



# FOREVER WILD

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## Executive Director's Column

by Aaron Megquier

In our annual appeal last November, I wrote this about our youth programs: "If you know the story of Percival Baxter – or the story of Rachel Carson, Ansel Adams or Margaret Murie – you know how much impact a single life can have on the wild places we hold dear." Friends recently hit the milestone of 100 youth participants in our programs. If one life can make all the difference, what will be the collective impact of those 100 lives?

Friends is increasingly focusing on youth as one of the best ways we can support Baxter State Park. By looking holistically at issues like trail maintenance, volunteerism, and youth development – as well as the relationship between the Park and nearby communities – perhaps we can achieve a result that is greater than the sum of the parts. Nearly one out of every three dollars we spend this year will go toward our two youth programs: the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program and the Baxter Youth Conservation Corps.

The Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program has been cultivating Maine's emerging young leaders since 2009. Participants spend nine days in the Park studying writing, art, science, native culture, and leadership with expert instructors, and then share what they learned in their schools and communities. Our alumni often describe the program as "life-changing" and "unforgettable."

Our new Baxter Youth Conservation Corps hires youth from the Katahdin region for summer trail jobs in Baxter State Park. In 2017, our crew accomplished 850 hours of work in the Katahdin Lake area and earned over \$10,000 for the local economy. In 2018, we're hiring 20 kids (up from 10), and adding a north-end crew based in Patten. This program will invest nearly \$30,000 in payroll in the struggling Katahdin region, while donating about 2,000 hours of trail work to Baxter State Park.

We are proud to be cultivating the next generation of wilderness stewards for Baxter State Park. As a Friends member, you make this work possible!



Friends presented this watercolor painting by Evelyn Dunphy, entitled *Katahdin Sentinel*, to Park Director Jensen Bissell at his retirement celebration on January 21, 2018. While presenting the painting, Aaron Megquier noted that Jensen had served as a sentinel himself during his 30 years of service to the Park.

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## Thirty Years in the Wilderness

by Aaron Megquier and Barbara Bentley

Park Director Jensen Bissell retired at the end of December 2017 after thirty years at Baxter State Park, twelve of which he was at the helm. During his tenure, Jensen inspired those with whom he worked – in the Park, at Park Headquarters, in Augusta, and throughout a broad range of public domains – to be better friends of the Park. With the four huge volumes of *Percival P. Baxter's Vision for Baxter State Park* sitting on his desk, Jensen collaborated with all who worked with him to find new and innovative ways to implement Baxter's vision in the 21st century.

Always open to new ideas, but cognizant of the long-term implications of any proposal, Jensen shepherded Friends of Baxter State Park's support for the acquisition of the Katahdin Lake parcel, as well as our efforts to find increased funding for trail work, to establish the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program (now in its 10th year) and the more recent Baxter Youth Conservation Corps, to educate the public about the value of wilderness, and to support volunteerism in the Park. Jensen regularly contributed a column to this newsletter *Forever Wild* and delivered the State of the Park address at FBSP Annual Meetings.

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## Membership Matters

by Sarah Holland, Administrative Manager

### Member Profile:

#### Evelyn Dunphy

Evelyn has been a member of Friends since 2006. She is an award-winning watercolor artist who has traveled and hiked extensively in such places as Mount Fuji in Japan, Victoria Falls in Zambia, the American Southwest, India, Sri Lanka, Europe, and Canada. Wherever she goes she is inspired to paint the natural beauty she encounters. One of her favorite subjects is Katahdin and the landscape of Baxter State Park.



Over the years, Evelyn has generously used her passion and talent for the benefit of the Park. In 2006 she led a group of artists in a fundraising effort to help add the 4,600 acres around Katahdin Lake to Baxter State Park. Together these artists raised more than \$27,000 by producing art of the views from the lake, which they sold in an auction. Evelyn also donated several more of her own paintings to that effort. In 2009, Evelyn became the first "Artist in Residence" at Baxter State Park, a program that hosts an artist in the Park for two weeks each year. As part of that program, she taught painting to our first class of Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program participants. On the banks of "artist beach" on Katahdin Lake, she forged bonds with some of those students that have lasted nearly a decade. In 2013 she participated in Friend's "our Governor Baxter Day celebration in Portland" in Portland, displaying her works on the walls of the reception room at the Maine State Historical Society.



Evelyn Dunphy at work along the shores of Katahdin Lake.  
 - Photo courtesy of Evelyn Dunphy

People appreciate Evelyn's artwork for many reasons, including her subject matter and masterful skill. However, for many, the work speaks directly to their heart about a place they cherish. Over the years she has learned that each painting "takes on a life of its own" as it leaves her studio destined to become a meaningful reminder of someone else's experience. Just this past fall Evelyn led several tours of a special Marsden Hartley exhibit at the Colby College Museum of Art for Friends members. Her gregarious nature and extensive knowledge of Hartley's personal history and experience in the Katahdin region made the event especially fun and informative.

Recently, Evelyn also donated a painting for Friends to present to retiring Park Director Jensen Bissell, in gratitude for his service to the Park (see cover of newsletter). While reflecting on all the time she has spent in the Park hiking, camping and painting she exclaims, "I owe so much to that mountain!" (Katahdin). Through all her activities and her membership in Friends, she has certainly demonstrated that appreciation. Thank you to Evelyn and all our members for your support, talents, and contributions - your membership matters!

## Thank you to our 2017 business members

We'd like to extend special appreciation to our business and organizational members from 2017. Thank you so much for your support!

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Jensen Bissell and Aaron Megquier finishing up a hike of the Traveler loop in August 2013. The sign reminding visitors of their personal responsibility in the wilderness was designed and installed during Bissell's tenure as Director.

– Photo © Charlie Jacobi

Jensen grew up in upstate New York and earned a degree in Resource Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. He headed west after graduation and spent nearly a decade working in the Cascade Range of western Oregon as a forester for the Bureau of Land Management. In 1986, Jensen moved with his young family to Milo, Maine, and took a job as the Resource Manager for Baxter State Park. In this position, he was responsible for the Park's Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA), nearly 30,000 acres in the northwestern corner of Baxter State Park that Governor Baxter set aside for the practice of exemplary forestry. After decades of neglect, the SFMA was soon back on track.

Under Jensen's leadership, the SFMA achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification in 2001. The stringent FSC certification process ensures that forests are responsibly managed and provide environmental, social, and economic benefits. The SFMA has maintained this certification ever since. Jensen's exceptional work stewarding the SMFA in Baxter State Park earned him the Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award from the New England Society of American Foresters in 1997 and the Austin H. Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award in 2008.

When Park Director Buzz Caverly retired in 2005, Jensen was chosen from a field of than 70 applicants from across the country to be the new Director of Baxter State Park. Jensen took over as Director in late 2005 during the early stages of the Katahdin Lake campaign – one of the most contentious periods in recent Park history. After an intense \$14 million fundraising and legislative effort, more than 4,000 acres were added to Baxter State Park. Jensen hit the ground running during this campaign and didn't let up for twelve years.

On a regular day, Jensen Bissell was responsible for overseeing nearly 210,000 acres of wilderness, up to 60 staff, and more than 70,000 annual visitors. There were plenty of surprises, of course. Jensen grappled with massive ownership changes in land surrounding the Park, the demands of widely varying constituencies, and a number of politically-charged issues. He took a difficult but necessary stand on issues with Appalachian Trail thru-hikers in 2015. This led to the implementation of a new permit system with an annual cap on permits – the first on the entire Appalachian Trail – as well as a massive outreach effort aimed at improving hiker

behavior. Jensen supervised a major revision to the Park's Management Plan in 2012 that will be guiding the Park for many years on issues ranging from buildings to climate change. He helped launch the five-year *Plants of Baxter State Park* project and bring it to a successful conclusion, creating a landmark inventory of the Park's biodiversity. He strengthened the Park's hiring practices, oversaw the transition to online reservations, and tackled major infrastructure projects. It's nearly impossible to find an aspect of Baxter State Park's management that didn't improve under Jensen's leadership. Through it all, he remained completely focused on carrying out Percival Baxter's vision.

Friends of Baxter State Park honored Jensen with a President's Award at our 2016 Annual Meeting. This award, playfully penned by then-President Charlie Jacobi, includes some insider jokes and reads as follows:

*Recognizing his efficacious decennium presiding in the wake of an icon over the gallimaufry of Authorities and interests in Maine's wilderness wonderland, which could have left him decimated, yet instead found him begetting his own sonorous buzz, like a queen bee pioneering a new colony (no, not that "Queen Bee"); his proclivity to swing the portal for facultative mutualism between the Friends and the Park, like the partnership between bovines and their gut bacteria, accommodating the eccentricities of persistent (think Peaks of the North) and occasionally recidivist Presidents and Executives with the patience of Percy himself; and not least his unwavering, mission-driven fidelity to the natural wild state, sanctuary, and scientific forestry precepts that define the donor's vision, we proudly bestow on our good friend and "Forever Wild" confederate, the poster boy for post-it notes in the Big Baxter Books; and the anti-bewildered able administrator beneficently bewitched by Governor Baxter's Magnificent Obsession, Jensen Bissell this award for Damn Good Work.*

*Given this 2nd day of April, 2016, Viles Arboretum, Augusta, Maine.*

Jensen served Baxter State Park, and the people of Maine, with intelligence, thoughtfulness, and exceptional courage for more than three decades. He inspired so many with his vision and great example of leadership. Friends of Baxter State Park is deeply grateful for his hard work and partnership. He will be sorely missed.

**FBSP Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, April 7th • Viles Arboretum, Augusta, ME  
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### Baxter State Park as a Laboratory

Despite the fact that Baxter State Park is open in the winter, many of us can find enjoyment in our own backyards this time or year. I went for a ski the other day on the little trail I have outside my door. It's always of interest to me because I never know what I will find out there. For instance we have a resident porcupine that is doing a lot of damage to our trees. He leaves his wintertime "burrow," a drainage culvert under our street, and makes his way to a stand of pitch pines that we planted in this old gravel pit many years ago. He has girdled about a half dozen of them so far. On this last trip out I looked at his tracks to his newest project which stopped short of the tree. He seemed to get under the drip edge and then turned around and snowplowed his way back to the culvert. Maybe it was the cold -10 F. that turned him around, maybe it was a car on the road above him, maybe he sensed the fisher that has been spotted in our neighborhood. At any rate he didn't make it for his midnight snack and to the best of my knowledge he didn't become one. As a wild porcupine he has adapted to and even taken advantage of life around humans.

Trekking into and around Baxter State Park in the winter on snowshoes or skis is always fun. Even riding the perimeter road on snow machines opens up this area to many of us. The number of humans venturing into the park in winter is always much less when compared to summer visitation. This allows a higher degree of solitude and, away from the perimeter road, wonderful silence. The animals are better able to roam or stay within their dens and yards undisturbed by the noise and presence of humans. The park becomes what Percival Baxter envisioned a place for the animals to be free from the encroachment of civilization.

How long this remains the case is anybody's guess. Despite our cold weather so far this winter, our climate is changing. October in the park was exceptional this fall with temperatures that allowed summer activities right to the end. (I can personally attest to that as a "Last Day Dipper" at South Branch Pond this year.) Headlines in statewide newspapers talk about the advance northward of deer ticks in our state. We are not having enough cold days and cold temperatures to keep them in check. Enough adult ticks are overwintering to make spring and summer hatches swell. Winter ticks have decimated the moose populations in Vermont and New Hampshire. Will they do the same to our moose when they reach Baxter?

What will our forests be like without hemlock and ash trees? The hemlock wooly adelgid and the emerald ash borer are moving north and already have a foothold in Maine. Those are two of the reasons why campers are not allowed to bring their own firewood to Baxter State Park. For a guy who worked the word Hemlock into our street address this is very disturbing. Our beech trees are increasingly being infected by fungus and blister. Even the red oaks of southern New England are threatened by insect infestations that could move north. In my generation we lost our elms to Dutch elm disease. As a nation we can't even visualize what our forests were like when a squirrel could scamper from the Atlantic to the Mississippi without touching the ground on American chestnut trees. We have to refer to art and poetry to learn about the "spreading chestnut tree" and the village smith who worked beneath it. While most of these curses are imports from away, their effect is only exacerbated by a warming climate.

Two of the greatest gifts that we have as humans are our ability to make tools and to adapt to new situations. Many species of plants and animals are rooted quite literally to one spot and cannot move nor adapt. Many of our best scientists are developing food crops that need less water and can endure greater heat. Humans will adapt.

Baxter State Park may inadvertently become a laboratory for the measurement of human impact and climate change. Our *Plants of Baxter State Park* field guide may well become a benchmark for future generations of what existed in this area of Maine in the early 2000s. While the park never had many American chestnuts or elms, we do have dozens of other species of plants and animals that will be changed by these imports and climate change. We were told at our last annual meeting that we might be swapping our winter parkas for raincoats in the future. The moose, the black bear, the white tailed deer, icons of the north woods, can't as readily change their coats. It will be interesting to see how they, their wild cohorts, like my porcupine, and we adapt.

### Mountain model celebration on March 15th in Millinocket

Please join us on Thursday, March 15th to celebrate the completion of ten new terrain models for Baxter State Park. These new high-resolution, 3D models feature stunning aerial imagery, as well as trails, summits, campsites, and much more. They represent the largest single donation that Friends has ever made to Baxter State Park. We'll have several models on display - now's your chance to check them out before they are installed in their new homes all over the Park! The celebration will be at the Millinocket Memorial Library, from 5:00 - 7:00pm on Thursday, March 15th. Light refreshments will be provided.

### 2017 Membership Raffle

Friends held a membership raffle in 2017 with four wonderful prizes donated by current and former Board members. All new members who joined in 2017 - and the folks who invited them - were automatically entered in the raffle. Here are the results of the drawing:

- Nova Scotia Getaway goes to Earl Brechlin of Bar Harbor, ME
- Clark Island Retreat goes to Daniel Kazer of Woodbridge, CT
- Sailing on the Moxie Cat goes to Geoffrey and Martha Clark of Portsmouth, NH
- Handcrafted Cedar Bench goes to Jason Rayne of Scarborough, ME

Congratulations to all the winners!



Sarah Holland, Admin Manager, and Aaron Megquier, Executive Director, draw the winners of the 2017 membership raffle out of a backpack.

- Photo © Barbara Bentley



## Update from the Park by Jensen Bissell, BSP Director

This will be my final submission to *Forever Wild*. By the time this issue goes to print, I will have retired after nearly 31 years of service to Baxter State Park and the people of Maine. The Authority is now busy searching for a Park Director, and hopefully they will be completing that process before the black flies get too fierce.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Director of this great Park and to work with such a dedicated, hardworking and caring staff. I don't have to tell the readers of *Forever Wild* that Maine is an awesome state. Overwhelmingly, Maine people love and cherish their Park. Seeing and meeting so many people that have made so many cherished memories with friends and families in the Park has been one of the most rewarding elements of my career.



BSP Director Jensen Bissell (right) and FBSP President Charlie Jacobi (left) hiking on the Traveler Loop in 2013. The working partnership between BSP and FBSP became broader and stronger during Jensen Bissell's tenure as Director.

– Photo © Aaron Megquier

One of the primary reasons I have enjoyed my time at BSP so much is all the help and support I received from others over the years. There are so many people I should thank.

During my career I have worked with at least a half dozen different Baxter State Park Authorities. This triumvirate, created by Percival Baxter to serve as Trustees to his great Trust, have served as a sterling example of Maine's best public servants. They have addressed difficult and complex issues with deliberation, consideration and always as Trustees of the Park. Because of Percival Baxter's vision and foresight, the Authority will continue to serve this vital function in the years ahead.

The Park has been fortunate to have the guidance of four committees populated by dedicated volunteers serving the Park. For my years as Resource Manager, the Scientif-



Park Director Jensen Bissell (at left) with members of the BSP Authority (from L to R) Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Douglas Denico, Director of the Maine Forest Service; and Janet Mills, Attorney General.

– Photo courtesy of Baxter State Park

ic Forest Management Advisory Committee provided steady guidance and the very best sounding board possible for a host of difficult issues. Many of these committee members became mentors for me in my forest management thinking and helped both me and the SFMA considerably. This committee continues to do this today for Eben Sypitkowski, the current Resource Manager. The Baxter Park Research Committee also fills a vital function in considering the wide array of research proposals that come before the Park every year. Research can be complex and logistically challenging, and some research can have impacts on the natural resources of the Park we are tasked to protect. The experience of the Research Committee has been invaluable in sorting out the "wheat from the chaff" and ensuring that research in the Park is productive, safe and respectful of Park resources.

Percival Baxter left an endowment to ensure the Park's financial independence. The importance of this independence cannot be overstated. While Baxter provided the endowment, ensuring its care and safekeeping falls to us. The Investment Committee provides a critical function in assisting the Authority and the endowment manager Bank of New York - Mellon in ensuring that our grandchildren, and our grandchildren's children, have the same financial ability to protect and manage the Park as we do today. The Park is so fortunate to have this dedicated and very skilled group working on our behalf.

Over the years, the committee I've worked with the most has been the Baxter State Park Advisory Committee. This committee of 15 volunteers provides experienced and varied perspectives on outdoor recreation, natural resource protection and the Park in particular. The support and advice provided by this group has improved Park

policy and administration for decades. In addition to regular winter meetings, this group volunteers for projects in the Park each summer, often in combination with a hike to a mountain or pond in the Park. In addition to the advice they provide, many of the amazing people I have worked with on the Park committees have provided a living example to me on how to model a life of value.

In addition to the Park committees, the Park has benefitted for years from an active volunteer program. I am strengthened by the knowledge that volunteerism is still alive and well in our culture and in Maine. Some of the most impressive people I have met during my career have been skilled, hardworking and selfless volunteers who just want to brighten the corner they are in.

Baxter Park also is gifted, literally and figuratively, by the cadre of donors who gift to the Park each year. Most of our donors leave smaller amounts, but these really add up. Some provide significant annual donations that provide us a wider range of options in our budget and the ability to plan ahead for long-term wilderness protection and management.



A Maine Conservation Corps crew working above treeline on the Abol Trail relocation in 2015. During Jensen Bissell's tenure as Director, the Park made a significant effort to increase the pace of infrastructure projects on both trails and roads.

– Photo © Aaron Megquier

Lastly, I must mention the support and assistance provided by the Friends of Baxter State Park. The evolution of the relationship between Baxter State Park and the Friends of Baxter State Park has been a wonderful thing to be a part of. The emergence of the Friends as an important and enduring part of the Park's planning and administration bodes well for the future of the Park and the protection of the Park's wilderness and forest.

I owe so much to the Park for providing me the opportunity to meet and work with such great people. Any success I have had in my time at the Park is due, in large part, to the people I have had the privilege to know, work with, and learn from. Thank you all so much and I hope to see you on the trail.

## Sleuthing about Baxter – Belated Closure on the 1931 Gift of Land for BSP

By Howard R. Whitcomb, FBSP Historian

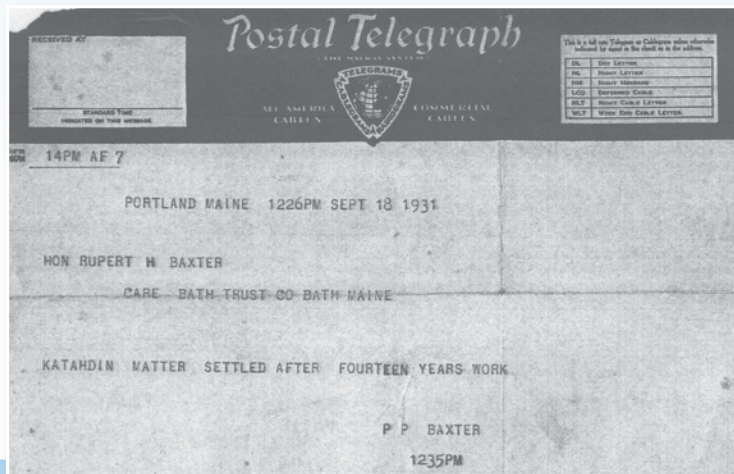
Percival P. Baxter's aspiration to create a park at Katahdin to celebrate the centennial of Maine's 1820 statehood dates back to his 1917-20 service in the state House of Representatives. However, it would be fourteen years before the former governor, then a private citizen, would begin donating land to the State of Maine for the park at Katahdin. This initial gift was a 5,960-acre parcel in the northwest corner of Township 3, Range 9 that embraced the major part of Katahdin, including Monument Peak (the summit), the Knife Edge, Pamola Peak, Chimney Pond, and major portions of the Tableland.

The particulars of Baxter's acquisition of this parcel from the Great Northern Paper Company were quite complicated, as demonstrated by a lengthy treatment in John W. Hakola's history of the park.\* At the time of Baxter's gift on March 3, 1931, he held a 3/8 undivided interest in the parcel, while the other 5/8 interest was held by Colonel Harry Ross of Rockland. After the state's acceptance of the parcel, Baxter's overtures to Ross to relinquish his interest in the gifted parcel were rebuffed. As the Attorney General at the time pointed out, there were dangers inherent in the state's acceptance of a gift of 3/8 interest in a large area of land, where the other portion was held privately. Consequently, no specific boundaries could be given for the state's holding until the property was properly divided.

It would be more than six months before Baxter and state officials were able to acquire complete ownership of the land. Upon obtaining a state court's approval of the division of the township, thereby resolving the dispute with Harry Ross, Baxter sent a telegram dated September 18, 1931 to his brother, Rupert H. Baxter, reading "KATAHDIN MATTER SETTLED AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS WORK". \*\* Shortly thereafter, on October 7, 1931, former Governor Baxter wrote Governor William Tudor Gardiner indicating that he was "pleased to report . . . that a division of the said Township has been effected under which the former undivided interests have been consolidated into complete and separate ownerships."

Baxter would go on to deed twenty-seven additional parcels to the State of Maine from 1939-1963; however, none would be fraught with the property law issues he confronted in 1931.

\* *Legacy of a Lifetime: The Story of Baxter State Park* (1981), pp. 68-71.



Postal telegram from Percival Baxter, dated September 18, 1931, sharing the news that he had completed acquisition of the 5,960-acre parcel, which included much of Katahdin.  
– Photo courtesy of Rupert Baxter White

## Friends holds inaugural BSP Sign Auction



This weathered sign from the top of the Saddle slide saw intense bidding during the 2017 sign auction.  
– Photo © Aaron Megquier

This fall, Friends partnered with Baxter State Park to auction off retired Park trail signs and other special items. This year's auction included fifteen signs from favorite locations like Mount OJI, the Saddle Trail, Katahdin Lake, the Freezeout Trail, the Appalachian Trail, Kidney Pond, and Mount Coe, as well as the historic dinner bell from Kidney Pond Camps. Bidding opened on the morning of November 6, and closed a month later at midnight on December 6.

The auction was a wonderful success in its first year, vastly exceeding our expectations for both financial results and public response. The auction received significant coverage from Maine television stations and newspapers. Over 150 people registered to participate as bidders. When the dust had settled, fifteen buyers paid a total of \$21,260 for the items in the auction. Half of the net auction proceeds went directly to Baxter State Park, and the remaining half of the proceeds will support FBSP programs.

We plan to hold this sign auction as an annual event, with the 2018 auction scheduled to begin in early November. Please stay tuned for details!



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## 2018 Baxter State Park Calendars

The 2018 Baxter State Park calendar is available for \$14 with tax and shipping included. Calendars feature stunning photography of the Park in all seasons, and make great gifts. You can order online at [www.friendsofbaxter.org](http://www.friendsofbaxter.org), mail a check to PO Box 322, Belfast, ME 04915, or call (207) 505-5779. All proceeds benefit Friends of Baxter State Park.

## Looking back...

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

### A Chimney Pond Song

In 1948, the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association published a collection of songs written by its members. Here's a ditty that was titled "Chimney Pond Trail." Although music was written for the words, the present reader is welcome to make up whatever music fits. Enjoy!

I stopped on the trail over Blueberry Knoll;  
My bucket was empty, my stomach a hole.  
I gathered some berries and went on my way;  
If I'd known who would meet me I'd have stayed home that day.

Chorus: On Chimney Pond Trail I was hiking along  
With a pail full of berries I was singing a song.  
When I met with a scrounge from the Vassar O.C.  
Can't go back to camp 'cause I lost my berries.

Her name was Dugan, she looked at my pail;  
She started to mooch it, she knew she'd not fail.  
She offered to bake me a blueberry pie;  
I gave her the berries, God only known why. (Chorus)

I chopped up her firewood, I cleaned out her pot;  
She rolled out the pie crust right there on the spot.  
She threw in the berries and started to sing;  
I knew at that moment I'd lost the whole thing. (Chorus)

The pie came out flaky, a rich golden brown;  
She cut it in pieces, folks gathered around.  
My mouth started drooling, I reached for my share,  
but when Dugan had finished, the plate it was bare. (Chorus)



## 2018 Walks in the Park

Please join us for a Walk in the Park this year! We've scheduled a series of day trips and overnight 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](mailto:admin@friendsofbaxter.org).

**June 2: Day Hike in Camden Hills** with host Marion Gray

**May 19: Speckled Mtn. or Caribou Mtn. day hike**

with host Andy Walsh

**July (Date TBA): Katahdin day hike via Abol Trail**

with host Paul Corrigan

**July 13 – 15: Telos/Webster canoe trip** with host Jim Andrews

**July 26 – 29: Kidney Pond Weekend** with host Dick Klain

**August 9 – 11: Bear Brook weekend** with host Sherry Langway

**August 30 – Sept. 2: Nesowadnehunk to South Branch Pond backpack**

with host Marion Gray

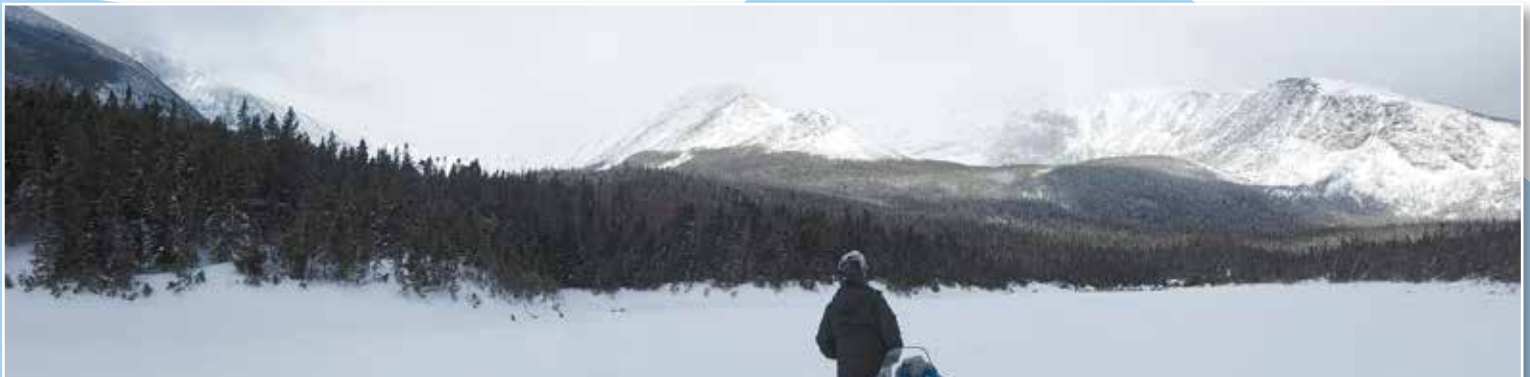
### Answer: Trivia Question in Fall Newsletter

In our fall newsletter, we posed this question: "Near the beginning of the sixth edition of *Katahdin: A Guide to Baxter State Park and Katahdin*, author Stephen Clark invited users of the guide to join an organization. What organization was he supporting, and what was its goal?" Stephen Clark was urging readers to join the movement to say *Katahdin* without the word "Mount" before it. Clark suggests that since *Katahdin* means greatest mountain in Penobscot, saying "Mount *Katahdin*" is redundant (e.g. "mount greatest mountain"). We agree with Clark on this one! *Katahdin*, like *Denali*, says it all.

### Baxter State Park Trivia

What are three native bird species that overwinter in Baxter State Park? (*Bonus points if you can send us a photo of one of these species that you took during a winter trip in the Park*).

Send trivia answers to Sarah at [admin@friendsofbaxter.org](mailto:admin@friendsofbaxter.org)



A BSP staff member pauses en route to Chimney Pond to admire a wintery view of the Katahdin massif.

– Photo © Theresa Theriault 7



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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Individual
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Family
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Hamlin Peak
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Knife Edge
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Traveler

Join our Governor Baxter Society:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Pamola Peak
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 South Peak
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,267 Baxter Peak
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 Katahdin

Please make checks payable to Friends of Baxter State Park, or join online.  
Dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Send to:

**Friends of Baxter State Park**  
**PO Box 322**  
**Belfast, ME 04915**

*Thank you!*

## Join us at Warm Winter Weekend

**We invite you to join other Friends of Baxter State Park members for a weekend of fun at New England Outdoor Center this winter. On the weekend of March 15 – 17, we've rented three beautiful heated cabins with full kitchens. The lodging cost for the weekend is \$174.40 per person, regardless of whether you spend one, two, or three nights. The accommodations also include groomed cross-country ski trails, an inviting lodge and restaurant, and wonderful views of Katahdin.**

**There are just a few spaces remaining. To reserve space, call New England Outdoor Center at 1-800-634-7238, and tell them that you want to sign up for the Friends of Baxter State Park Warm Winter Weekend on March 15 - 17, 2018. We look forward to seeing you there.**