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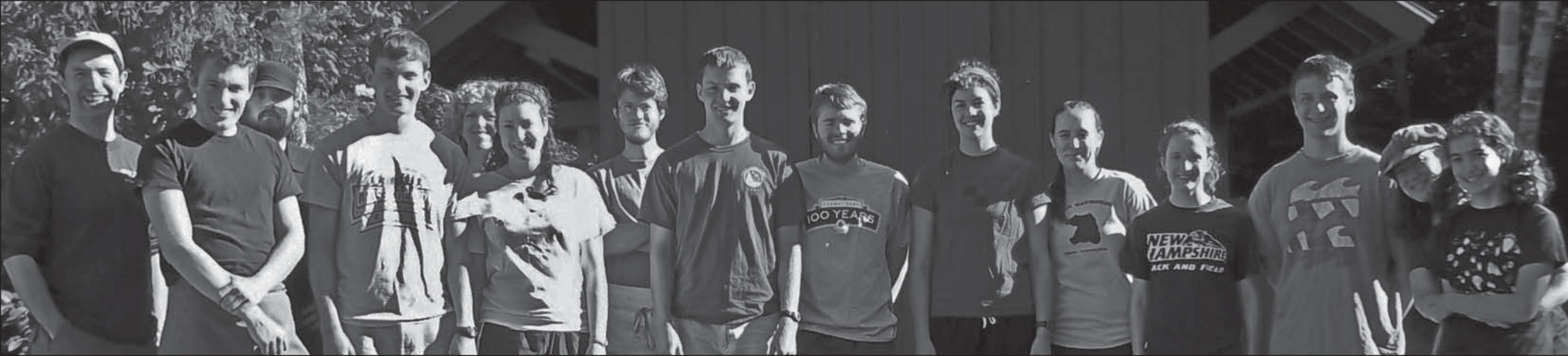
Cold River Camp • AMC

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BACK L->R: Jim, Kyle, Zachary, Walker, Connie, Addie, Stefan, Nathaniel, Will, Hannah, Carolyn, Chelsey, Jonathan, Laurie, Ruby PHOTO by Sadie DiCarlo

Welcome to Cold River Camp!

We are looking forward to our fourth season as summer managers at Cold River Camp. In the kitchen **Zachary Porter** and **Stefan Gaschott** have returned for another summer of tasty meals. Also in the kitchen, **Kyle Soeltz** has traded in his crew duties for the role of Prep Cook. We're very excited that the kitchen is in such experienced hands. We have two returning crew members from last summer: **Adeline Bakewell** and **Will Norton**. Joining them are six others that you will enjoy getting to know as well: Carolyn, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Walker, Chelsey and Hannah. In addition we're very excited to introduce our new assistant manager, **Connie Morse**, who will be learning all the in's and out's of the operation here at Cold River.

But now it's time to settle in and get down to the business of summer. Relax and enjoy your stay. Welcome Back.

Laurie & Jim

Laurie Barr & Jim DiCarlo
Cold River Camp Managers



2012 REGULAR SEASON STAFF & CREW

Laurie Barr & Jim DiCarlo & Ruby & Sadie, Managers, Exeter, NH
Zachary Porter, Head Chef, New Durham, NH
Connie Morse, Assistant Manager, Exeter, NH
Stefan Gaschott, Assistant Chef, Silver Lake, NH
Kyle Soeltz, Prep Cook, Acton, MA

Adeline Bakewell, Carlise, MA
Carolyn Bennett, Scarborough, ME
Jonathan Burke, Vista, CA
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Will Norton, Acton, MA
Chelsey Serrano, Raymond, NH
Hannah Underwood, Gloucester, MA

2012 EXTENSION SEASON STAFF & VOLUNTEER CREW

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Stefan Gaschott, Baker, Silver Lake, NH
Carol Adams (Portland, ME), Betsy & Bob Goeke (Winchester, MA),
Ann Landers (Quincy, MA), Jack Lutz (Shelburne, VT),
Frank & Mary Ann Mastro (Lebanon, NH),
Bill & Joan Mountford (Deerfield, NH)
Rosy & Jim Probasco (Tiverton, RI),
Corinne Waite (Weymouth, MA).

A WELCOME FROM YOUR TRIP LEADERS

To our guests at Cold River Camp (CRC):

The tradition of great led hikes continues at CRC. Our leaders have spent many years hiking in the area around CRC and in the White Mountains and are willing to provide information to guests who want to hike on their own. With only two hikes being offered each day, and access to the Wilderness Areas limited, more of our guests will be organizing their own hikes. Guidebooks, including the most recent *AMC White Mountain Guide*, featuring the local trails are available to borrow in the Conant Lodge.

Our trip leaders have one goal in mind – to see that our guests have a safe, enjoyable vacation at our beloved CRC. Although we hope that our training will not be needed, all CRC leaders are currently certified in WFA (Wilderness First Aid) and CPR.

Wherever your footsteps take you, take time to relax, enjoy the view, pick the blueberries, breathe in the clean mountain air and admire the native flora and fauna. Take time at CRC to read that book you've been neglecting, paint, nap or swim at the Dam. And always time to enjoy Zachary's great cooking. Step back in time, away from our current world of stress and have a great time at CRC, then

return to the “real” world invigorated and ready for its challenges.

Looking for a new area to explore? Last summer guests from CRC rediscovered an old trail up **Adams Mountain** (not to be confused with Mt. Adams) – rewarding views with little elevation gain and the trailhead is near CRC. To access the trail, drive to Evergreen Valley via Deer Hill Bog Rd, take the first left (paved) in Evergreen Valley then right up a steep gravel road a short distance to a parking area at a gate (see *AMC's White Mountain Guide*, Evergreen Link Trail on the Carter Range – Evans Notch Map). The link trail goes up the gravel road, turns left on an old service road then right at the top of the rise to continue on to the Cold Brook Trail. To go to Adams Mountain, continue left on the abandoned service road to the top of the old ski area, bearing to the left when in doubt. At the top of the old Evergreen Valley Ski Area, open ledges offer views and great lunch spots.

In keeping with CRC's Sustainability Policy, remember that there are many hikes of varying degrees of difficulty within Evans Valley – from rocky summits to cool, inviting pools – some of which can be done from CRC on foot. If you must drive, carpooling is always encouraged.

See you on the hiking trails---

Your leader coordinators,

Emma & Bill

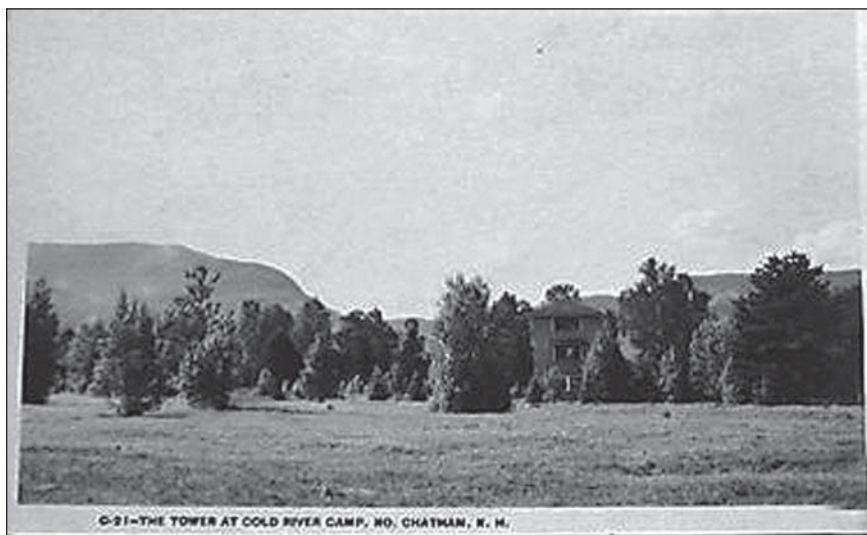
Emma Crane, Naturalist

Bill Gross, Hike Leader





C-14--THE BALDFACES, FROM LITTLE DEER, NO. CHATHAM, N. H.



C-21--THE TOWER AT COLD RIVER CAMP, NO. CHATHAM, N. H.

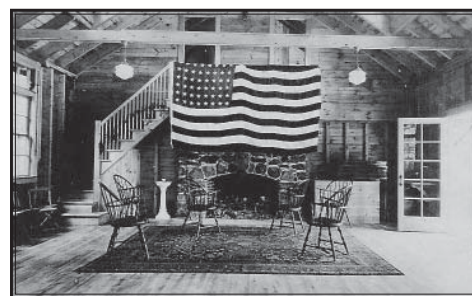
Helpful Hints for CRC

by Sally Morris

Here is a glimpse into the possibilities that draw us back each year to CRC. Are you new to Camp? Did you think you had exhausted all the options? Let us share some of the customs that old timers know to make a week at camp even more enjoyable.

Packing List: Summer hikers know that they need good boots and socks, raincoats and warm layers, water bottles, maps, sunscreen, and bug dope, in addition to snacks and lunch, before they hit the trail. At CRC, close to brooks and rivers, some people pack a swimsuit and light towel, or even water shoes, for trips. Some prefer to pack lunch in reusable containers (i.e., sandwich boxes and snack cups) from home to reduce waste.

Enjoy time in Camp: CRC is first and foremost a hiking camp, but it is also so beloved in large part for the companionship that can be found so easily just inside the gate. The buildings were designed to encourage people to enjoy each other's company, but also to provide retreat and relaxation. How do campers while away the day when they just don't feel like hiking? Reading, drawing, or napping on the porch is refreshing. Some spend part of the day picking from the low-bush blueberry meadow. Gardeners enjoy the garden around the porch, designed with local and xeriscaping plants, complete with a map and botanical names. The garden is full of birds, especially hummingbirds, for the ornithologists.



Interior of Hall, Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N.H.

The Rec Hall, with a piano and a ping pong table, is the spot for evening programs. Guests can read through naturalist materials on the walls and tables. The building provides a great option for rainy day activities.




The Camp Library is for people who crave silence and a good book, or perhaps a little unfinished work. For children, the Lodge provides a well-loved collection of books for all ages in addition to board games and cards.

Rather than a rigorous day hike, some campers enjoy the gentle trails that encircle camp: the Conant Path and the Tea House Trail, both of which lead to the Cold River and can be combined into one nice loop. Small children enjoy the varied woodland views along the Conant Path, which starts behind the Cox cabin, skirts along a farm property, then descends to the river, providing lots of puttering opportunities in little streams, full of mushrooms and fungi. Occasional benches along the way or glimpses onto the river are a treat to discover. The Tea House is a screened gazebo, a soothing spot with the sounds of the brook and the river just below. Campers enjoy this retreat for art projects, reading, or a quiet lunch picnic.

Early mornings at Camp are magical. The sunrise cresting over Little Deer, lighting the Baldfaces, draws the early bird to the Porch where the weather update is posted and hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate is ready before the horn blows. On cold mornings, the fire in the Lodge draws people together before breakfast to plan their day's outing.

Other Tips: Some pack a sleeping bag or comforter instead of heavy wool blankets. Families with children prefer battery operated lamps to the kerosene. Wool blanket under the bottom sheet makes the bed warmer.

Outings or Activities: Post-dinner drive to Moose Blind or Deer Hill Bog Blind. Esther Williams Pool (on the Wild River) for a slightly warmer swim. Sebago Lake beaches and Songo Locks. Antiquing in Bethel. Eastman Homestead Day on the Farm. Square Dancing in the Rec Hall. Games on the Lawn (soccer, badminton, Frisbee, tether ball). Playground. Pre-breakfast hike up Little Deer. Sing-a longs. Finding and exploring the lesser known trails: Speckled's Cold Brook Link Trail to the Ledges. Albany Basins. Grafton Notch. Mount Sabbatus. Lowe's Bald Spot. Rumford White Cap. 



Naturalist Program at Cold River Camp

Each week during the summer season of Cold River Camp one of our trip leaders is a naturalist, familiar with the natural world in New England. While the naturalists will lead trips, they are also a source of information to the guests. They are very willing to share their knowledge of special places in the area including:

Deer Hill Bog Wildlife Blind (USFS) (11 minute drive) best visited early morning or after dinner. Frogs, turtles, ducks, beaver, geese and, if lucky, moose can be seen.

Lord Hill Mine (15-30 minute drive, 45-90 minute hike depending on trail used. Easy hike to a lunch spot with a great view and a mine for the young at heart. Safety goggles and hammers are available at CRC – check with the naturalist or manager.

Leach Link - level walk along Cold River. Turn left after crossing Dam.

In camp, take along your copy the **Tea House Path – Conant**



Path Nature Trail Loop guide included in your packet of CRC information and leisurely walk the trail along Cold River. Please note that the Conant Path has been extended along the pasture (between markers 18 and 19) at a much gentler grade. The former steep trail over the edge of the Kane Terrace has been discontinued.

Along the way, a granite memorial bench on the Conant Path invites you to relax and listen to Cold River as it makes its way south. The screened Tea House, on the Tea House Path, invites you in to spend time and enjoy the sounds of nature.

Other special activities include walking along Wild River; picking blueberries on Blueberry Mountain, Black Cap or Baldface Knob; enjoying a quick dip into Emerald or Rattlesnake Pools; discovering aquatic wildlife around Basin and Province Ponds; exploring mines; finding abandoned ruins from the CCC and logging periods of local history; and locating Easter Williams Pool.

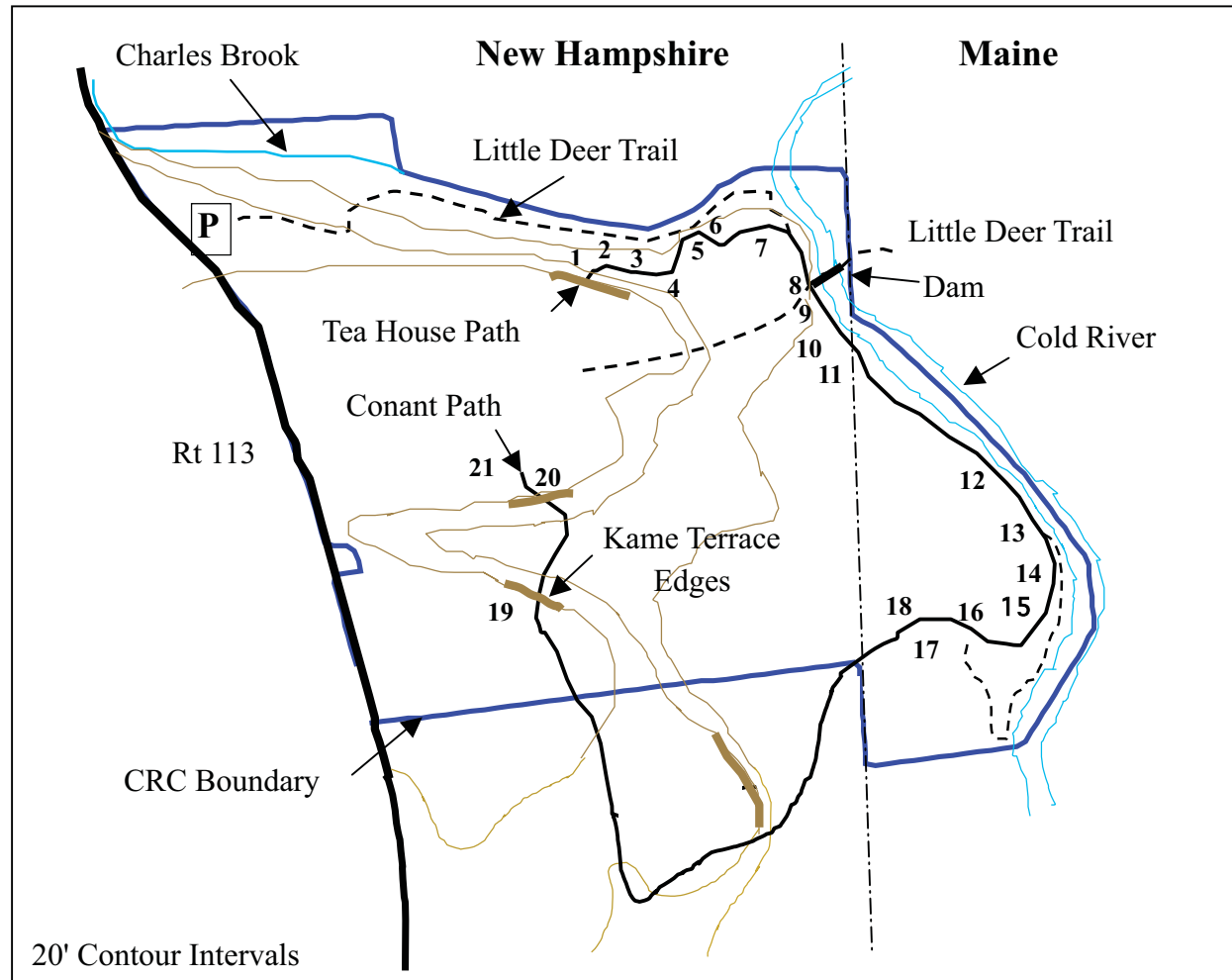
For our younger guests we have a **Jr. Naturalist Program** with booklets designed for three age groups. Parents, and grandparents, are encouraged to work with their children in fulfilling the requirements, and upon completion, patches are awarded during Friday evening's Talent Show. The Naturalist who is available for advice and help oversees this program. We also have a coloring book for our very young guests.

Field guides for wildflowers, trees, birds and stars are available in Conant Lodge for guests to borrow. Look for *Naturally Curious* by Mary Holland – a well-written photographic field guide and month-by-month journey through the natural world of New England. There are also books for children in the Jr. Naturalist Library in the Lodge, as well as equipment for water studies in the Recreation Hall's Naturalist Toolbox.

Emma Crane
CRC Naturalist Coordinator



AMC Cold River Camp



Map by Bob Crane, 2011

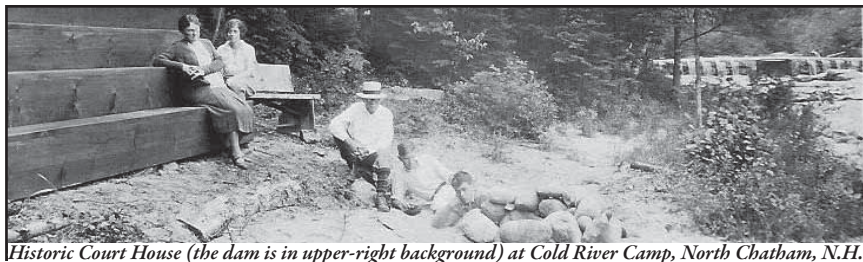
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NATURE TRAIL

Numbers on posts beside the trail

Key:

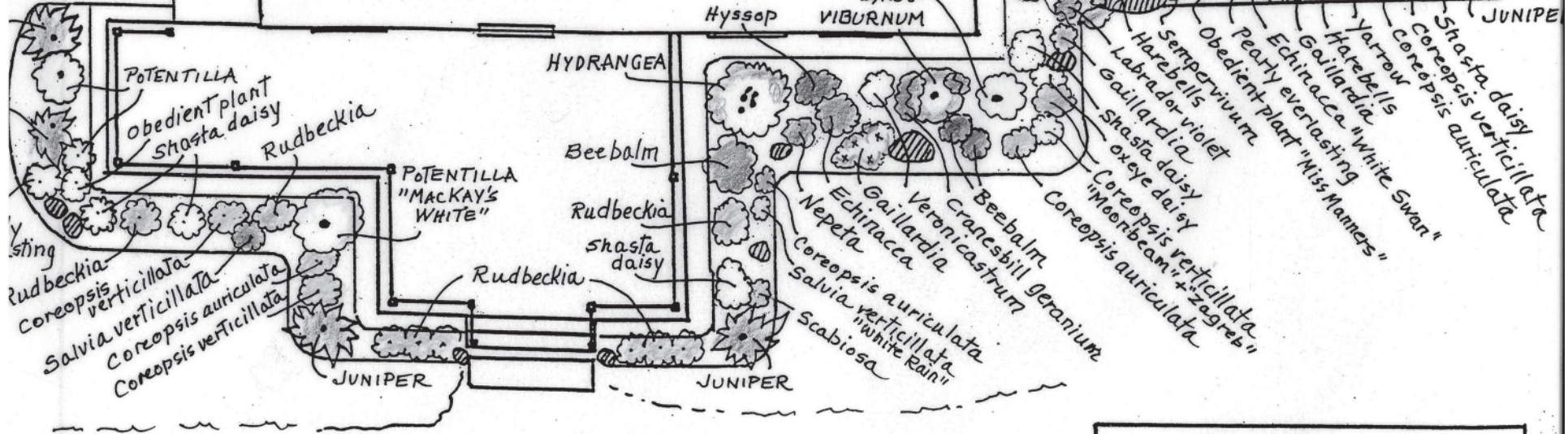
- 1 Tea House Path
- 2 Non-native Plants
- 3 Success Story
- 4 Transition Zone
- 5 Prior Human Presence
- 6 Charles Brook
- 7 Ravine Floor
- 8 Chester Pool and Dam
- 9 Conant Path
- 10 Pillows and Cradles
- 11 Beech Bark Disease
- 12 Granite Memorial Bench
- 13 Returning to Earth
- 14 Forest Canopy
- 15 Where are the Flowers?
- 16 Dinosaur Plants
- 17 Wetland Indicator Plants
- 18 Trees with Rectangular Holes
- 19 Kame Terrace
- 20 Original Camp Buildings
- 21 Blueberry Fields



Historic Court House (the dam is in upper-right background) at Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N.H.

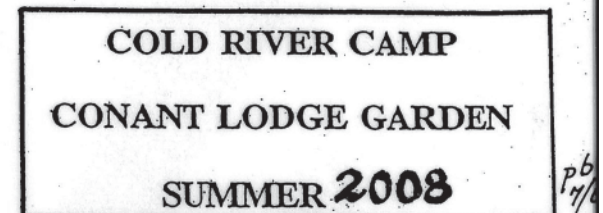
Check out the new combined Tea House Path and Conant Path self guiding nature trail. Trail guide brochures will be handed to our guests upon arrival at CRC. Additional copies will be available in the Lodge and on the web. In addition, we have placed identifying labels along the combined trail for each different plant specie.


After preparing the lodge garden in the fall 1999, the replanting was begun in 2000 by a team of volunteers. It is designed to be educational as well as beautiful. Plants have been selected that are perennial, cold-hardy, suited to or tolerant of the hot, sunny, often dry site, and that will be in bloom primarily July through early September. The native Shad tree and viburnums were planted for berries for wildlife; the beebalms, scabiosas, and others were planted to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Though there are non-natives and cultivated cousins of wildflowers added for variety, more than half of the types of plants included are native plants. Mulch will be used but little or no fertilizer or chemical controls. By working with material suited to this environment and the needs of the camp, we hope for a healthy, long-lived, low-maintenance garden. The garden's performance is evaluated each year, and adjustments made: unsuccessful plants are removed, new types tried. A list of plants is on the reverse, a notebook on the philosophy and execution of this project is planned, and a brochure is available in the lodge with ideas to use at home.



Volunteers needed for the CRC Gardens

As you drive toward the welcoming front porch of Conant Lodge, a beautiful flower garden in front catches your eye. While we need volunteers for two weekends, Opening and Work Weekend, to “wake the gardens up” we also need volunteers to keep an eye on the gardens throughout the summer by deadheading, weeding and cutting back as needed.



If you are interested in providing this needed attention to the gardens during your stay at CRC, please contact Emma Crane, bcrane@ou.edu, 603-526-7684. The time involved would be minimal, instructions will be provided and the results will be instant!! The necessary tools are at CRC; all we need are the willing volunteers. 

GUEST INFORMATION

HOW MAY WE ASSIST YOU? We want your stay to be comfortable and enjoyable. If we can be of service, please ask the Staff or Crew.

IMPORTANT TIMES:

For early risers, coffee is available in the Lodge after 6:30 am.

RISING HORN sounds at **7:00 am** daily.

BREAKFAST HORN (second horn) at **7:30 am**.

DINNER HORN at **6:00 pm**.

Please be prompt for all meals.

TRAIL LUNCHES are made by individual guests from the lunch table either before or after breakfast. Please supervise children.

DAILY TRIPS by qualified leaders are announced at breakfast.

WANDERER'S LIST is on the Lodge porch. Please sign if you plan your own hike or trip away from Camp.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are consumed in the privacy of your cabins.

CABIN CHECK-OUT TIME is by 10:00 am to give crew time to clean. Please feel free to remain at camp after leaving your cabin.

CHAMBER POTS are available in Service Room by Men's Lavatory. Please clean & return them to Service Room at end of your stay.

CHILDREN: It is expected parents will assume responsibility for their children at all times. Children may not stay in camp during the day without the direct supervision of a parent or an assigned guardian.

DO NOT DISTURB: Outside your cabin door is a small wooden rectangle: one side green, one side yellow. This a "do not disturb" sign: if you turn the yellow side outward, crew will not enter your cabin (e.g., to refill your water, replace towels on Wednesdays, etc.).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES. To help preserve our unique sanctuary, we request the main lodge & porch be kept free from electronic device noise & cords. We will survey guests for input to this policy.

FIRE IS AN EVER-PRESENT HAZARD. Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are strategically placed in every cabin. Buckets of dry sand are just outside. Please take note of their location and use. Please **DO NOT** leave cabins with oil lamps

lit or fires flaming. Please use fire screens at all times and **DO NOT** leave children unattended in the cabins.

ICE is available from the ice machine by back door of the kitchen.

LAMPS: If you are unfamiliar with kerosene lamp use, ask for help.

LAUNDRY may be done in Service Room by the Men's Lavatory.

Cabin clothes lines should be used for the drying of clothes.

Ironing may be done on the first floor of the Tower.

LIBRARY is open 24 hours/day for quiet reading or writing time.

LINEN: Clean sheets & towels are furnished once a week. Each guest receives an additional clean towel on Wednesday. Please leave soiled items near your cabin door for Wednesday am pickup.

OFFICE is open as announced or upon request.

PARKING in Camp is for registered guests only. Please use designated areas. A permit is required to park in the National Forest. Permits may be obtained at the Office.

QUIET TIME is **9:30 pm to 7:00 am**. The Lodge is an excellent place to socialize at night. However, for those guests wishing to use the Lodge, porch or Tea House late at night, please remember that other guests are sleeping and sounds carry very well at night.

RECYCLING: Barrels are outside of Housekeeping for all materials to be recycled (glass, plastic, cans). Please help us conserve.

REPAIRS needed should be reported to the Managers.

SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED anywhere on Camp property including in or around any building. Fire is always a danger.

TELEPHONE: A guest telephone is on the west side of Housekeeping shed for outgoing calls (credit card or reverse charge basis only).

The phone number is 603-694-2918. Incoming emergency calls may be directed to the camp's business phone at 603-694-3291.

WASTE BASKETS may be emptied into barrels by Housekeeping.

"Chez Pig" is for kitchen scraps only and not to be used by guests.

WATER is available at any tap. Arrangements can be made for a daily water delivery to your cabin at your request.

WOOD is available in the Wood Shed. Please pick up your own or ask a staff or crew member if you need assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities at Cold River Camp

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its many volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by the Cold River Camp Committee, a group of volunteers who establish policies for the property, affairs, business and operation of the camp. Other volunteers help with a wide variety of camp projects and activities. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Cold River Camp! New volunteers are always welcome. If you enjoyed your camp experience, would you be willing to share your talents to make CRC an even better place? You do not need a background in education, recreational management or environmental science, just a simple willingness to help.

Volunteering for CRC can be a very rewarding experience. Ask anyone who does it!

How Can I Volunteer at CRC? Volunteering for Cold River Camp takes many forms. Your contributions of time and effort are welcomed in a variety of areas. Please use this form to be contacted (on a "no obligation" basis) about ways you can help CRC. Or speak with one of the managers during your stay.

Hike Leaders/Naturalists: Would you like to be a hike leader or naturalist? Hike leaders and naturalists receive training and undergo an "apprenticeship" program before they become leaders. They are encouraged to keep their skills sharp by participating in periodic "refresher" sessions. Special interests or a background in these areas are certainly helpful, but people skills, common sense and a willingness to see to it that guests have a good time are much more important.

Maintenance / Facilities: Keeping CRC's buildings and grounds operating properly requires continuing effort. Volunteers perform needed maintenance on selected weekends in the spring and fall. Please join us for one or more of these weekends. We get a lot done and have a lot of fun doing it! People with skills in plumbing, electrical work and carpentry are of

course very welcome, but we also need people willing to paint, do landscaping, prune shrubs and trees, and do assorted simple jobs.

Individual and Committee Activity Involvement:

Individuals and committees administer various aspects of CRC life. CRC also hosts a number of week-end conferences and workshops in the off-season, and volunteers make these possible. Some of the current volunteer opportunities are:

- Hike Leaders/Naturalists
- Trail Work Weekends (with C.T.A.)
- Maintenance/Facilities
- Camp Opening (May) & Closing (Oct)
- Extension Season Crew -Sept
- Conservation & Education Programs
- Naturalist Weekend Crew -May
- Land Management and Planning
- Flower Gardening
- Publicity & Communication
- Annual Reunion Committee
- CRC Committee
- Winter Season Activities
- Assisting in Other Off-season Events

If you would like to be contacted about any of these, please circle your choice(s). If you have ideas for other needed activities, please let us know.



The Alice Cabin. Daddy Tucker and Doc Johnson. 1935.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

e-mail: _____

I am interested in _____

Please return this to the Camp Office

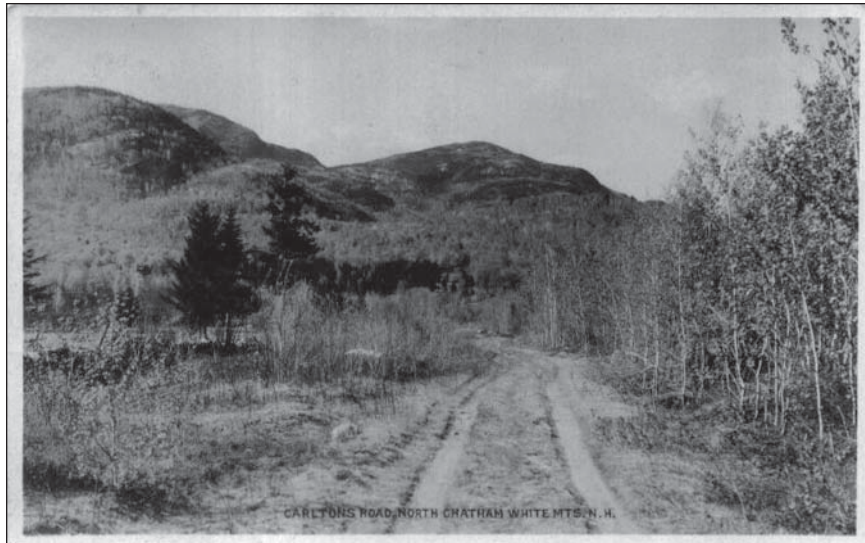
before you leave camp.

Or mail/e-mail it to:

Antonia Woods, Volunteer Coordinator, Cold River Camp

1 114 Pleasant St Apt 104, Arlington, MA 02476

awoods144@gmail.com 



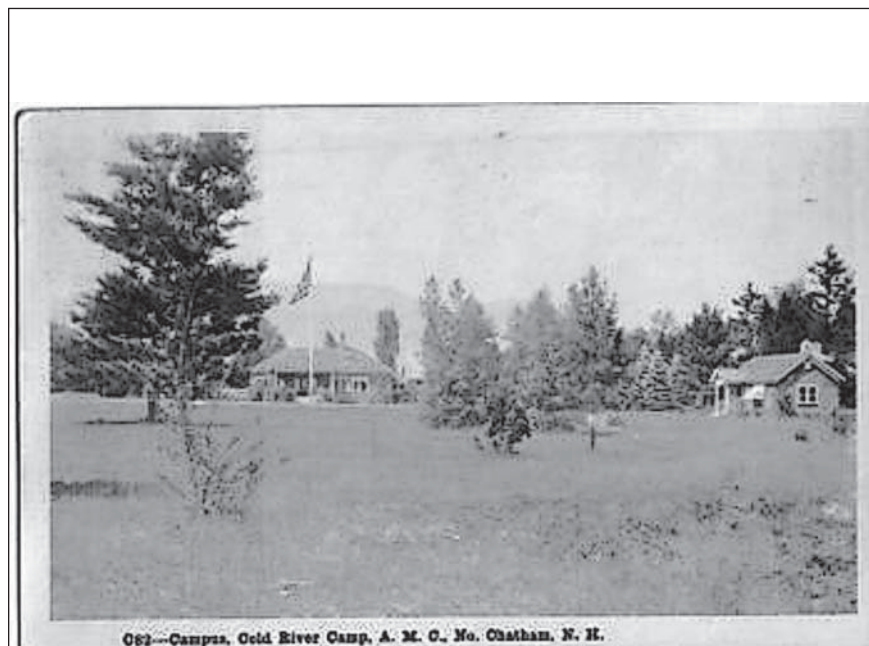
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Borderline - 1936

New England's Canceled Ski Areas

From www.newenglandskihistory.com

With skiing quickly gripping the region, the high peaks of the White Mountains were looked at in a new way. Shortly after the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) completed a road through Evans Notch, the Appalachian Mountain Club and United States Forest Service looked into winter use for the area.

In 1936, the Borderline proposal was released to the public. Though much of the terrain in the proposal was located in New Hampshire, it was thought to be a Maine project, as either end of the project was based in Maine towns (Fryeburg was expected to be a 'gateway'). Predating the Cannon Mountain Tramway...the project was to be hike-up-ski down. Had the project been completed, one can theorize that lifts would not have been far behind it.

The initial proposal called for trails on Kearsarge North Mountain, Eastman Mountain, South Baldface, Mt. Meader, West Royce Mountain, East Royce Mountain, and Speckled Mountain. The overall vertical drop of the project would have been in excess of 3,000 feet, with South Baldface being the highest peak at 3,570 feet. The AMC Cold River Camp, located near the foot of South Baldface, would have served as a popular base camp.

"The Appalachian Mountain Club has a private camp located just across the border in Chatham, N. H. Persons familiar with the region predict that this camp, known as the Cold River Camp, may rival the famous Pinkham Notch Camp of the A.M.C. when the borderline development reaches completion." -Ran Sanford, 1936

Subsequent northward expansion was expected for Caribou Mountain.... It is thought the proposal lost steam with the development of nearby lift served areas (such as Cranmore), the destruction from the hurricane of 1938, and questionable snow-retaining abilities of some of the named peaks. ♦

GREETINGS FROM THE CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

CTA • 22 Grove Place, Unit 29 • Winchester, MA 01890



As you take to the trails to explore the Evans Notch area, the chances are good that you will find yourself at a trail junction and see a sign sporting the Chatham Trails Association logo. You may notice that the trail is easy to see and follow and that you are not getting brushed by wet leaves as you pass. You are hiking on a trail cared for by the volunteers of CTA.

In 1922 a group of Cold River Camp volunteers formed the Chatham Trails Association to improve hiking in Evans Notch. In the early years before the National Forest had a trail system, the need was to create new routes and build new trails so hikers could enjoy scenic and interesting areas. CTA continues that tradition today but with a purpose of maintaining about 40 miles of trails, a task that becomes more important as trail use increases. The USFS budget is tight, allowing only a single trail crew of 4 in the Saco District. Without the contributions of volunteers the condition of the trails would deteriorate, possibly to the point of being unusable.

If you would like to learn more about the history and work of CTA, there is a binder in the CRC library with copies of meeting minutes and other documentation dating back to 1921. The complete records of CTA are preserved in the Chatham Historical Society at the library in Center Chatham. The library is open Wednesday afternoons or by appointment with Barbara Eastman.

CTA has an important role in keeping Evans Notch and Cold River Camp

a premier hiking destination. The work weekends are only one part of our trail stewardship, caring for about 40 miles of trails is a year round effort. Through the "Trail Adopter" program members visit their selected trail three or four times each year performing basic maintenance and monitoring trail conditions. The commitment of these hikers is helping our stewardship efforts become year round. This year, seven members have adopted 12 miles of trail. If you would like to adopt a trail (or part of a trail) contact us. We will provide tools and training.

On an earlier Memorial Day Weekend and National Trails Day 48 volunteers, including 12 new volunteers, gathered to hike the trails and perform basic maintenance to prepare the trails for summer hiking. Volunteers cleaned and repaired 362 waterbars and removed 144 blown down trees. Extra effort was put into corridor definition work, cutting brush to make the trails more attractive and easier to hike. The volunteers also assessed trail conditions and identified work needed. The trail condition reports are used by CTA and the Forest Service to plan future work. Members invested over 700 hours of trail maintenance and improvement projects so far this season.

The success of our work is not just achieved by the boots-in-the-mud, tools-in-hand crews but with the essential

The Chatham Trails Association {CTA} maintains the following trails:

*Baldface Knob Trail
Bickford Brook Trail
Bickford Slides Trail
Bicknell Ridge Trail
Blueberry Mtn. Lookout
Blueberry Ridge Trail
Brickett Falls Trail
Chandler Gorge Trail
Conant Path
Conant Trail
Deer Hill By-Pass
Deer Hill Spring Trail
Eagle Cascade Link
Eastman Trail
Emerald Pool Trail
Hermit Falls Trail
Horseshoe Pond Trail
Laughing Lion Trail
Leach Link
Ledges Trail
Little Deer-Big Deer Trail
Mine Loop Trail
Notchview Connector
Rattlesnake Pool Trail
Shell Pond Trail
Shell Pond Loop
Slippery Brook Trail
Stone House Trail
Tea House Path
White Cairn Trail*

hours of supportive work accomplished by members engaged in tool and sign maintenance, feeding the crews, camp chores, office and paperwork tasks. It is the team work that makes CTA the vital program it is today and I thank all of you for your contribution to this success.

We hope that you will join CTA in our trail stewardship. While you are hiking take a few minutes to move brush off the trail or clear a blocked waterbar, make a note of fallen trees blocking the trail or other obstacles to hikers. When you return to the lodge, make a note in the CTA binder. Fill out a trail report and tell us where you were on the trail, what you did and note work needed. Your help and report is appreciated and will be acted upon.

Visit the Brickett Place. CTA, CRC, USFS and Sable Mountain Enterprises partnered to improve the exhibits. USFS has secured a grant of \$400,000 to repair and restore the building. Up to 100 people may stop on any day to learn more about the Evans Notch area.

We welcome new members and trail volunteers. In addition to volunteers out on the trails, members are needed for committee and support functions. For information, contact us at our website :

<www.chathamtrails.org>

or by mail at Chatham Trails Association, 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester MA 01890 or through the camp managers. The IRS approved our application for non-profit 501(c)3 status. Contributions to CTA are tax deductible.

Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful vacation and enjoyable hiking.

Don

Don Devine
CTA President 2012



http://www.chathamtrails.org/docs/CTA_A_Brief_History.pdf

Chatham Trails Association Officers

Officers:

President: **Don Devine** (devine@chathamtrails.org)

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Vice President: Vacant

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Historian: **Ann Landers**

Webmaster: **James Boros**



The Winter Cabin

During the summer season the cabin known as 'Convent' serves as quarters for women crewmembers. From Oct 1st through April 30th, it is available as the 'Winter Cabin' rental. ♦ The two-room cabin is winterized with an efficient wood stove to provide heat and, if need be, a cooking surface. The cabin has electricity and a small kitchen area. It sleeps six in the bunk room, but is not limited to six guests. The kitchen is equipped with a microwave oven, small refrigerator, two-burner hot plate, coffee maker, and hot water kettle. ♦ There is no running water (camp water is turned off). Guests bring their own water, food, bedding, and linens. Wool blankets, pillows, and wood for the stove are provided. There is a composting toilet outhouse a few feet from the cabin. ♦ In winter the driveway gates are locked, so keys are provided. A small area at the edge of 113 is plowed at the north entrance. The camp road is not plowed beyond this point. ♦ Current rates are \$65/night. Payment in advance is requested. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions. There is an online calendar showing availability on the Winter Cabin page of the camp website. Please contact the registrar for information and reservations.

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CAMP WISH LIST

The CRC Wish List allows for folks to donate funds toward the purchase of a variety of items to enhance CRC and the overall camp experience in some small or large way. All donors and their donations will be recognized on the CRC web site and published in *The Little Deer Dispatch*. Donors may also elect to remain anonymous, if so desired. All contributions are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible, and the CRC committee gives their sincere thanks to those who have given generously to the Wish List.

1. One vacuum cleaner (\$325).
2. One picnic table (\$150 and up, depending on size and materials).
3. Three garden/park benches (\$85 and up, depending on size/type).
4. Rechargeable fluorescent lanterns (\$35 each).
5. Underwrite production costs of *The Little Deer Dispatch* (\$450).
6. Twelve "Cold Concepts" platters and bowls, for keeping trail lunch table foods chilled (\$50 - \$85 each, depending on size).
7. Four mattresses for ongoing Replacement Program" (\$185 each).
8. Replacement fireplace tools in keeping with CRC's character (\$50 and up for one, \$200 and up for a four piece set).

For the "Caribou Cabin Project"

- Woodstove tools in keeping with CRC's character (\$50 and up for one, \$200 and up for a four piece set).
- Two mattresses (\$185 each).
- Two bedframes and four built in "cubbies" (cost information will be coming as soon as it is available!).
- Curtains (size info will soon be available!) for any sewers interested in donating fabric/ time to make custom Caribou curtains.

Please contact **Mark Winkler** (amc.crcchair@gmail.com) if you would like to make a donation. Thank you for your support of CRC!

Thank you to our generous donors for already funding in 2012:
A picnic table by **Katherine Roth** and **Daniel Huse** and family.
A picnic table by **Collier Hand**. Camp bicycles by **Richard Foster**.
A wood stove for the "Caribou Cabin Project" by **Ted Shwartz**.

**Do you have contacts
within AMC CHAPTER? If so, CRC
could use your help.** We are trying to develop
partnerships with various AMC Chapters to make
CRC a destination for chapter events & trips.
Please email Mark Winkler at
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CRC WEBSITE

WWW.AMCCOLDRIVERCAMP.ORG

The website has been updated and improved since last summer to provide campers and guests with more information about the camp, a means of timely communication between the Camp Managers and campers in the weeks before their stay at camp, and information on Volunteer Opportunities at camp or in service to the CRC Camp Committee, the new CRC Nature Trail that uses both the Tea House and Conant Paths, and printable copies of all Little Deer Dispatches and early CRC history, the Nature Trail Guide, and of the Trip Leader Handbooks. The site still provides a wealth of pictures of Camp, the cabins, camp activities, space availability and registration information for fall or summer season and for the winter cabin. It also provides a chance to hear the CRC Camp Horn during time away from CRC.

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D	DRY ROOM	KAY'S CABIN (CHEF)	P	PARKING	W	WOODSHED	
G	GARDEN SHED	L	LIBRARY	R	REC HALL	X	MANAGERS' QTRS
H	HOUSEKEEPING	M	MONASTERY (CREW)	S	SHOP (RAYNER'S ROOST)	Z	ASS'T MANAGER'S