✓ Share the summit with other hikers

You need to get an AT long distance hiker permit from Baxter State Park. Permits are free, and a limited number are available for 2017.

The future of the AT in Baxter State Park depends on partnership and good ethics from AT hikers.

DON'T JUST FINISH THE AT. FINISH WELL. www.friendsofbaxter.org

Friends recently redesigned and printed 1,000 copies of our outreach poster for AT thru-hikers. The 2017 edition includes new information about the BSP permit system, as well as encouragement to share the summit with other hikers. Friends will be distributing this 13" x 19" poster to hiker hostels, gear shops, grocery stores, and other locations along the AT from Georgia to Maine.

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Baxter State Park Trivia

How many parcels did Percival Baxter give to the people of the State of Maine to constitute Baxter State Park? (Bonus question: What parcels has the Park acquired since Percival's last gift in 1963?)

Send Trivia answers to admin@friendsofbaxter.org

Looking back...

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



This suspension bridge over the West Branch of the Penobscot River was built in 1935-1936 by the CCC. It carried Appalachian Trail hikers over the river until 1963
– Photo courtesy Maine State Library, Myron H. Avery Collection

How AT Hikers Crossed the West Branch in the Old Days

For many years after the Appalachian Trail came down off Katahdin the crossing of the West Branch of the Penobscot River was a bit of a challenge and took some ingenuity on the part of trail managers to solve. The trail originally followed the east branch of Nesowadnehunk Stream south of Daicey Pond, crossed to its west bank at the Toll Dam, and reached the Penobscot West Branch not far from a cabin occupied by the watchman at the great crib dam at the head of Nesowadnehunk Falls. The watchman then ferried hikers across the swift waters above the falls to the south bank of the river. The dam had been seriously damaged just the year before during a massive storm that brought much havoc to the area.

This canoe/bateau arrangement sufficed but it was a bit dicey at high water and when logs filled the river. The situation was solved when Maine native and President of the Appalachian Trail Conference Myron Avery used his influence in Washington to have a 200-foot suspension bridge across the river added to the list of Civilian Conservation Corps projects. The bridge was started in 1935 and completed the next season. Though needing to be repaired a few times, the bridge served the A.T. well until it was seriously damaged in a winter storm in the mid-1950s and finally collapsed in 1963. The A.T. was quickly relocated so it would cross the Great Northern Paper Company's bridge just above Abol Falls. It still crosses the West Branch at this suitably safe spot.

Though the Hunt Trail to Katahdin's summit gets most of the public's attention these days, the A.T. from Katahdin Stream Campground south to the Penobscot River West Branch has a rich history of its own.



2017 Volunteer Opportunities in Baxter State Park

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to Baxter State Park, and have a great time in the process! If you would like to volunteer during the 2017 season, start by completing the required online volunteer application. For details on volunteer programs, including the number of volunteers needed, duration of each job, and housing, please visit the volunteer page on the BSP website at www.baxterstateparkauthority.com/volunteer.

Junior Ranger Booklet:

Copy and assemble at Park Headquarters, March or April.

Earth Day Litter Patrol: Litter clean-up from Millinocket to Togue Pond Gate. May 6, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. with BBQ.

Kidney & Daicey Pond Campground Opening:

Clean cabins, hang curtains, raking, paint picnic tables, install boats, motors, canoes, launches. May 9 – 14.

South Branch Pond Campground Opening:

Clean cabins/stoves, hang curtains, rake, install canoes, boats, engines, launches, scraping/staining. May 10 – 30?

North Branch Camps: Install new stove pipes on stoves and blackening on stoves, window replacement, etc. Late May.

Daicey Pond Volunteer Camp: Interior painting, cleaning, rough carpentry. Late May, early June.

Kidney Pond Volunteer Camp:

Interior painting. Late May, early June.

Togue Pond Gate:

Gate coverage and roving volunteers for staff meetings and workshops on May 31, June 1, June 6, and June 14.

Kidney Pond – Stream Camp:

Interior/exterior staining and painting. Late May - early June.

Togue Pond Area:

Firewood Stacking. May – Oct.

Togue Pond and Phoenix Camps:

Clean up old site areas (artifacts, metal/glass dump areas not used since the 60s). June – Oct.

Annual Loon Count:

Document loon sightings. July 15, 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

Abol Campground:

Build Kiosk. June – July.

Togue Pond and Visitor Center Landing:

Haul/spread gravel (small job) and planking. July – Sept.

Togue Beach & Togue Gate:

Remove Bristly Locust (invasive species). August.

Park Gates (Metal): Excluding SFMA. Scrape, paint, new reflectors. All season – weather permitting.

Togue Gate/Logan Pond Gate:

Need oil and stain respectively. June – July.

Nesowadnehunk Bunkhouse:

Log oil exterior. Weather permitting.

Nesowadnehunk and Togue Gate:

Repaint Smokey Bear signs. June – Sept.

Katahdin Stream Garage:

Stain. Weather permitting.

Perimeter Road:

Trim brush on both sides of road. June – Oct.

GPS All Culverts: June – Oct.



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Thank you!

Join us for a Walk in the Park this summer!

Please join us for a Walk in the Park this summer. We've scheduled a series of day trips and over-night adventures in Baxter State Park for our members, as well as trips in other parts of Maine. To sign up for a trip, please email Sarah at admin@friendsofbaxter.org.

June 24: Speckled Mountain day hike

Located near Lovell, Maine in the White Mountain National Forest, Speckled Mountain is 2,906 ft. in elevation and has great views to the west, north and east. We'll hike up via Bickford Brook Trail and return by way of Blueberry Ridge Trail. Round trip about 8.5 miles. Meet at the Brickett Place on Rt. 113 just south of Evans Notch at 9:00 a.m. Host: Andy Walsh

July 20 – 23: Martin Ponds & Katahdin Lake backpacking trip

Join us for a short backpacking trip in the beautiful Katahdin Lake area. We'll spend Thursday night at the Martin Ponds lean-to, Friday night at the North Katahdin Lake lean-to, and Saturday night back at the Martin Ponds lean-to. There will be plenty of time for relaxing, paddling, and exploring, with an optional day hike to Twin Ponds on Friday. Limit 5 participants. Cost: \$10 per person. Host: Marion Gray

Date TBD in August: Day hike of Katahdin via Abol Trail

Date and other details to be announced. Host: Paul Corrigan

Dates TBD in September: Kidney Pond weekend

Date and other details to be announced.

Date TBD in September: Day hike of North Brother

Date and other details to be announced. Hike will be coordinated with the Kidney Pond weekend.

September 1 – 3: South Branch Pond weekend

Enjoy two nights at South Branch Pond, with wonderful opportunities for hiking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, and relaxing. We've rented out the entire bunkhouse with space for eight people. Cost: \$24 per person. Host: Dick Klain

September 2: Day hike in South Branch Pond area

Details to be announced.