

Subject: WODC Mountain Notes: Meet, Hike, Read, Comment!

From: Wonalancet Out Door Club <news@wonalancetoutdoorclub.ccsend.com>

Date: 9/24/2026, 2:40 PM

WONALANCET



OUT DOOR CLUB

CARING FOR THE SANDWICH RANGE SINCE 1898

SEPTEMBER MOUNTAIN NOTES: GATHER, HIKE, READ, COMMENT

CELEBRATE PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN WONALANCET SATURDAY

**Standing Trees Annual Gathering
Saturday, Sept 26th, 2026
National Public Lands Day**



*Join us for a celebration of New
England's wild public lands*



This Saturday brings an opportunity to connect with, enjoy and volunteer on public lands. As part of this celebration, we hold our last Trails Day of 2026, and we're honored to join the Wonalancet Preservation Association in welcoming **Standing Trees**, a nonprofit working to protect and restore forests on New England's public lands, for their annual gathering.

The day starts with **trailwork with the WODC** (meet at 8:15; for details and to sign up, email trails@wodc.org). From 11 am to 1 pm hike into an old-growth forest threatened by logging and burning – meet at **White Mountain National Forest Liberty Trailhead**.

From 2 to 4 pm, come to the Wonalancet Chapel for presentations by Standing Trees executive director Zack Porter on "**The State of New England's Public Lands**" and Nohham Cachat-Schilling, traditional medicine person, Chair of Massachusetts Ethical Archaeology Society, and Researcher for Oso:ah Foundation, who will speak on "**Wilderness and Indigenous Land Zones.**"

Chapel Board member Peggy Johnson will end the program with a few minutes of woodland music in honor of the day's gathering.

Following the presentations, a **free catered picnic** will be offered – in the Chapel Grove or indoors in case of rain. All activities are free, but preregistration is requested [here](#).

OLD-GROWTH FOREST HIKE OCTOBER 4



A few spots are still available for ecologist Michael Whittemore's **Old-Growth Forest Tour of the Bowl Research Natural Area on Sunday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The educational hike is designed to be manageable by adult hikers of all ages; it will be approximately **4 miles at an easy pace, with no more than 1,500 feet of elevation gain.** We will be hiking along the Dicey's Mill and Tom Wiggins trails. Mike will talk about the plants we see, forest history, and his ongoing inventory project. Questions and observations will be welcome! Email wonalancetoutdoorclub@gmail.com to sign up; if we end up with a waiting list, Mike will lead another hike later this fall or next year. (Photo from September iNaturalist walk with Mike; scroll down to read about his new book)

Roadless Rule Comment Period

Extended: Your Voice Is Needed!



The USDA has extended the comment period on the proposed Roadless Rule rescission to October 6. **Please submit your comments.** These messages from individual citizens who care about our forests are our best opportunity to preserve the rule. You can do that using these links:

[Comment directly on Regulations.gov](#)

[National map & comment tool by More Than Just Parks and the Sierra Club](#)

You can find much more guidance and information on our Roadless Rule [Google doc](#) — and we welcome your suggestions for additional articles and information to post.

We also strongly encourage **calls to our Congressional delegation**, asking them to oppose the rescission and to sign on as co-sponsors of the **Roadless Area Conservation Act**.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen: 202-224-2841

Senator Maggie Hassan: 202-224-3324

Rep. Chris Pappas: 202-225-5456

Rep. Maggie Goodlander: 202-225-5206

And if you have time, watch this excellent [30-minute film](#) about the value of the Roadless Rule.

History Bits: CAN YOU GUESS WHERE?



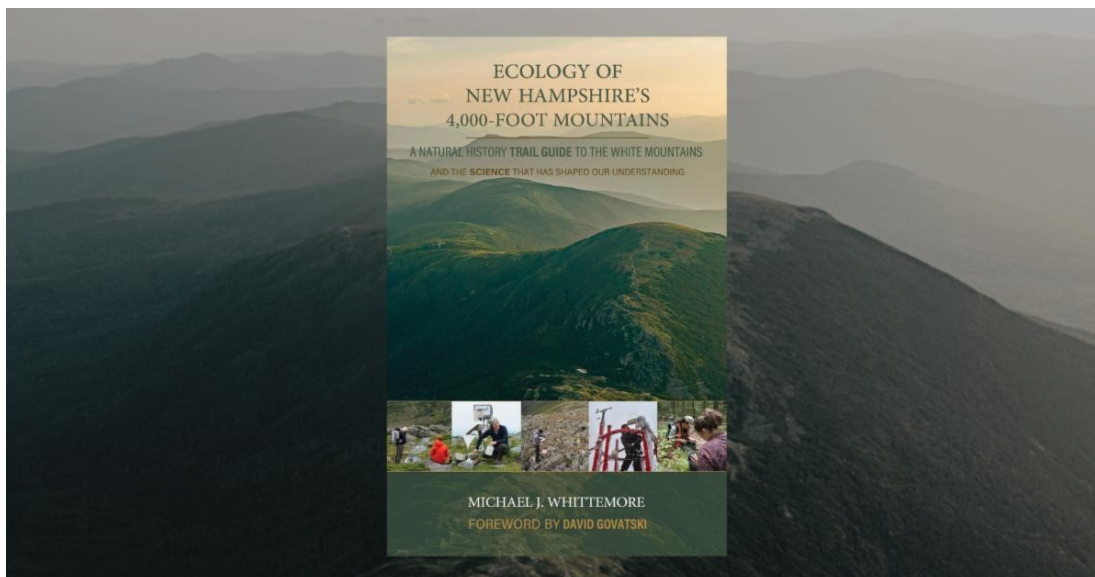
Take a look at this 1880s photo of a flourishing industrial site. It was located in Wonalancet. Can you guess where?

Although there is hardly a trace of it visible today, it was right along the very first part of the Old Mast Road, very near the Ferncroft parking lot.

This forgotten bit of Wonalancet history was the **Hill & Wardell sawmill**, which produced nearly a million board-feet of lumber in 1881, its first year of operation.

Let us know if you'd like more history bits!

DISCOUNT ON ADVANCE COPIES OF MICHAEL WHITTEMORE'S NEW BOOK



We're pleased to announce the November 1 publication of Michael's book, ***Ecology of New Hampshire's 4,000-Foot Mountains: A Natural History Trail Guide to the White Mountains and the Science that has Shaped Our Understanding***. The book includes a foreword by David Govatski and nearly 400 color photographs, including several by Wonalancet photographer Andy Thompson.

Until September 29, Michael is offering our readers an advance purchase discount of 20%. If you'd like to pre-order, click [here](#) and enter FRIEND20 at checkout, bringing the book price to \$40 plus shipping and handling. Michael will be joining us for another talk in mid-November. Watch for details!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: MINDSET OF A PEAKBAGGER,

FOREST BATHING, ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

Stay tuned for info about more fall programs, including a stimulating talk by our longtime cartographer -- and hiker extraordinaire -- Mike Bromberg (with a little Gilbert & Sullivan thrown in). We're also working on an opportunity to experience the benefits of forest bathing firsthand, and planning an advocacy roundtable. We welcome your program ideas.

SEND US FALL PHOTOS, STORY SUGGESTIONS

Season of mellow fruitfulness...and of fall foliage photos... We'd love to post your pix on our FB page -- email to wonalancetoutdoorclub@gmail.com. Story ideas for the e-news also welcome!

PLEASE SHARE THIS E-NEWS WITH FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES



Wonalancet Out Door Club | PO Box 248 | Wonalancet, NH 03897 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!