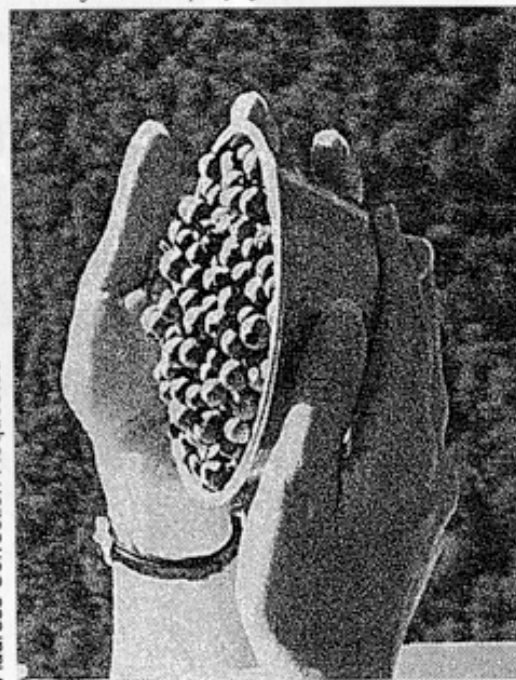


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Bicknell Ridge Trail Blueberries, photo by Roger Damon



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the Little Deer Dispatch

COLD RIVER CAMP * AMC
Winter 2000 issue - Number 6

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New London, NH, January 2000

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

Bitter weather in the North Country makes summer seem remote, but the CRC Committee of volunteers who manage Camp are busy with plans and projects for the 2000 season. We welcome two new key CRC volunteers: Carole Prendergast as the Naturalist Program Coordinator, and Dick Goettle as Treasurer. Our thanks go to Committee members Larry Prendergast and Harvey Wechsler who have completed their 3-year terms, to Karen Winfield who is retiring as our Treasurer, and to Meg Holland who has served as Volunteer Coordinator and manager of our many spring weekend events for six years. Anna Goettle will be our new volunteer coordinator; please read her message on page 13, and join the ranks of our valued volunteer group for a day or for a project. Our Committee roster is listed on page 10 so you may know who to contact at any time with questions, concerns, or good ideas.

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The old year went out with a bang, as a windstorm felled over 35 trees at Camp. There was no major damage. The cleanup was completed fortunately before the arrival of significant snow. Earlier this fall, extensive tree work was completed at camp improving safety, tree health, and views. This work was donated by the Maine Arborist Association. Improvements of our grounds continue with the start of a Garden Renovation Project. This select team, headed by Jackie Cressy, has cleared gardens by Conant Lodge and is now preparing and designing new gardens that will serve both as an educational model and as way beautify Camp. This team hopes to start new plantings this spring.

Great News! The long awaited replacement of Women's Showers has begun. The old building is gone and the new building has begun.

The Committee reviewed and updated the reservations procedure this fall; volunteers who donate 25 or more hours of service will still receive priority. There is a modest rise in rates after holding them level last year. Camp is a popular vacation choice and is operating close to capacity, so meet the April 1st mailing date for best results.

The best news, as we look ahead to the 2000 season, is that Bill and Kathy Waste return as our Summer managers, Al and Jackie Cressy return as our volunteer September managers, and Meg Holland will now join us as our new Assistant Manager. A full schedule of daily hikes, weekly naturalist program, good food and good company—all in a beautiful part of the North Country—await your arrival.

Our CRC Reunion get-together is scheduled for March 25th (see pages 8, 9 and 11). This is a great chance for you to meet old friends, talk to Cold River Camp staff and to Committee members, and to enjoy yourself.

I hope to see many of you there, or at camp come summer.

Dick Birch

CRC Committee Chair 2000



WINTER HAIKU

*Under the snow crust
the blueberry waits for spring
summer pies at camp*

Peg Birch 1/2000



MANAGERS' LETTER



Lyme, NH, January 2000

Dear Friends,

On the wall over my desk at home is a map of the Cold River valley similar to the one on the Lodge porch by the door. At times it is hard to get work done for the daydreaming inspired by the map! Kathy and I will be returning for our sixth summer as managers and, at this point in the year, are more excited about the upcoming season than we ever have been before.

Kay to that excitement is the staff and crew we already know will be with us. Todd Barber will join us again as chef after a year in Scotland. Todd was the Chef two summers ago, Assistant Chef before that and September Season Chef for many years. Meg Holland will be the Assistant Manager. Meg has long been associated with Cold River as guest, as Committee member, and as September Season crew, and as kitchen staff. Both Todd and Meg have a deep love and understanding of the things that make Cold River special. They will help us attain the highest standards and maintain the best CRC traditions—good food and welcoming atmosphere.

Of the crew hired at the time of this writing, all have either worked for us before, been guests, or both! We may have to teach them the tasks and details, but they come already knowing the place and wanting to be there.

With Camp as it is and having such a good staff, what more could we ask for? YOU! Please come back to that special place and enjoy a wonderful vacation with us.

Sincerely,

Bill and Kathy Waste

Cold River Camp Managers 2000



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CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION



Bethel, ME, January 2000

The year 2000 promises to be an exciting one for the CTA. In addition to having three trail maintenance weekends in the spring, we are currently planning to host a work weekend in the Fall. This spring we will be faced with clearing a number of trails that were heavily damaged by the windstorm of December 11 and 12 (100+ MPH winds in the Valley.)

In collaboration with the AMC and the U.S. Forest Service, we will be recognizing National Trails Day (3 June) with a program of work, recreation and educational activities. The CTA along with the Trailwrights, a volunteer group specializing in stone work on trails, is planning to upgrade the upper reaches of the White Cairn Trail with stone steps and water bars. We have agreed to assume maintenance responsibility for the Shell Pond Loop trail, a delightful family-style hike. We are also planning to add new CTA trail signs on many of our trails.

Please plan to attend the this year's **CTA Annual Meeting**, to be held at 3:00 PM on **Saturday, 25 March**, to be held in conjunction with the Cold River Camp Reunion. The meeting will be an important opportunity for you to hear more about the CTA plans for 2000 and where we see the organization heading, and to elect the Association's Board of Directors.

If you have not had a chance to join the CTA for 2000, please take a moment to complete the membership application and remit the dues of \$5. We are counting on your continued financial support, since last year it cost us roughly \$93 to maintain each of the 35 miles of CTA trails. This coming year, the cost per mile is estimated to be \$110.

We continue to encourage CRC guests to support the maintenance of the CTA trails by working during one or more of the work weekends, scheduled for 27-29 May, 3-4 June and 10-11 June.

Allen Cressy
CTA President 2000



CTA SIGN-UP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Membership & Contributions

I/we desire to become members of the CTA for the year of 2000.

I am enclosing the membership dues of \$5 per person.

I/we also desire to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ to the *Chatham Trails Association, Inc.*

Volunteer Trail Work

I/we am interested in volunteer trail work.

Please circle the date(s) of your choice below

May 27-29

June 3-4

June 10-12

Please note that you can become a CTA member by working at least 8 hours during 2000 in support of the CTA.

In addition, a White Mountain parking permit is available to those who contribute 16 hours of work on CTA trails.

Please circle your interests and/or abilities below

Blazing Trails

Chain saw work

Cooking

Trail clearing

Making Trail Signs

Trail construction

Please return this Registration Form by mail to:

Allen Cressy, President

Chatham Trails Association,

P.O. Box 74, Bethel ME 04217

T: 207-824-0508

E: ajcressy@megalink.net

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION

REUNION FAMILY HIKE



On Saturday, March 25th 2000
Hike Mt. Washusett (2,006')

This family hike has become a traditional part of CRC Reunion's activities for the past nine years. For fun, Marvin and Judy Swartz (H: 413-529-0024) have again agreed to lead the hike up Wachusett Mountain. Come see the Boston skyline from afar! If you have questions, or if the weather looks iffy, please call Marvin.

Time: Meet at 10:45 am. Start at 11:00 am & conclude at 2:00 pm to allow us to get to Worcester for CTA meeting and reception following.

Description: We'll meet at Reservation Headquarters & Visitor Ctr. on Mountain Road in Princeton at 10:45 am. Center is heated and has rest rooms. Hike will depend on weather and ground conditions. Since past precise trail and distance hopes have been unrealizable because of these conditions, we had best promise only to have the most fun with what Mother Nature gives us. We aim to get to the summit with its fine views and, if possible, to traverse the mountain.

Bring your lunch/snack & drink.

Be prepared for wet and/or icy conditions.

DIRECTIONS:

From Worcester: Take Exit 5 off Route 190 onto Route 140 north. Go 2½ miles to Route 62; turn left onto Route 62 west. Proceed 4 miles to flashing light in Princeton. At light, take right onto Mountain Rd. Proceed ¾ miles to Visitor Center (on left).

From Boston (or Greenfield): On Route 2, get off on Route 190, go to Route 140 north and follow

the above directions. **OR** Take Exit 25 off Route 2 to Route 140 south and go 2½ miles until you see a green Mass. State sign (Wachusett Mt. State Park 2 [miles]) and a white commercial sign (Wachusett Mt. Ski Area). Take right there and proceed 2 miles - past ski area - to the Visitor Center (on right). (Note do not bear right onto Bolton Rd where ski area entrance is located.)

SEPTEMBER MANAGERS' LETTER

January 2000, Bethel, Maine

Dear Cold River Camp Family,

Although we are deep in a bitter cold spell as we write this, we have already begun to plan for the year 2000 September Season. You will be pleased to know that our faithful volunteer Crew members are planning to be on hand once again this year. Since Judy Bailey will not be able to join us as cook, we are looking for a replacement for her which will be very difficult indeed.

As always, we are looking forward to seeing those of you who have become Extension regulars at Camp. We are also hoping to see some new faces this year. If you haven't come to Extension before, we would like to encourage you to give it a try. We think you will find that Extension is a real treat - no bugs, crisp days and few people on your favorite trails. Last year we were treated to a spectacular display of the northern lights.

Please note that through our volunteer support, we again will be charging a very nominal \$40 per person per night.

Al & Jackie Cressy, September Season Managers 2000

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

I can hardly wait for you to visit CRC next summer! With generous support of some 23 arborists from Maine and NH, the ravine cabins east of the Library now have *windows* through which the surrounding mountains and ridges can be seen. In addition, the arborists opened up clearings around each cabin. In mid-September, the arborists and their families joined us for a weekend of recreation and work, representing approximately \$10,000 of free help. Check December issue of *AMC Outdoors* (p. 43) for more details in the article titled *Arbor Arbor*.

Mother Nature also has had a hand in helping us *manage* the landscape at Camp. During 11/12 December, a violent storm with 100+ MPH winds roared through the Valley and took down a large number of large pines and hemlocks. Don't be too surprised if one of your favorite trees is missing. Through the assistance of a logger, the resulting debris has since been removed. While distressing to us, this is, after all, Nature's way of dealing with weakened and diseased trees.

Al Cressy, Land Management Program Coordinator 2000

2000 CAMP REUNION RESERVATION FORM



Name (s) _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Please indicate number of people attending _____

Check is enclosed for _____ (\$16.00/person)

Please make check payable to *Cold River Camp-Reunion, AMC*.

Will you be taking part in the Wachusett Hike?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please be sure to provide your phone numbers above.

Mail reservations to :

Sally Crocker & Daniel Gallagher

7 Brookfield Avenue

Barrington RI 02806

H: 401-245-5759

E: SallyandDaniel@peoplepc.com



**PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 16th**

THE COLD RIVER CAMP ANNUAL REUNION & THE CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Greendale People's Church,
Worcester, MA (directions on page 11)

Saturday, March 25, 2000



Mt. Wachusett Family Hike - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CTA Annual Meeting - 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Reception with hors d'oeuvres - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

*Swedish Meatballs, Finger Sandwiches, Veggies
Cheese & Crackers, Punch & Hot Mulled Cider*



Dinner - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

MENU (SERVED COLD RIVER CAMP STYLE!)

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Oven-Baked Potatoes & Vegetable Medley

Green Salad with Rolls & Butter

Chocolate Parfait with Coffee, Tea, or Sanka



After Dinner Program - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

☛ Welcome & Hike Leader's Report

☛ Introduction of CRC 2000 Staff and Croo

☛ Eric Antebi, AMC Conservation Director

The Future of the White Mountain National Forest

☛ Jerry & Marcy Monkman, Eco-photography

Wild New England, From Seas to Summit



Door Prizes

PLEASE JOIN US



CRC CONTACTS



2000 Cold River Camp Committee

Dick Birch (Chair)	New London, NH	603-526-7657
Jim Weston (Vice-Chair)	Bedford, MA	781-275-8034
Dick Anderson	Hendricks, PA	215-234-4829
Sally Morris	Boxford, MA	978-887-0622
Anna Goettle	Arlington, MA	781-648-6350
Dwight Wilder	Somersworth, NH	603-692-6898
Al Cressy (CTA President)	Bethel, ME	207-824-0508

2000 Cold River Camp Volunteers

Al & Jackie Cressy (September Season Managers)	207-824-0508
Dick Goettle (Treasurer)	781-648-6350
Lois Winkler (Registrar)	914-747-3194
Anna Goettle (Volunteers Coordinator)	781-648-6350
Peg Birch (Conservation & Education)	603-526-7657
Al Cressy (Land Management Plan)	207-824-0508
Marvin Swartz (Hike Leaders)	413-529-0024
Carole Prendergast (Naturalists)	201-447-5644
Mark Winkler (Newsletter, Brochures)	914-747-3194
Sally Crocker & Daniel Gallagher (Reunion)	401-245-5759
Richard Foster (Camp Closing)	401-334-2880
Sam Hawley (Summer Maintenance, Winter Caretaker)	207-935-3823
Mag Wine (Winter Cabin Registrar)	207-797-4994

2000 Cold River Camp Managers

Bill & Kathy Waste	Lyme, NH	603-795-4440
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DIRECTIONS TO REUNION ¹¹

Greendale People's Church

25 Francis Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

Church is in Greendale section of north Worcester just off Route 12 at Fortin's Market. (Norton Co is also in the vicinity.) Route 12 is West Boylston St. Distance from Rt 190 to Francis St. is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

From the East, South & West:

Take Rt 290 into Worcester.

Leave Rt 290 at Exit 19 for Rt 190

Exit 19 sign reads:

"Rt 190 N to Rt 12".

Stay on Rt 190 to Exit 2.

Exit sign reads "Ararat St.

Holden Greendale"

At end of exit ramp turn RIGHT

at traffic light onto

wide part of Ararat St.

From the North:

Take Rt 190 south into Worcester.

Leave Rt 190 at Exit 2.

Exit sign reads "Ararat St.

Holden Greendale"

At traffic light turn LEFT using

overpass onto wide part

of Ararat St.



Follow Ararat St. as it narrows see sign to Rt 12.

At a Stop sign, Ararat St. joins Brooks St. (right).

Follow Brooks St. to traffic light (Rt 12) after passing under a RR bridge.

Turn LEFT at light on to Rt 12 (West Boylston St.)

Francis Street is 2nd right just before Fortin's Market.



Parking is in the church lots on right and left sides of Francis St; in bank/credit union on right side of Francis St just before the church lot; and rear part of Fortin's Market.

Enter church activity building from left parking lot. Use either elevator or stairway to 2nd level where dining hall, fellowship hall, and coatroom are located.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR GARDENERS!

Last fall, we completely cleared the lodge gardens in preparation for a total rejuvenation. We took soil samples. We now need to spend time improving the soil and setting out new plants and shrubs appropriate for soil and situation. Our focus is on using native plant materials. This is a long-term project to create a low-maintenance, naturalistic garden.

We specifically need, during early weekends, people willing to turn the soil, to work in soil amendments, and to remove the last lily roots! Later on, during the Memorial Day Weekend into early June, we will plant and mulch (with pine needles) according to the plan that the garden committee will have designed this winter. If you have a strong back, a willing spirit and a love for growing things, please sign on. We will let you know what tools you will need to bring later on. Just let us know when you can come.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

JOB PREFERENCE

Camp Opening May 6/7 (Sa/Su) _____

Prep for Naturalists May 18/19 (Th/Fr) _____

Naturalist Weekend May 19/20/21 (Fr/Sa/Su) _____

Spring Work Weekend May 26-29 (Fr-Mo) _____

Jobs available: Painting (bring old clothes), Clean-up, Carpentry/Repairs, Gardening, Kitchen Meal Prep, Grounds & Other.

Please respond by May 1st, 2000 to:

Anna Goettle, 12 Monadnock Road, Arlington, MA 02476

tel: 781-648-6350 • e-mail: agoettle@aol.com

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION •

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our camp keeps in trim, keeps expenses down, and offers service to others through the efforts of many loyal volunteers. It is essential we have new volunteers each spring to help. Plan a weekend at CRC working hard and enjoying the company!

- Open Camp (kitchen prep, cabin housekeeping and heavy furniture/deck/canoe moving)
- AMC Naturalists Weekend Staff (limited worker space: kitchen prep, some housekeeping)
- Spring Work Weekend (kitchen prep, exterior painting, Garden Project preparation.
- (Sign up for CTA trail work Weekends separately.)

This year we have limits on facilities as women's showers nears completion, so volunteer efforts will focus on our two important major projects: painting and grounds work.

We bring our own bedding and towels, rise early, share meal prep, 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 for those with enough energy before early to bed. 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.

Reservations are channeled through the Volunteer Coordinator. Since space is limited for some of the weekends and we need to identify key volunteers as soon as possible, do sign up early! All volunteers will get confirmation, and needed info. You can come for part of the weekend. For questions, contact me at 781-648-6350, or e-mail Agoettle@aol.com. Better yet, fill out the form below, and send it now.

Anna Goettle
Volunteer Coordinator 2000

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2000 SEASON RATES

2000 Rates	7/1-7/15	7/15-9/2	9/2-9/15
Adult (12yr & over)	\$330/wk	\$370/wk	\$40/day
Child (under 12)	\$210/wk	\$260/wk	\$30/day

All inclusive rates cover meals, rooms, hiking, gratuity, taxes & firewood. Non-AMC members add 10%. For July/August partial weeks accepted only after 6/26 with a minimum stay of 3 days & a daily rate of 20%. Only Cash or Checks accepted for payment.

SEE *AMC OUTDOORS* MARCH 2000 FOR FURTHER INFO.

Mail reservation from 4/1 to 6/20 to:

Lois Winkler, Registrar, 17 Southview St., Pleasantville NY 10570

T:914-747-3194 before 9pm;

Mail reservation after 6/20 to:

Bill & Kathy Waste, Managers, Cold River Camp, HCR Box 221,
Center Conway, NH 03813 T:603-694-3291

Trip Leaders and Naturalists for 2000 Season

July 1-8	C. Kaplan(T), R. Patera(T), C. Waite(T), E. Goeke(N)
July 8-15	U. Bakewell(T), M. Griffin(T), P. Norton(T), C. Waite(T)
July 15-22	R. Cross(T), E. Edelman(T), Fink(T), P. Pomerantz(N)
July 22-29	W. Gross(T), P. Birch(N)
July 29-Aug. 5	F. Mastro(T), C&C McArdle(T), C. Prendergast(N)
Aug. 5-12	J. Gorman(T), J. Kenyon(T), M. Regan(T), H. Wechsler(T), R. Daniels(N)
Aug. 12-19	A. Piasik(T), F. Uptegrove(T), W. Fuchs(N)
Aug. 19-26	S. Morris(T), M. Swartz(T), A. Wright(T), W. Fuchs(N)
Aug. 26-Sept 2	R. Anderson, S. Keroes(T), M. Arnott(T), M. White(N)
Sept 2-9	R. Anderson (T)

T=Trip Leader; T/N=Trip Leader/Naturalist; N-Naturalist

2000 AMC Cold River Camp Application

For period of (please give your choices)

1st _____ to _____ 2nd _____ to _____ 3rd _____ to _____

Preferred location at Camp

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Please print or type
Names

AMC Membership
(type & number)

Children's Age & Sex
(as of 7/1/2000)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ License Plate No. _____

Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____ (\$100/person/week in July & August or \$50/person in September)

Do not mail
before April 1st

Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed? ☐ ☐ Make checks payable to AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP

Phone _____

OPTIONAL - Emergency Contact or Family Physician: _____

SIGNED _____ Date _____