



White Mountains Interpretive Association

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The White Mountains Interpretive Association (WMIA) exists to encourage visitors to understand and appreciate our forest resources. The WMIA was the 2006 recipient of the National Association for Interpretation's "Excellence in Interpretive Support" Award.

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WMIA Recipient of Pequawket Foundation Grant

The WMIA was awarded full funding for a grant proposal by the Pequawket Foundation for \$809.00 for the printing of two illustrated interpretive signs for the Boulder Loop Interpretive Trail. The mission of the Pequawket Foundation is " to provide grant funding to local organizations who enhance the quality of life, and preserve the beauty, culture, environment, and heritage of the Mount Washington Valley region."



The grant, written for the WMIA by Joe Phillips, Conservation Education Supervisor of the Saco Ranger District, provides for two interpretive panels to be installed in a kiosk at the trailhead near the Albany Covered Bridge and will include an overview of the interpretive component of the loop. Below is a picture of a similar trailhead kiosk. The panels will be designed by an Forest Service intern and installed next year.



The Boulder Loop Trail is a popular hike with moderate grades and ascends to a low spur of the Moats with wonderful views from the open ledges.

By the Numbers...

1,126- attendees of all the Summer Programs at all the Campgrounds, summer 2015

6073 - Visitors to the Russell-Colbath Historic Site, summer 2015, open 7 days per week

3454 — Weekend Visitors to the Brickett Place, open 5 day a week during the summer 2015

10% increase - in summer visitors to the Saco Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest

Foresters from India Visit the White Mountain National Forest

During the month of September, 30 foresters from the country of India spent several weeks in the US learning about our forestry programs and techniques. In addition to classroom work and seminars, the visiting foresters toured the White Mountain National Forest and visited historic sites. The WMIA arranged for volunteer interpreters Cindy Sauerwein and Kathy Somerville to demonstrate living history activities at the Russell-Colbath Historic Site. Potatoes and onions were dug from the garden and fried over the fire, cornbread and apple crisp were baked in a Dutch oven and tea was made available to all. The visitors enjoyed stepping back in time at the historic site.



Many Thanks to our Dedicated Volunteers

This past busy summer and fall seasons have been very successful for the WMIA due in great part to our many dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers manned trailheads to give advice and directions, greeted visitors at Lower Falls, worked the desk at the Visitor Centers, sold items at our stores, worked in cleaning and opening the historic Russell-Colbath House and the Brickett Place, acted as interpreters at these sites, and much, much more. Our volunteers worked more than 1,500 hours in all! Many thanks to:



Maxine Booth	Gary Gustafson
Doug Somerville	Kathy Somerville
Tom Bryant	Tom Fowke
Bob Smith	Dick Feeny
Ted White	Gloria Aspinall
Jane Rancourt	Ken Rancourt
Joy Kacorowski	Carol Felice
Bruce Miller	John Bender

Interested in Volunteering? Come search and apply for volunteer opportunities that suit your interest and abilities at <http://www.volunteer.gov/> Colleen Mainville is the Forest Volunteer Coordinator.



Holiday Shopping?

**See what is available in our Retail Shops !
All WMIA members receive a 25% discount.**



Camp the Kanc is designed for the campers in your family. This 100% cotton t-shirt features all the campgrounds along the Kancamagus Hwy. Which is your favorite? All sizes available.



Soft Cuddlekins are a favorite among all children. A variety of stuffed animals and birds are available. Come choose your favorite.



Poly pro t-shirts with the image of Mt. Chocorua and Chocorua Lake drawn by a local artist are perfect for your favorite hiker. All sizes available.

Membership

The WMIA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and funds historic, educational and scientific programs on the White Mountain National Forest. The WMIA is supported by membership dues, donations, and sales at ranger stations. All contributions are tax deductible. Mail to: P.O. Box 1871, Conway, NH 03818

Already a member? Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who may be interested in joining.

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Membership level:
(check one)

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Defender (Family).....\$25.00 []

Guardian.....\$50.00 []

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