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WELCOME TO COLD RIVER CAMP!



THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL PLACE, for the time you stay - a simple, natural setting in which your basic needs are comfortably met with friendly service and in the company of others who enjoy the north woods.

Whether this is your first or 50th stay at Camp, we hope you find it peaceful, energizing, healthful, happy, and memorable. We, the staff and crew, are here to help make it so. Please review the key Guest Information that follows. Ask us questions. Let us know your needs.

That you have the best vacation possible is why we are here.

Chris Clyne and Ned Beecher
Cold River Camp Managers

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WELCOME FROM YOUR HIKE LEADERS AND NATURALISTS



WE WANT ALL OF YOU TO ENJOY A GREAT WEEK of hiking and naturalist activities at Cold River Camp, be it on our led trips or on your own. Please view us as resources for planning what trips you'd like to take, and when. No question is too simple; but sorry, there is no prize for stumping us.

Safety is fundamental to enjoying any trip in the Cold River valley and environs. We will advise you about gear, sustenance ("never forget your lunch or your water"), and capabilities. If you're

Hike smart, hike safe.

unsure about anything, please ask. Also, before a trip leaves Camp, please be sure to let the trip leader know of special needs, personal concerns, medications, allergies, and the like. We can only be prepared if we know to prepare in advance.

A tentative chart of the led trips planned for the week will appear on the Lodge-porch bulletin board Saturday evening. We will update the chart as the week and the weather progress. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome. If you do set off on your own, don't forget to sign out on the "wanderers' list" (same bulletin board). And don't forget to sign back in when you return to camp. Have a wonderful week on the trails!

Art Wright
Trip Leader Coordinator

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



WELCOME TO COLD RIVER CAMP! You are in for a treat whether you have been looking forward to returning or are here for the first time. Great hiking opportunities await you right outside your front door. Life seems to move a little slower as your feet move you through some of the most beautiful mountain trails on the east coast. We are glad that you could join us and become part of the Cold River Camp Community.

As you may know, Cold River Camp is an Appalachian Mountain Club facility run by volunteers and staffed by a paid staff of managers and crew during the regular summer season. The volunteer Committee is charged with Camp oversight. Other

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volunteers are responsible for re-opening the Camp each May and getting the cabins and other facilities ready for the season. In mid-June, individual and family volunteers gather for the Family Work Weekend where they improve and repair the buildings and grounds. Finally, over a late September weekend (Sept. 23-24 this year) the Camp is put to bed for the long winter by a group of volunteers during Camp Closing. Please consider getting more involved in the Cold River Community by considering one or more of these volunteer opportunities this year or next. Cold River Camp spring hike reunions are held in late April in the Boston, New York, and Philadelphia area. We are planning to have these gatherings again in the spring of 2007, and I encourage you to try to attend one near you.

I hope that you will find this Dispatch both informative and useful for your stay. It includes a Cold River Camp map, as well as other important information about Camp.

I know that your week at Cold River Camp will be an enjoyable one! Be sure to keep the Camp in mind next year when planning your summer vacation, as well. I also encourage you to mention Camp to others who may be interested in joining us next year.

John Dean

Cold River Camp Committee Chair

So So So

the **Little Deer Dispatch**

If you have friends or family who you think would enjoy staying at Cold River Camp, we will send them a free copy of next Winter's *Little Deer Dispatch*. This issue will contain the 2007 Camp schedule, reservation rates, leader lists and other key information. Please send this form with their name(s) and address to:

Mark Winkler, 17 Southview Street,
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

FALL EXTENSION CREW: A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER



THE COLD RIVER VALLEY IS ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL in early September when Cold River Camp runs its two-week Extension Season. You might not have known that the Extension Crew is all volunteer. Most of the crew members have been coming back to enjoy the valley, the camaraderie and the fun for years. Most, but not all, of the extension crew are now in retirement. There are openings now for several apprentice crew members. If you are recently retired or are a stay-at-home mother (or father) whose children have all gone off to college, or if you otherwise have the time, please consider joining us for a week as an apprentice and joining in the fun.

What does it mean? The Camp handles fewer guests during extension. No linens or towels are provided. Meals are served cafeteria style in the kitchen. Things are more informal than during the regular season. Guests clean their own cabins before leaving, and they are encouraged to volunteer for many of the routine camp tasks, such as sweeping the porch and dining room, filling the bird feeder, etc. The crew helps the cook in food prep, handles the trail lunch table and daily drink tables, cleans the bathrooms, and cleans up in the kitchen. In addition to one of the summer crew members who will stay through extension, we have 8 to 10 regular volunteer crew members, plus a few apprentices who usually serve for one week, although other durations may be arranged. Everybody gets one day off per week.

Why do we call the experienced older campers who help out *apprentices*? Because we understand that you'll be learning your way around the Camp's kitchen and what the duties are. With a volunteer crew it's important that you and everyone else on the crew have a good time, that you enjoy the work, that you enjoy being with the other volunteers and they enjoy working with you. After trying it, you or we may decide that this isn't for you. Teamwork and fun are the orders of the day.

The first week runs from lunch on Saturday, September 2, until Breakfast on Saturday, September 9. The second week runs from dinner on Saturday, September 9, through breakfast on Saturday,

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September 16. Guest accommodations are not provided over the night of Saturday, September 16, to Sunday, September 17.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become even more a part of Cold River Camp, have an enjoyable week in the valley and work with a motivated, friendly crew of tried-and-true Cold River Campers. If you are interested, or would just like to talk about the opportunity, get in touch with me, Don Devine. I am the Extension Manager and also an volunteer. You may see me around Camp. I have a house right next door to the north. You can reach me at 603-694-2003 or don.oaktree@att.net or 2222 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813.

Don Devine

Cold River Extension Season Manager



GREETINGS FROM CTA!

As you stretch your legs and begin to enjoy some hikes in the Evans Notch area, the chances are good that you'll find yourself at a trail junction and see a sign sporting the CTA logo. You may notice that the trail you're walking along is easy to see and follow, and that you aren't getting brushed by wet leaves as you pass. You may be on one of the trails that CTA volunteers take care of, as we have been doing since 1922.



Just a few weeks ago, more than 40 CTA volunteers fanned out over 35+ miles of trails in and around Evans Notch, to do basic maintenance including cleaning debris out of waterbars and drainage ditches, cutting up and removing blown down trees, and pruning back bushes and branches. Some volunteers have even "adopted" trails and visit them a few times per year to keep up with the maintenance.

This year we tried out a new type of saw that is easier to carry than a bow saw and makes short work of cutting branches. The U.S. Forest Service loaned us some hoes that are lighter than our own and have a longer handle, which makes using them easier on the back. There was no help for sore backs, however, when we worked with the Trailwrights to build the stone steps at the beginning of the Baldface Circle Trail last year!

While CTA has put our trails in good shape for the season, not all of them have been adopted. That means that, unless someone reports the newly fallen tree or the sign that has been damaged by a woodpecker, these things may not be addressed until next spring when the CTA volunteers converge again. If you've come across a trail maintenance problem while hiking, please look for

the black CTA binder in the lodge. Pull out a Trail Report form and tell us when and where you were hiking, and what you found. Your scouting report will be appreciated and acted upon!

We welcome new trail work volunteers. You'll find an invitation to join us next Memorial Day weekend in the Winter '07 edition of the *Little Deer Dispatch*. Membership in CTA and contributions to its General Fund may be made online (www.chathamtrails.org) or mail to CTA, 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester, MA 01890.

Have a wonderful vacation, and we'll see you on the trail!

Sandy Finn

President, Chatham Trails Association <sandycta@comcast.net>

Directors & Officers: Sandy Finn, President; Merrit Foster, Vice President; Corinne Wain, Secretary; Bob Godek, Treasurer.	Directors without Portfolio: Frank Eastman, Jack Harrington, Bonnie Hickey, Ann Landers, Mike Zlogar, Ted Barrett, Al Cressy, Birge Dayton, Marvin Swartz.
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The Chatham Trails Association maintains trails in the Evans Notch region of NH and Maine, among which include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baldface Knob Trail • Bicknell Ridge Trail • Big Deer Trail • Bickford Slides Trail • Blueberry Lookout Loop • Blueberry Ridge Trail • Brickett Falls Trail • Chandler Gorge Trail • Cold River Dam link • Conant Path • Conant Mine Loop Trail • Conant Trail • Deer Hill Spring Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Cascade Link • Eastman Trail • Emerald Pool Link • Hermit Falls Trail • Horseshoe Pond Trail • Laughing Lion Trail • Leach Link • Little Deer Trail • Rattlesnake Pool Link • Shell Pond Brook Trail • Shell Pond Trail • Slippery Brook Trail • White Cairn Trail |
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Have you hiked on each of these trails yet?

NAMES OF CAMP 2006

Cold River Camp Committee

John Dean (Chair) '07 ... 781-235-2150 Wellesley, MA
 Frank Mastro (Vice-Chair/Facilities/Camp Opening) '07
 603-443-9978 Lebanon, NH
 Leona Florek '06 413-535-2183 Holyoke, MA
 Dick Goettle (Treasurer) .. 617-325-7357 West Roxbury, MA
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 Jim Kenyon (Family Work Weekend) '08
 508-366-7002 Westborough, MA
 Sally Morris '06 978-887-0622 Boxford, MA
 Ted Shwartz (Volunteer Coordinator) '07
 508-984-5812 .. South Dartmouth, MA
 Dwight Wilder '08 603-692-6898 Somersworth, NH
 Mark Winkler '07 (*Little Deer Dispatch*)
 914-747-3194 Pleasantville, NY
 Sandy Finn (CTA Pres.) 603-692-6898 Manchester, NH

Soon add your name to this list, also!

Cold River Camp Volunteers

Art Wright (Trip Leader Coordinator) ... 860-429-9958 Storrs, CT
 Lois Winkler (Registrar) ... 914-747-3194 Pleasantville, NY
 Peg Birch (Naturalist Coordinator/Naturalist Weekend)
 603-526-7657 New London, NH
 Gwen Stose 603-447-4750 Center Conway, NH
 Ted Barrett 603-694-3004 North Chatham, NH
 Don Devine (Ext.Mgr.) . 603-694-2003 North Chatham, NH
 Mag Wine (Winter Cabin Registrar) .207-781-3244.. Falmouth, ME
 Sam Hawley (Caretaker Emeritus) .207-935-2823 NH

Summer Season Staff and Crew

Chris Clyne & Ned Beecher, Managers Tamworth, NH
 Jon Swartz, Assistant Manager Portland, ME
 with fiancé Alex Messerli
 Todd Barber, Chef Conway, NH
 with Nancy Barber, wife
 Nicole Messerli, Assistant Chef Ocean Park, ME
 Vinnie Olsen, Prep Cook Londonderry, NH
 Sean Ashe Chocorua, NH
 Caitlin Behr Tamworth, NH
 Andrey Enavin Zheleznogorsk, Russia
 Eric Ferguson Lovell, ME
 Sarah McVicar Wonalancet, NH
 Kate Morris Exeter, NH
 Molly Sorlien North Sandwich, NH
 Max Van Houten Bethlehem, NH

"Whatever it is, just ask us!"

September Season (2005) Staff and Crew

Don Devine, Manager North Chatham, NH
 Gwen Stose, Cook Center Conway, NH
 Carol Adams Portland, ME
 Jack Harrington Shelburne, VT
 Ann Landers Quincy, MA
 Marty Griffin Newington, CT
 Nancy Hoolihan Falmouth, ME
 Nancy & Jim Miller Rush, NY
 Corinne Waite Weymouth, MA
 Mary-Agnes Wine Falmouth, ME
 Betsy, Goeke 1st week apprentice
 Mary Ann Maestro 2nd week apprentice

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



Ever since its inception in 1919, Cold River has become so special largely due to efforts of a great many volunteers. Each year, we welcome new volunteers who come to camp for a weekend of hard work and great camaraderie, while enjoying Camp's special beauty in the late spring. Our camp keeps in trim, keeps expenses down, and offers service to others through efforts of many loyal volunteers. This year plan a CRC weekend working hard and enjoying the company and beauty of the Camp!

- **Opening Camp** (kitchen prep, cabin housekeeping, placing out of equipment (canoes, benches, etc.)
- **Spring Work Weekend** (kitchen prep, painting, gardening)
- **AMC Naturalists Weekend Staff** (kitchen prep, housekeep.)

We bring our own bedding and towels, rise early, share meal preparation, eat cafeteria style, get assignments, work all morning, break for lunch, work all afternoon, and relax for social time, dinner and talk around the fire. We have a good time together but work hard; this is an adult event, and kids under 16 are best left home. Each weekend will have its own manager to direct the work and the schedule. Think seriously about attending volunteer weekends. Space is limited for some of the weekends! All volunteers will get confirmation and needed information. You can come for any part of the weekend. Come and experience the Camp from a different perspective. To sign-up or for questions, please call me at 508-984-5812.

Ted Shwartz

Volunteer Coordinator 2006



CAMP FACILITIES



THIS SPRING WE WERE ABLE TO RE-ROOF Notchview, Springhaven, and Baldface cabins. The Office also received a new roof and chimney. The water system was upgraded with a new UV light system. Although we have no need for chemicals to treat the water the UV light provides an added precaution to make sure no bacteria creep in through the season.

At the spring committee meeting two major projects were authorized. The first is to replace the backup generator with one capable of supplying the lodge, kitchen, and water pump at the same time. The second project to start this fall is to renovate another ravine cabin. Although the work will be similar to what was done on Hemlock no roof over the porch is planned at this

*"...please provide your comments
on the roof changes of Hemlock cabin."*

time. There has been favorable comments on roofing changes to Hemlock, but the Camp Committee needs more time to consider the impacts of a roof change. Comments from all campers are welcomed as to what you think of the renovations. They may be given to Ned or Chris or any of the Camp Committee members. Selecting the next cabin to renovate was a difficult decision as as they all could use some level of renovation. The one selected for this fall is Potter.

The Cold River Camp Facilities Committee



The Mystery of the Mill Place at Cold River Camp

by Ted Barrett

THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE that the AMC Cold River Camp was once the site of a gristmill. The stone mill wheel turned on edge to welcome visitors thorough the Camp's south gate is an obvious sign as are the mill stone bird bath near the Conant Lodge and the mill stones at the Mabel Chester dam at the Cold River where it falls 3 or 4 feet over the ledge on which the dam is built. Various deeds, Chatham tax records and an 1805 map indicate there had been a mill there for a long time.

In former CRC manager Carl Gary's "Cold River Camp Reflections" published in 1986 he mentions that Millard Chandler "recalled hearing how his great grandfather brought grain to the Baker grist mill located on the Cold River near the present pool and dam". Millard Chandler's parents, John and Henrietta (Brickett) Chandler started the Royce House, a haven for hikers and other visitors to the valley. It continued to be operated by Henrietta, Millard and Millard's wife Anna into the 1960's. It is the large house on the left north of CRC, now owned by Steve Oppenheim and Judy Bailey.



Royce House

But who was Baker since no one named Baker ever owned any part of the so-called Mill Place as this particular property was called?

Town of Chatham

In order to continue this mystery I must say a bit about Chatham (much of which continues to be a mystery to me).

Many towns in New Hampshire were granted by Governor Benning Wentworth and later by his nephew John Wentworth to grantees referred to as proprietors. Chatham was so granted in 1767 as a rectangle 10 miles north-south and 4 miles east-west. The eastern long edge was the provincial line (which runs nearly true north-south) between New Hampshire and what was then Massachusetts; the southern edge was along the northern border of Conway that ran at right angles to the provincial line. The

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other two edges of the rectangle bordered on provincial land that are now Bartlett and Jackson to the west and Beans Purchase to the north. According to the original grant the town was to be divided into 77 equal shares amongst 73 proprietors, Benning Wentworth (2 shares), the first settled minister and one share for a public school. Benning specified he would get 500 acres out of the total 25600 acres implying the every one else was to get 250 acres. This left 6350 acres left over for other purposes such as roads and town common land.

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To put this into perspective for Cold River Campers, the northeast corner of original Chatham is at the northeast corner of the original Cold River Camp property bought by AMC from Wilford Robbins in 1919; the northwest corner is just west of the trail between South and North Baldface. The current Chatham is larger than its original dimensions, partly because of a 2000 acre "chimney" added in 1823, partly because of survey errors and partly because of land swaps with abutting towns.

The story of the division of Chatham amongst the proprietors is one of the great mysteries. Suffice it to say that the original grant changed a lot over the years – even before much of any settlement was done. Chatham town records tell of meetings of the proprietors starting about 1790 (the year of the first census) wherein more grants were allotted and various settlers were

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'quieted' property – normally in 100-acre pieces. In fact almost every town in NH was divided into mostly similar parcels by range and division identified by lot number and range number and sometimes by division. There is some evidence that originally before good records were kept that the proprietors of Chatham divided the town into approximately 8 (east-west) by 35 (north-south) 100-acre rectangular lots where the long dimension (east-west) was 160 rods (.5 miles) and the short (north-south) was 100 rods (.5/16 miles). This fits into the 4 x 10 mile original limits of

Chatham. I use the word approximate since Benning Wentworth assigned himself 500 acres in the southeast corner in the vicinity of the Kimball Ponds. The proprietors were apparently assigned the lots by lottery into 100-acre pieces or fractions thereof. The original CRC property was on lot #1, range #1. At the time there was probably only 1 division that was the whole town.

The Mill Place

The history of the original 38 acres on which AMC Cold River Camp was founded in 1919 goes back to 1793 when an early Chatham settler, William Abbott was "quieted" 40 acres of land in Chatham. The following is a simplified description of the history of this parcel. (Note: Along the way the 40 acres became 38 acres because of land taken out for what is now known as Main Road on the western border of this property).

October 1793

meeting of the proprietors of Chatham, Chatham Book #1.

(A copy is available in the Chatham Historical Society library)

Proprietors ⇒ William Abbott

40 acres no location is given but a map that must have been drawn before 1798 shows that Abbott's land abutted the northern and eastern borders of Chatham in lot 1, range 1 and shared the 100-acre lot to the south with Paul Chandler and to the west with Jonas Wyman who were "quieted" property in Chatham in September 1793.

June 16, 1798

Grafton County, book 31, page 314.

William Abbott ⇒ Asa Eastman

a rectangle 144 rods along the northern border of Chatham then south 45 rods along the provincial line reckoned at 40 acres.

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May 4, 1866

Carroll County, book --, page 218,
Jacob C. Eastman, Ithiel E. Clay, Caroline E. Clay, Mary Ann
Wyman, children and heirs of Jonathan K. Eastman, son of
Asa ⇒ Kimball Eastman

a child and heir of Jonathan K. Eastman, approximately
40 acres known as the Mill Farm described in the
preceding deed except this deed mentions that on the
west it is bounded by the town road and the northern
border is along the original northern border of Chatham.
Note that by now Samuel Gillman's 2000-acre grant had
been added to form the "chimney" of Chatham. There is a
small granite post marking the original NE corner of
Chatham a few paces north of the state line marker just
beyond the east side of the dam.

June 29, 1896

Carroll County, book 106, page 542,
Kimball Eastman ⇒ Charles S. Chandler

38 acres more or less, known as the Mill Place, Here the
property is described as being in lot 1, range 1, division 2
but bounded to the south by Chandler and to the north
by Chandler and Omer Charles land to the east by Maine
and to the west by the east side of the highway between
Chandler's house and Otis Carlton's house.

November 9, 1906

Carroll County, book 129, page 32,
Charles S. Chandler ⇒ Wilford L. Robbins

38 acres known as the Mill Place. The description of the
property is the same as above except the highway is now
between Chandler's house and Otis Paitton's. At the time,
Wilford Robbins was the Dean of the General

Theological Seminary in New York City. He had earned
several advanced degrees and was an avid hiker in the
White Mountains. He had stayed at the Deer Hill Farm
owned by Charles Chandler. Shortly after buying the
property he founded a camp on the Mill Place known as
"The Ledges". Charles Chandler helped build what we
now know as Barracks, Lodge, Library, Tower, Office
and East & West Cox almost 100 years ago! Shortly
before he sold the land he retired to a farm in 1916 in
Mason, ME next to Bethel where he died in 1927.

June 6, 1919

Carroll County, book 137, page 327,
Wilford L. Robbins ⇒ AMC

38 acres known as the Mill Place as described above except
reserving the right to haul the mill stones on the property
away. (Cold River Camp officially opened July 1, 1919).

The Baker

There can be no doubt that there was a mill near the Mabel
Chester dam. Chatham tax records going back to 1806 show that
Asa Eastman had a mill there, as did his son Jonathan later. In

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know as Barracks, Lodge, Library, Tower, Office
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1805 the NH legislature ordered all towns to submit a map of the
town. This 1805 map in the NH State Archives includes a
reference to the Mill Place Falls at the NE corner of Chatham.

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The real mystery is who was the Baker who was cited as the operator of the mill by Horace Chandler (b. 1832), Millard's grandfather. There is a clue that I obtained from David Crouse who has done a fantastic job of putting together the genealogy of residents of Chatham, Stow and Lovell. He also publishes the "Cold River Chronicles". He believes it might have been Daniel Benjamin Baker born April 26, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1864 in Chatham. He had the family connections to the owners of the Mill Place in the mid-1800s through his mother who was the

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died October 17, 1864 in Chatham"*

daughter of Jonas and Mary Ann Wyman referred to above and his grandmother, a sister to Paul Chandler who owned part of lot 1 just south of the Mill Place, Baker's great granddaughter still lives in Chatham but said unfortunately she did not know much about her ancestors.

For now, that is the end of the story of the Mill Place but not its mystery.

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COMING MARCH 2007

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METRO NEW YORK
PHILADELPHIA,
(& other locations, too?)

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