

the *Little Deer Dispatch*

**AMC COLD RIVER CAMP
NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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WELCOME TO COLD RIVER CAMP, FROM YOUR MANAGERS AND CREW

We are looking forward to our eighth season as summer managers at Cold River Camp! We're also so grateful for the help of Liz and Jared Murphy, who will be filling in for us as managers in the middle of this season. Liz worked as an assistant manager here in years past so we know that camp will be in good hands. Richard Hall joins us this year as our assistant manager, and we know you'll enjoy getting to know him. We are so happy that Zachary Porter will be heading up the kitchen staff again this year! Long-time staffer Fiona Graham joins him as the Assistant Cook. Zachary and Fiona will be joined by Ryan Brennan as our Prep Cook.

We've hired a fantastic and energetic crew for this season. Our one returning crew member Sylvia Cheever brings both a savvy understanding of the inner workings of camp as well as the perspective of a long-time camp guest. Eva Thibeault has worked as fill-in crew and has been coming to camp for years. Doug Norton and Isaac Klimasmith have been guests at camp in years past. Joining them are some new faces: Sam Leonardo, Claire Hawkins, Skye Fournier, and Camden Blatchly. All of them will work hard to keep Cold River Camp running smoothly. But now it's time to settle in and get down to the business of summer. Relax and enjoy your stay. Welcome back!

*Laurie Barr & Jim DiCarlo
Cold River Camp Managers*



Left to Right: Fiona, Ryan, Zachary, Sam, Camden, Doug, Skye, Isaac, Claire, Eva, Sylvia, Jim, Ruby, Laurie (photo by Sadie)

2016 Staff

Laurie Barr & Jim DiCarlo, Managers, Exeter, NH
Liz & Jared Murphy, Managers (Weeks 2 to 6), Morrison, CO
Rich Hall, Assistant Manager, Swanzey, NH
Zachary Porter, Head Chef, New Durham, NH
Fiona Graham, Assistant Cook, Wilton, NH
Ryan Brennan, Prep Cook, Portsmouth, NH

2016 Crew

Camden Blatchly, West Newbury, MA
Sylvia Cheever, Brooklyn, NY
Skye Fournier, Bethel, ME
Claire Hawkins, Exeter, NH
Isaac Klimasmith, Belmont, MA
Sam Leonardo, Townsend, MA
Doug Norton, Acton, MA
Eva Thibeault, Auburndale, MA ♦



EXTENSION SEASON CREW



EXTENSION SEASON 2016 VOLUNTEERS

Garry Crane, Nashua, NH

Bob & Betsy Goeke, Winchester, MA

Ann Landers, Quincy, MA

Jack Lutz, Shelburne, VT

Sarah McSorley, Mt Vernon, ME

Bill & Joan Mountford, Deerfield, NH

Alice Olson, Mt Vernon, ME

Ed Parsons, Tamworth, NH

Neil Portnoy, Kittery, ME

Rosy & Jim Probasco, Tiverton, RI

Brownie Siegler, Vienna, ME

Sue Talhouk, Portsmouth, NH

Corinne Waite, Weymouth, NH

Nancy Walsh, Bridgton, ME



Please extend a warm welcome to Liz & Jared Murphy, and their children Charlie and Ferrin. The Murphys will be stepping in as managers for weeks two through six!

**"THIS WAY TO GENERATIONS OF GREAT OUTDOOR
EXPERIENCES"**

THE CRC CENTENNIAL

Did you know that Cold River Camp will soon reach an important milestone? Almost 100 years ago, Philip Ayers, the President of the AMC, appointed a special committee to look into the possibility of establishing a new AMC camp in the eastern White Mountains. The committee's first task was to investigate ways to raise the funds needed to purchase the 35 acres of land and the existing buildings of the private "Ledges Camp" in North Chatham, NH. This initial body, consisting of Theodore Conant, Frank Mason, William May, Minnie Noyes, and Mabel Chester, was successful in this effort, and the AMC officially took possession of the site on June 27, 1919. Two days later, the first 26 guests arrived, inaugurating an ongoing summer tradition. From the start, CRC was a financially self-supporting and volunteer-managed facility, and it remains so to this day.

How will we mark our one-hundredth anniversary? The current CRC Committee recently formed a Centennial Subcommittee to solicit and evaluate ideas, and develop a plan. The purpose of this initiative is threefold: to compile and share informative and interesting aspects of the Camp's history and evolution; to publicize the upcoming centennial; and to make specific plans for how the CRC community can honor and celebrate the centennial. Some of the possibilities we are considering include producing an updated written history; creating a roving display to be featured at AMC facilities and events; adding a Centennial section on the CRC website; scheduling weekly evening events and a Friday-dinner celebration during the 2019 season; and positioning an appropriate centennial marker and time capsule at the Camp. The final plan will be reviewed and approved by the full CRC Committee.

We will be keeping you updated in further issues of the Little Deep Dispatch, and on our website. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send them to John Dean at jdean53@verizon.net.



Many of the trails in Evans Notch have been enjoyed for generations: A group of CRC campers pause for a photograph before ascending Mt. Meader in 1932.

A WELCOME FROM YOUR TRIP LEADERS

To our guests at Cold River Camp:

The tradition of led hikes is a longstanding one at CRC. Our leaders have spent years, if not decades, hiking in the area around CRC and the White Mountains. They can also help advise guests who want to hike on their own. Because only two led hikes are offered each day, and access to the Wilderness Areas is limited to groups of ten, some of our guests choose to organize their own hikes.

For hikers looking to strike out on their own, guidebooks, including the most recent AMC White Mountain Guide and Don Devine's Cold River Camp, A.M.C. Hiking Guide 7.1 2012 are available to borrow in the Conant Lodge. Copies of Don Devine's guidebook are also available for purchase in the office.

Our trip leaders have one goal in mind – to see that our guests have a safe, enjoyable vacation at our beloved CRC. For your safety, all of our CRC leaders are currently certified in Wilderness First Aid, CPR and AMC Leadership.

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. With your trail guide, follow the Conant and Tea House Paths. Return from your hike to enjoy CRC cook Zachary's great cooking. Step back in time, away from our current world of stress and relax at CRC, ready to return to the "real" world invigorated and ready for its challenges.

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. Carpooling is always encouraged.

Please be aware that some of the hiking trails in the White Mountains pass through designated Wilderness Areas. No more than ten hikers per group are permitted in these areas, in order to maintain the wild nature of these places.

Looking for new areas to explore? Here are two suggestions.

For parents with young children or anyone looking for a quiet and protected hike on a rainy day, Province Pond is an ideal destination. The AMC's White Mountain Guide, copies of which are available to borrow from the library shelves in Conant Lodge, has the driving instructions to the trailhead.

The trail heads northwest up Province Brook on a logging road.



Hikers make their way up the Ledges of South Baldface.

After descending slightly and swinging north, it crosses Province Brook on a bridge shortly before reaching the south end of Province Pond on a grassy bank. Pause here by the dam and look for dragonflies and swallows skimming the surface of the pond and aquatic insect life. The shelter is visible directly across the pond. Returning to the logging road, continue along the east shore of the pond and, at the north end of the pond, follow the trail left through the woods to the shelter. The distance from the trailhead to the shelter is 1.6 miles with a height gain of 400 feet.

For strong hikers looking for more challenging hike with the option of walking back to CRC, one should consider the trails in the Red Rock Mountain area. Again, consult the AMC White Mountain Guide for driving instructions to the beginning of the Miles Notch Trail. The Miles Notch Trail follows old logging roads into the valley of Beaver Brook and in 3.2 miles reaches the Red Rock Trail. Continue on the Red Rock Trail heading west to the ledgy summit of Red Rock Mountain and follow the ridge over Butters Mountain and to the next col to the west between Butters and Durgin Mountains.

Here one can continue on the Red Rock Trail to the summit of Speckled Mountain and return to CRC via the Bickford Brook, Blueberry Ridge, Stone House or the White Cairn Trails and, eventually, the Leach Link alongside Cold River. Depending on which route you choose, this would be a 12 to 14 mile hike. Other hiking options in this part of the woods abound. See you on the trails! ♦

*Your leader coordinators,
Emma Crane, Naturalist
Bill Gross, Hike Leader*

HELPFUL HINTS

Here is a glimpse into the new possibilities that draw us back each year to CRC. Are you new to Camp? Do you think you may have exhausted all the opportunities that CRC has to offer? Impossible! 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 repellent, 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 spent in Camp: CRC is first and foremost a hiking camp, but it is also beloved in large part for the camaraderie 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 xeroscaping plants, complete with a map and botanical names. The garden is full of birds, especially hummingbirds, for the ornithologists.

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 quiet and a good book, or perhaps to catch up on a little unfinished work. For children, the Lodge bookshelf provides a well-loved collection of books for all ages in addition to board games and cards.

Hikes Around Camp: 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 putting opportunities in little streams. Occasional benches along the way, glimpses onto the river, and a variety of colorful mushrooms and flora are a treat to discover. The Tea House Path leads to a screened gazebo,

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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 picnic lunch.

Early mornings at Camp are magical. The sunrise cresting over Little Deer, lighting the Baldfaces, draws early birds to the Porch where the weather update is posted and hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate is waiting 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 traditional kerosene lanterns. Wool blankets under the bottom sheet make the bed warmer.

Outings or Activities: Campers enjoy post-dinner drives to Moose Blind or Deer Hill Bog Blind; Esther Williams Pool on the Wild River for a swim; Sebago Lake beaches and Songo Locks; antiquing in Bethel; Eastman Homestead Day on the Eastman Farm; square dancing in the Rec Hall; games on the lawn (soccer, badminton, Frisbee, tether ball are some of the favorites); the playground; pre-breakfast hikes up Little Deer; sing-a-longs; finding and exploring lesser known trails such as Speckled's Cold Brook Link Trail to the Ledges, Albany Basins, Grafton Notch, Mount Sabbatus; Lowe's Bald Spot; and Rumford White Cap. ♦



AMC COLD RIVER CAMP RESERVATION POLICY

Summer and Extension Seasons Full Week Reservations:

- Full week reservation requests are accepted by mail beginning January 1st.
- Reservations requests postmarked from January 1st through January 31st are processed using a lottery system.
- Applicants excluded from their first choice of dates will receive immediate consideration for any alternative dates they have listed. Inclusion of alternate dates will not reduce your chance of getting you first choice.
- Reservations postmarked February 1st are welcome and will be considered in the order in which they are received, and after all those postmarked in January have been processed.

Summer Season Partial Week Reservations:

- Reservation requests for the Cold River Camp Sampler (3 or 4 night stay with a Saturday arrival or departure) are accepted beginning March 1st, subject to availability.
- Partial week reservation requests, with a required two night minimum, are accepted beginning June 20th, subject to availability.

Extension Season Partial Week Reservations:

- Partial week reservation requests, with a required two night minimum, are accepted beginning March 1st subject to availability.
- New this year! Fall Foliage Self-Service. September 11 - October 7 (excluding Friday & Saturday nights); 2-night minimum. Reservations can be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival. No deposit required.
- Contact Ned Beecher for off-season reservation requests at **603-387-7869** or **offseasonsignup@gmail.com**.

Deposits:

All reservations require a deposit.

- Regular season: \$200 per person
- Extension season: \$100 per person. Reservation deposits are not transferrable.
- Cash or checks are accepted; please make checks payable to AMC Cold River Camp
- At this time, Cold River Camp cannot accept credit cards or

electronic payments.

- The entire deposit is applied to your bill the remainder is payable at camp.

Cancellations:

- Cancellations received prior to April 1st will receive a 50% deposit refund.
- No refunds are allowed after April 1st.
- Payment in full is required if a cancellation request is not received at least 14 days prior to scheduled arrival.

We would be happy for you to become members of the AMC during your stay at camp to avoid the 10% non-member surcharge.

Reservation requests from January 1st to June 20th:

Lois Winkler, Registrar,
17 Southview St., Pleasantville, NY 10570
(914) 747-3194, before 9 PM, please.

Reservation requests after June 20th:

Managers, AMC Cold River Camp,
32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH 03813-5201
(603) 694-3291



NATURALIST PROGRAM AT CRC

During each week of the summer season at Cold River Camp (CRC) 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 - Cross the CRC Dam, turn left and follow the trail for a mile alongside Cold River before ending at Stone House Road. At Stone House Road there are two options to return to CRC. Either turn left toward Rte. 113 and then left on Rte. 113 or return via Leach Link.

For a longer hike, turn right on the Stone House Road to access the trails on Blueberry Mountain or Shell Pond. More detailed trail descriptions can be found in the **AMC's White Mountain Guide** or **Don Devine's Cold River Camp, A.M.C. Hiking Guide 7.1 2012** – copies of which are available to borrow in the Lodge. Copies of Don Devine's trail guide can be purchased at CRC's office.

In camp, take along your copy of 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 Kame Terrace has been discontinued.

Along the way, a granite memorial bench on the Conant

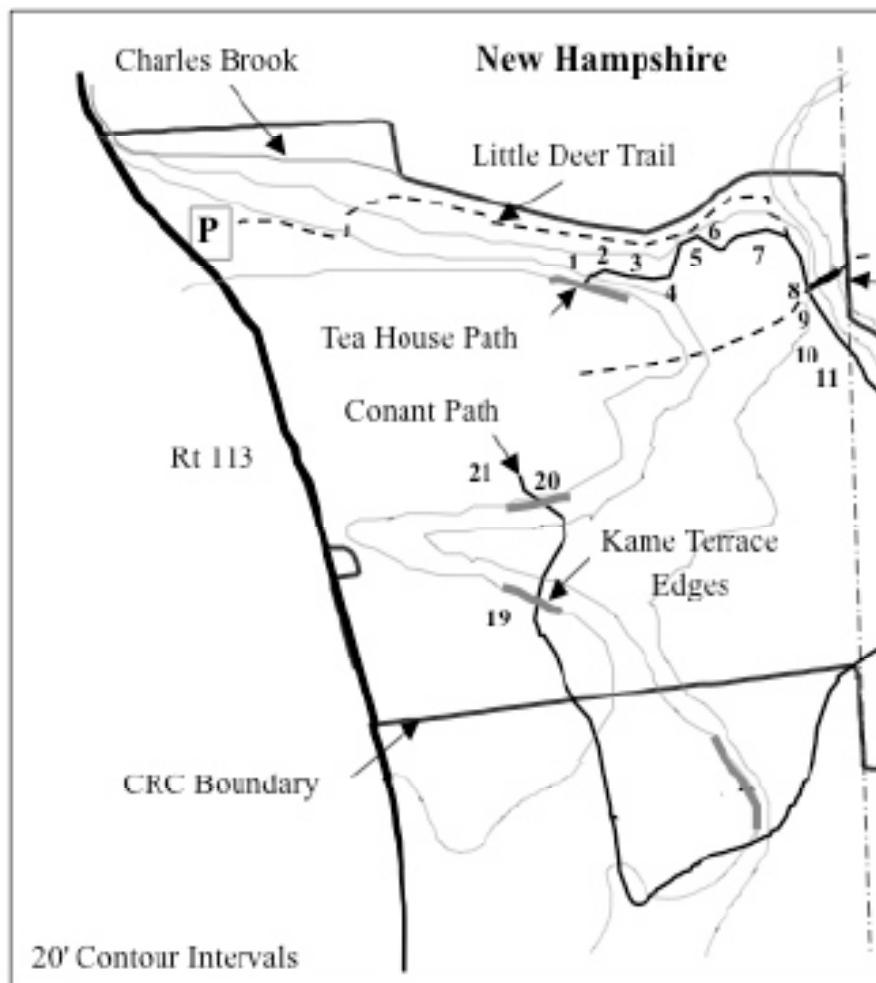
Path invites you to relax and listen to Cold River as it makes its way south. The screened Tea House, on the Tea House Path, invites you in to spend time and enjoy the sounds of nature.

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 Esther Williams Pool.

New this year we have copies of two of the AMC's Junior Naturalist Activity Books, for one for guests ages 5-8 and the other for ages 9-12. Upon completion of the requirements, our Junior Naturalists will be awarded patches and certificates at the Friday evening Talent show. Parents, and grandparents are encouraged to work with their children/grandchildren in fulfilling the requirements. During the week, our Naturalist is available for advice and help oversee this program. We also have a coloring book for our very young guests (cont.).



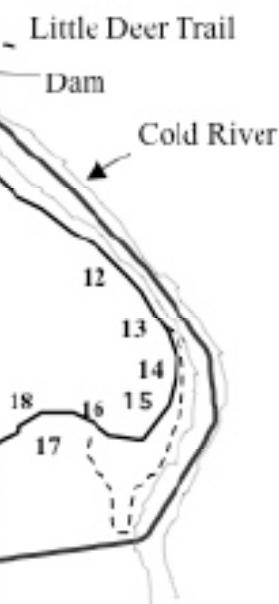
AMC Cold River Camp



Map by Bob Crane, 2011

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. Natu-

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NATURE TRAIL

Numbers on posts beside the trail

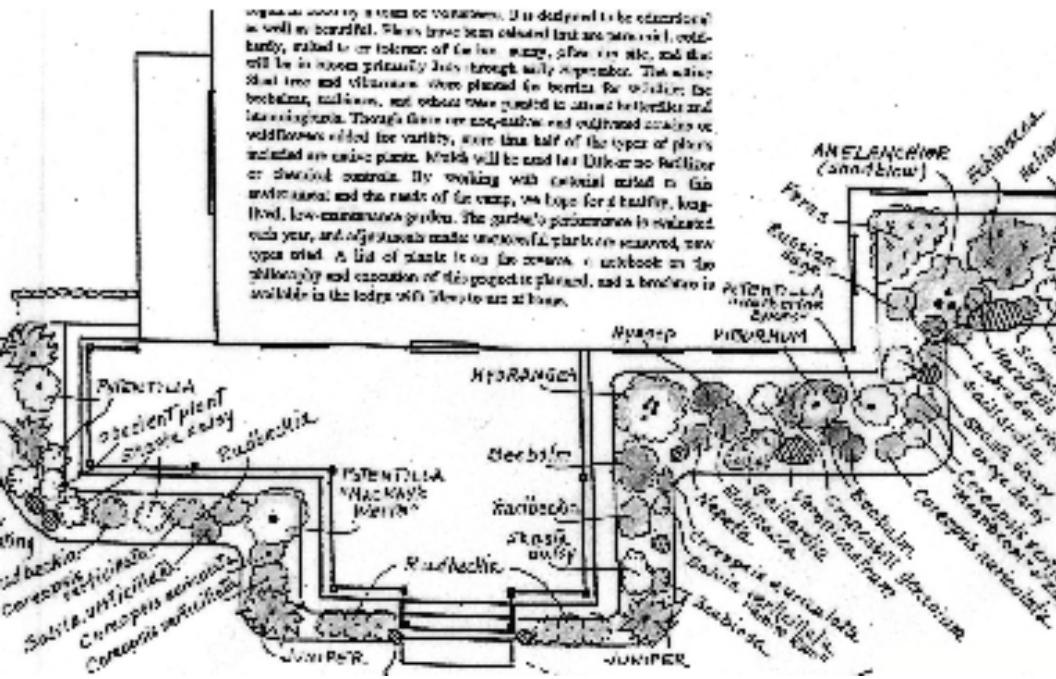
Key:

- 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

ralist Library in the Conant Lodge, as well as equipment for water studies in the Recreation Hall's Naturalist Toolbox.

Emma Crane
Naturalist Coordinator

organism's ability to withstand predation. It is designed to be educational as well as beautiful. These trees have been selected and are native to, or originally, related to or tolerant of the local climate, place or site, and that will be in season primarily late through early September. The water that tree and shrubbery plants need benefits the soil, reduces the temperature, minimizes, and reduces water required to attend to them and landscaping. Through these are no negative and enhanced drainage of, well-drained soil for variety, more than half of the types of plants selected are native plants. Which will be used for Littleton's Native or Deciduous woodland. By working with natural setting in 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 until 50% plants are removed, new types added. 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 many to see at home.



The Gardens at Cold River Camp

No, gardens are not the reason most people come to Cold River Camp, but who among us hasn't sat on the Lodge porch and admired what's in bloom among the native plantings right over the railing? Or strolled to the Rec Hall or Library and admired the striking foliage and blooms of the shrubs and perennials? Or walked along the Tea House and Conant Paths and admired the many native woodland plants along the way?

There are a number of ways to enjoy and learn more about the gardens at CRC, whether you are a novice or a seasoned gardener. There is an updated plan drawing of the Lodge gardens (hanging just inside the Lodge entrance) so that you can identify all the plantings there. Most are native to Maine/New England, so you can also see what does well in our growing area. There is a new Garden Resource Book in the Lodge that includes an information sheet on each of the trees,



shrubs and perennials to be found in the CRC gardens, a history of the gardens and how they have evolved over time, and a list of garden chores by month that you might help with.

The Garden Committee at CRC is a group of passionate gardeners/volunteers who love this special place and work on Opening and Closing weekends and periodically throughout the summer.

We also need volunteers during the summer season to help out in the gardens! Just take a look in the Resource Book at the list of chores for the month you are at Camp, get some tools and gloves from the garden shed, and pick a patch of garden that needs some tender, loving care. It's a perfect way

to spend a few hours when you need a lay day from hiking.

Or maybe you simply discover a new native plant you want for your own garden; you are able to finally identify a flower you always wondered about; or you choose to spend an afternoon with a sketch pad and paint brush with the gardens as your subject. One way or the other, we hope the CRC gardens provide you one more way to add to your knowledge and enjoyment of the natural beauty that surrounds us in these beloved New Hampshire mountains.

Susan Dovell & Jackie Cressy CRC Gardens

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GUEST INF

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.**

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

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

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 led 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 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 the 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 is a "do not disturb" sign: if you turn yellow side outward, crew will not enter your cabin.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Device use in the Lodge, the Lodge Porch, and Library is limited to reading. Any form of device communication (voice/text/email, etc., incoming or outgoing) should be done discretely, away from other guests and away from the Lodge, Lodge Porch and Library. Device use for personal entertainment (e.g., watching videos or playing video games) is limited to the guest cabins, and at noise levels unobtrusive to guest passers-by. Cords and device charging are to be kept within the confines of the charging station area in the Rec Hall.

ICE is available from the ice machine to the right of the back door of

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the kitchen.

LAMPS: If you are unfamiliar with kerosene lamps ask for help, or request the use for a battery operated lantern during your stay.

FIRE IS AN EVER-PRESENT HAZARD. Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are strategically placed in every cabin. Please DO NOT leave cabins with oil lamps lit or fires burning. Please use fire screens at all times and DO NOT leave children unattended in the cabins.

LAUNDRY may be done in Service Room by the Men's Lavatory. Cabin clothes lines should be used for the drying of clothes.

LIBRARY is open 24 hours a 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 from **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, or written on the "Fix-It" list on the Lodge porch. Critical repairs should always be reported directly to the Managers.

SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED anywhere on Camp property including 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 change 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 an 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 AMC

COLD RIVER CAMP

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its many volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by the CRC 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 is a rewarding experience. Ask anyone who does it!

How can I volunteer at CRC?

Volunteering for Cold River Camp offers many opportunities, and your contributions of time and effort are welcomed in a variety of areas. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Antonia Woods, or the Cold River Committee Chair by email - or fill out a volunteer form while at Cold River Camp.

Hike Leaders and 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 ensure that guests have a good time are equally as important.

Maintenance and Facilities

Keeping CRC's buildings and grounds operating properly requires continuing effort. Volunteers perform needed maintenance on work weekends in the spring and fall. Please join us for one or more of the CRC Work Weekends each year. 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 folks willing to paint, do landscaping, prune shrubs and trees, and assorted simple jobs.

Extension Season Volunteer

During the Extension Season, the dining facility and common areas, including bathrooms and the Lodge, are maintained by volunteers. They also assist the kitchen staff with some meal prep and cleanup after meals. There is ample time after morning chores and before evening ones to enjoy hiking or other activities. Meals and lodging are provided. You can volunteer for as little as one weekend, to as long as two weeks.

Individual and Committee Activity Involvement

Individuals and committees administer to various aspects of CRC life. CRC also hosts a number of weekend events in the off-season, which are made possible by volunteers. Some of the current volunteer opportunities are listed in the form below:

CRC VOLUNTEER FORM

If you would like more information about any of the following options, please circle your choice(s) and mail to:

Antonia Woods, Volunteer Coordinator

114 Pleasant Street #104, Arlington, MA 02476

awoods144@gmail.com

along with your name, interests, and contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in:

- Hike Leaders / Naturalists
- Facility Maintenance
- Extension Season Crew
(Sept.)
- Flower Garden Maintenance
- CRC Committee
- Trail Work Weekends (with CTA)
- Camp Opening (May) & Closing (Oct.)
- Conservation & Education
- Land Management & Planning
- Publicity & Communications
- Assisting in Other Events/Activities

CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

2062 MAIN ROAD, CHATHAM, NH 03813

Welcome back to the trails in the vicinity of Cold River Camp, some 40 miles of which are maintained by the Chatham Trails Association (CTA). Our thanks to the many volunteers and donors who make our work possible.

We depend on Volunteers. We run three trail work weekends each year based right here at Camp. Volunteers at all levels of experience are welcome. We provide the tools, training, supervision, room and board, and a spirit of camaraderie. Maybe you have college age children or grandchildren who'd like to organize a group at their school to join us. Contact me for more information. With a growing number of volunteers we've been able to get more done each year, including some major trail renovation projects. And the Forest Service always invites us to take on even more trails.

2016 work weekends are: May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend), June 4-5 (National Trails Day), and October 1-2.

2017 work weekends will be similar dates. Consult www.Chatham-Trails.org for the specifics, and to register.

Consider adopted a portion of one of your favorite hiking trails. For more information contact our Trail Master, Mike Zlogar, at Trailmaster@ChathamTrails.org.

We need donations to finance our work. Your generous contributions make our work possible. In addition to funding our work weekends, our costs include our tools, materials, insurance, government filings, a website (which needs enhancing; volunteers welcome), supporting the information center at the Brickett Place, trail maps, and more. Other hiking trail maintenance clubs, including the AMC, charge their volunteers something to cover room and board. CTA has always been able to provide especially comfortable quarters and great meals at Cold River Camp at no charge to our volunteers. Our direct costs are between \$5 and \$6 to get one person working for one hour on a trail, and this cost is gradually rising. It comes to almost \$50 for a full day of volunteer trail maintenance work. Consider sponsoring a day's work or more. And remember us in your will. We now have a modest endowment whose income helps us purchase materials for some of our more ambitious projects.

The Trail Sign Project: CTA is also responsible for informative signs on all of its trails, and signs wear out. Replacements are expensive. In 2015 we replaced 32 signs on Lord Hill, Pine Hill, and the Deers – places where the trails can sometimes be particularly confusing. This first batch of new signs cost us \$677.42. Another 35 or so signs, at similar cost, are being re-

2016 CTA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please register us for work weekend:

Spring 2016 May 27-30

Spring 2016 June 3-5

Fall 2016 Sept. 30- Oct. 2

Mail to volunteer coordinator, Ingrid Barrett

2003 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813 (from 5/1 to 10/15)

7 Hemlock Road, Hanover, NH 03755 (from 10/15 to 5/1)

or register at our website www.ChathamTrails.org

2016 CTA MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I/we desire to become a member of CTA or renew membership for the year 2016. Enclosed is memberships dues of (\$5) per person for a total of \$_____

I/we wish to make an additional contribution of \$_____ to Chatham Trails Association, Inc.

I/we desire to make a contribution or pledge of \$.... to the Memorial Fund for the protection of trails in the memory of _____

Chatham Trails Association is a 501(c)3 organization.

Donations are tax-deductible. Mail this form to

Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813

www.ChathamTrails.org

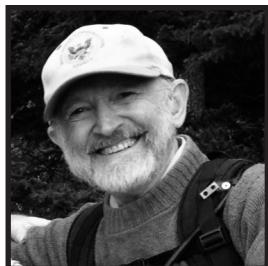
placed this year shortly before Camp opens. That will leave 35 or 40 more to be replaced in 2017.

Buy One of Our Retired Signs: To help fund our sign replacement project we are auctioning the signs we retire. Wouldn't you like an authentic CTA sign from one of your favorite trails as a reminder of the pleasure of hiking in the forest around Cold River Camp? Look for the loose leaf book in the Lodge where we have photos of the signs for sale and instructions on how the silent auction works.

Donations may be mailed to our Treasurer, **Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813**, made out to CTA or Chatham Trails Association. CTA is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation and a federal 501c3.

Some History: CTA has always been a part of Cold River Camp, although we are not a part of the AMC. CRC was founded in 1919, after which the initial guests and managers recognized the need for a trail maintenance club. They started CTA in 1922. We have always operated out of CRC and about half of our volunteers are regular CRC guests. Other volunteers are principally folks who live nearby and others who are frequent hikers in the White Mountains.

Don Devine
President@ChathamTrails.org



The Chatham Trails Association (CTA) maintains the following trails:

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

AMC COLD RIVER CAMP 2017 SCHEDULE

January and February

- January 1 Guest Full Week Registration Lottery Opens (L. Winkler)
January 31 Guest Full Week Registration Closes (L. Winkler)
February 1 Guest Full Week Reservations Accepted on a First Come, First Served Basis (L. Winkler)

March and April

- March 1 Guest Partial Week Reservations Open (L. Winkler)

May

- May 12 (Friday) Winter Cabin Closes for Winter Guest Use (Chris Clyne)
May 12 - 14 Camp Opening and Work Weekend
May 14 Mother's Day
May 19 - 21 Open for Group Off Season (OSM)
May 26 - 29 CTA Work Weekend #1 / CTA Annual Meeting (Devine)
May 29 Memorial Day

June

- June 2 - 4 CTA Trail Work Weekend #2 (Devine)
June 9 - 11 Open for Group Use Off Season (OSM)

July and August

- June 17 - 23 Summer Season Preparation Week (Summer Manager)
June 24-July 1 CRC Guest Week 1
July 1 - 8 CRC Guest Week 2
July 8 - 15 CRC Guest Week 3
July 15 - 22 CRC Guest Week 4
July 22 - 29 CRC Guest Week 5
July 29 - Aug. 5 CRC Guest Week 6
August 5 - 12 CRC Guest Week 7
August 12 - 19 CRC Guest Week 8
August 29 - 26 CRC Guest Week 9
August 26 End of Regular Summer Season

August and September

- August 26 - Sept. 10 CRC Extension Season (Extension Managers)
September 4 Labor Day
Sept. 10 - Oct. 5 Open Fall Foliage Self Service Use/Caretaker Basis
(excludes Friday noon - Sunday noon)
September 15 - 17 CRC open for Group Use Off Season
September 22 - 24 CRC open for Group Use Off Season

September Through December

- Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 CTA Trail Work Weekend #3 (CTA - Devine)
Oct. 9 - May 10, 2018 Winter Cabin Opens For Group Use (Chris Clyne)
October 6 - 9 CRC Camp Closing (Fuchs)
October 9 (Monday) Columbus Day



CRC WEBSITE

WWW.AMCCOLDRIVERCAMP.ORG

The CRC website helps new and returning guests quickly and easily find information about camp. The camp calendar and camp news sections on the main page keep guests informed of the latest happenings in and outside Evans Notch. Reservation updates are maintained throughout the winter and spring. Additional sections inform campers about volunteer opportunities, off-season use of camp, and hike leaders for the coming season. Virtual copies of this summer LDD as well as the winter LDD are also available.

The website continues to link to our other online presences, including an integrated sign-up form for our email mailing list and links to CRC's official Facebook, TripAdvisor, and Instagram accounts. Continued and ever appreciative thanks to our "virtual" campers for the glowing TripAdvisor reviews and superb Facebook posts, photos, and likes! The welcoming spirit of the camp community continues on beyond the summer season and into the next, reminding campers of their favorite moments from the past year while simultaneously bringing new campers into the fold.

These digital resources are great way to keep in touch with the camp community outside of the summer season. Feedback and content submissions, especially photo albums and articles about camp are always welcome!

Mark Weston
CRC Website Coordinator
mark.william.weston@gmail.com

COLD RIVER CAMP 2016 WISH LIST

The AMC Cold River Camp Wish List is a way to encourage giving to tangible causes to help improve camp life. If you like to see where your money goes, donating to the Wish List could be for you! All contributions are tax-deductible. All donors are recognized on the Cold River Camp website and in the *Little Deer Dispatch* or can choose to remain anonymous. You do not have to fund an entire item. The AMC Cold River Camp Committee is deeply appreciative of those who can and do give that extra support to the Cold River Camp community with generous gifts of time, money or goods.

2016 WISH LIST

1. Game camera, to see what critters are in camp when we're asleep or not there (about \$500).
2. Garden Fund for additional trees, shrubs, special gardening tools, etc.

In keeping with and helping to preserve CRC's character:

3. Furniture Repair and Replacement Fund (lodge porch, lodge, and cabins: \$ cost varies with repair or replacement).
4. 6 washable wool blankets. (\$90 - \$120 each).
5. Underwriting some or all of the production costs of the *Little Deer Dispatch* (about \$1500 annually).
6. Four mattresses for the ongoing "Mattress Replacement Program" (about \$250 each).
7. Better equipage of the Winter Cabin ("the Convent") for an improved guest experience, new or used: sturdy eating table and chairs, armchairs (2), possibly a love-seat; hot plate.
8. A four or five horsepower lawn mower.

Please contact Emma Crane at amc.crcwishlist@gmail.com if you have questions about making a donation. Checks should be made out to the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and sent to Dick Goettle, CRC Treasurer, 433 NH Route 119 East, Fitzwilliam NH 03447, with an indication of what the donation is for.



THE WINTER CABIN



During the summer the building known as “Convent” provides housing for six crew members. From October to early May, Convent is available for guest rentals as the “Winter Cabin.” Winter in Evans Notch is no less appealing than the summer. Most Winter Cabin guests hope for lots of snow so they can ski, snowshoe and enjoy winter hiking followed by a cozy night in a warm cabin with friends.

The cabin features a six-bed bunkroom, with floor space for additional guests, and a multipurpose area equipped with a small kitchen area and wood stove. There is a small refrigerator, a microwave, a coffee maker, a toaster, and a hot water kettle in the kitchen. Plates, mugs, bowls and cookware are also provided. The cabin is winterized and has electricity, but please note: there is no running water. Guests bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and wood for the stove are provided. In the winter, the camp driveway gates are locked, so a key is provided. A small area at the edge of Route 113 is plowed at the northern driveway entrance. The road is not plowed beyond this point.

Current rates are \$80/night. Payment in advance is requested. If interested please contact the Winter Cabin Registrar for information and reservations. Please check the online reservation calendar for availability, <http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/Calendar.html>. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions and where to pick up the cabin key.

offseasonsignup@gmail.com

FALL & SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

Mid-May to mid-June:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size: 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$70/person/night (all meals included)

Mid-September to mid-October:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size (weekends only): 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$70/person/night (all meals included)

NEW! Fall Foliage SELF-SERVICE!

During peak foliage season and the renowned Fryeburg Fair, Camp will be your peaceful base. This new self-service option includes a cabin without linens (a sleeping bag makes sense for the cooler nights), full use of the premises, and use of the kitchen to cook your own meals. Camp Caretaker Emma Huse will welcome and orient you. Space is limited.

Sept. 11 - Oct. 7 (excluding Fri & Sat nights)

Chris Clyne & Ned Beecher
Extension & Off-Season Managers
603-387-7869 / offseasonsignup@gmail.com



CHECK OUT THE CRC LIBRARY!

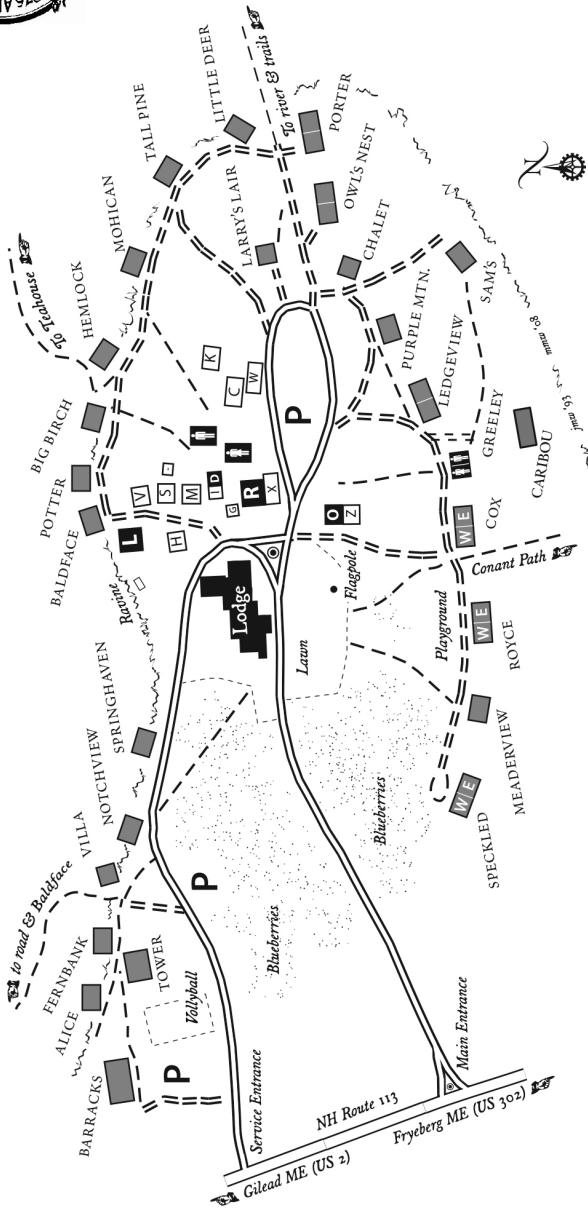
Picture this: you're at CRC, everyone else is out on a hike. You've elected to stay behind, watch over a napping child, nurse a twisted ankle, or just enjoy the solitude. You've read the book you brought or your tablet is charging in the Lodge. You're bored and want something new to read. What to do? You've noticed a little green building with the sign "Library" hanging on it. Guess you'll look inside! You see a lovely warm brown interior, comfy chairs, and books. There are back issues of *Appalachia* magazine to browse through, binders full of CRC Hike reports dating back decades that look like fun to page through. If you're in the mood for a novel, there are shelves of popular fiction, including mysteries, science fiction, or just plain literary fiction. There are also shelves of popular nonfiction, biographies, poetry, or natural history. There are even chess and backgammon boards on the long table. The library building dates from 1920, when it was "May Cabin", the cook's cabin. It became the library in 1954. It's not the biggest library you'll ever go into, but it is the coziest. Grab a book, head back to your cabin, and enjoy yourself. Please visit the Library Building when you're at CRC. You might find something new to read, and you will have explored a part of CRC history.



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