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Mountain Notes E-News

Welcome to our first WODC e-newsletter! We hope to use Mountain Notes to keep you informed about our activities and programs, and to invite you to join us at trails days, meetings and events. The format will be refined in the coming months, but the idea will stay the same: engaging with everyone who cares about Wonalancet and the 50-plus miles of beautiful trails we work hard to maintain.

We'll send out e-news several times this summer and fall, and on an as-needed basis during the winter and early spring. If you don't want to receive these emails, please scroll down and unsubscribe. Please do forward to friends and colleagues who share your interest in hiking the local trails. If you would like to change the email we send it to -- or to add an email -- please write us at wonalancetoutdoorclub@gmail.com. We'd also like to hear your ideas for programs and articles, and to see photos and other images you'd be willing to share in future editions, or on our FB and instagram pages.

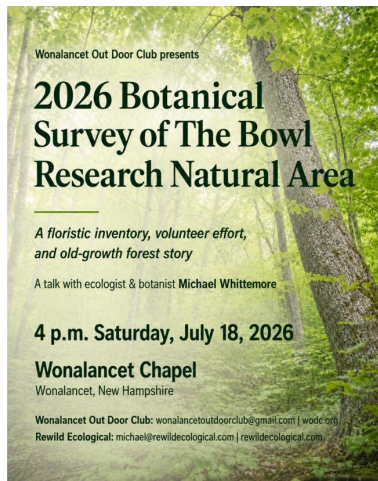
Celebrating the Life of Jack Waldron

The WODC invites friends and colleagues of Jack Waldron to join us for a celebration of his life Saturday, July 25, at 4 pm in the Wonalancet Chapel. Jack served as our president for 20 years.

A gathering in the Wonalancet Grove will follow.
RSVPs appreciated: wonalancetoutdoorclub@gmail.com

July Programs

Saturday, July 18, 4 pm
Botanical Survey of The Bowl, Wonalancet Chapel

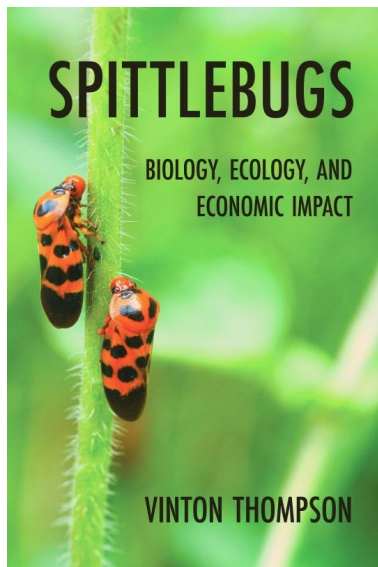


WONALANCET WATER WORLDS: pond and stream ecology

**SUNDAY
JULY 19**
9:00-11:00 AM

Naturalist
and educator
HILLARY BEHR
leads a free program exploring
two watery worlds with kids 4-12
(and their adults)

Preregistration required as space is limited.
Email wnalancetoutdoorclub@gmail.com
Exact location & other details will be
sent to registrants before the program.



Join ecologist and botanist Michael Whittemore, founder of Rewild Ecological, for an introduction to the 2026 botanical inventory of The Bowl Research Natural Area. Learn why this remarkable 1,500-acre old-growth forest is being surveyed and how you can participate as a volunteer botanist during the 2026 field season. Volunteers of all experience levels are welcome. Michael will be available after the presentation to help attendees download iNaturalist, create an account, and join the project so they are ready for upcoming field surveys.

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9-11 am **Wonalancet Water Worlds: pond and stream ecology for kids**

A hands-on exploration with naturalist Hillary Behr for kids 4-12 (and their adults). We will meet on Ferncroft Road, then wade across the stream to a vernal pool that is becoming a sphagnum moss bog, where we hope to catch frogs, turtles and dragonflies. Nearby runs the cold, clear Spring Brook, where we will wade and catch aquatic insects such as mayfly and dragonfly larvae. Lots of opportunities to get wet, have fun, and learn. Free, but preregistration requested:

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Thursday, July 30, 7 pm, Wonalancet Chapel **All You Ever Wanted to Know about Spittlebugs** (including our Wonalancet fauna)

with Vinton Thompson
Spittlebugs are an economically important but relatively little-known group of insects named for the foamy "spittles" made by the immature forms. Although harmless to humans and most of their host plants, they are important pests of sugarcane and pasture grasses in Latin America and one species carries a disease deadly to olive trees in Italy. There are approximately 2,500 known species, spread over all continents except Antarctica. This presentation will illustrate a dazzling diversity of forms, including the dozen species found in Wonalancet, and provide interesting insights on spittlebug biology and evolution. Presented in cooperation with the WPA

August Events

Wednesday, August 12, 8:30 p.m.

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Stories Behind the Stars: The Summer Sky

Presented by Chocorua Lake Conservancy in cooperation with the WODC

Join teacher, storyteller and outdoor enthusiast Matt Krug for an evening of stories and star gazing. Details and registration at <https://www.chocorualake.org/events/2026/8/12/stories-stars>

Sunday August 16
WODC Annual Meeting

Potluck in the Grove 5 pm

Meeting in the Chapel 6:30 pm

We invite you to become a voting member or to renew your membership before the meeting; everyone is welcome, regardless of membership status.

Thursday, August 27, 4 pm Wonalancet Chapel

White Pines: a woman's life-long friendship with these trees

A talk and reading by writer and photographer Jane English, with photos on exhibit before the program and at Chapel service Sunday.

Presented in cooperation with the WPA

News & Actions

Trails Days: At the heart of the WODC is our work on the trails. Those interested in helping out are invited to join us for Trails Days Saturday, July 18, and Saturday, September 26. If you would like to come, please preregister by emailing trails@wodc.org -- you'll get details on time, place, and plan. This Saturday we will be continuing our erosion control work, adding check steps on the lower section of the heavily used Blueberry Ledge Trail. Experienced mentors teach you all you need to know to get this rewarding work done. And the company is always good, too!

Working together for Wonalancet: We are thrilled to have launched a new partnership with the Wonalancet Union Chapel and the Wonalancet Preservation Association (WPA) to make better use of the beautiful community space of the Chapel and to reach the widest possible audience of those who know and love our community -- or would like to learn more about it. Watch for more collaborative efforts in the months ahead.

Advocacy: The WODC has a long history of advocacy for the forest. Watch for details and updates about the repeal of the Roadless Rule and other advocacy issues in future e-bulletins.

Become a member, buy a map or T-shirt, or volunteer! The WODC is a membership organization. We encourage you to join, to donate, to purchase a map or one of our new T-shirts, to attend our free programs and to contact us about volunteer opportunities (including work on the Bowl research project). More information is available at wodc.org or by emailing us at info@wodc.org. Comments, questions and suggestions are always welcome!



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