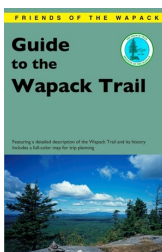


Get Involved! - Donate to help us secure permanent protection for the Wapack Trail; attend a trail work day; adopt a trail section; sign up to receive our newsletter; report trail conditions. The Wapack Trail continues to exist because of the work of volunteers. Please join the Friends of the Wapack to help insure that the trail is protected and maintained, and will continue to be enjoyed by this and future generations. *Details at wapack.org*

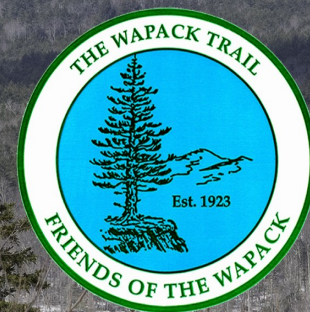


Trail Guide and Map - Visit our website wapack.org to order our Guide to the Wapack Trail, a detailed Trail Map, and other items. All sales help fund our mission to maintain and protect the Wapack Trail. Thank you for your support!

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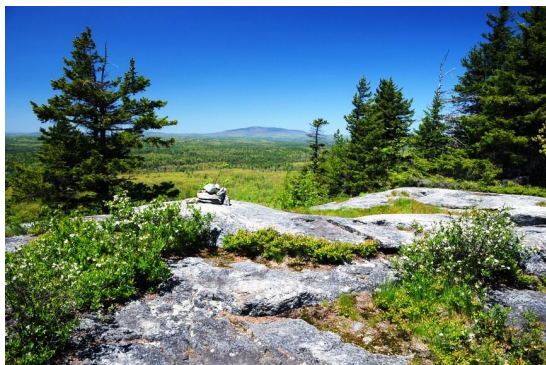
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The Wapack Trail



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The Wapack Trail is a 21.5-mile hiking trail that runs north-south over seven mountains, and through seven towns. From Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham, Mass., to North Pack Monadnock in Greenfield, N.H. It runs alongside ponds and wetlands, through dark woods and open blueberry fields, past stone walls and cellar holes, and across ledges and summits with fine views from Boston to the hills of Vermont. The Wapack Trail passes through both public lands and private lands, including a cross-country ski area, and has six trailheads with parking. For those with a love of long-distance hiking, it connects with the Midstate Trail in Massachusetts at the southern end.

The Wapack Trail was completed in 1923, mostly by Frank Robbins of Rindge, N.H., who farmed 1,200 acres of land around Barrett Mountain, and Marion Davis of New Ipswich, N.H. Marion Davis became the trail's best-known personality by operating the Wapack Lodge in New Ipswich for three decades until the late 1950s, providing lodging and hosting up to 100 people at a time. She also invented the name Wapack, from the mountains at each end of the trail. An early Wapack Trail supporter and frequent guest at the Lodge was Benton MacKaye, the father of the Appalachian Trail.



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Friends of the Wapack



Founded in 1980, the Friends of the Wapack, is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the maintenance and preservation in perpetuity of the Wapack Trail and associated side trails, as well as preservation of public access to these trails and public education about them. The Friends of the Wapack is an all-volunteer organization.

The Friends publish the Guide to the Wapack Trail, the Voice of the Wapack newsletter in hard copy and email versions, and a trail map. The Friends website, wapack.org, is the source for trail notices, permitted trail uses and restrictions, events, and how to join and donate. The Friends of the Wapack, Inc. is recognized as a charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the US IRS code. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Trail Maintenance and Protection

The Wapack Trail is maintained by the all-volunteer Friends of the Wapack, who keep the trail clear, remove trees and debris after ice storms or Nor'easters, maintain eight side trails, and occasionally re-route parts of the trail to adapt to changing conditions.

"Section Captains" adopt and care for specific sections of the Trail system. They clear brush and branches, keep drainage trenches clear, and re-blaze as necessary. During work days crews of volunteers tackle larger tasks

such as erosion control, construction projects such as bog bridges or relocations of the footpath.



Over the years, the Friends of the Wapack have partnered with several conservation organizations as well as local, state and federal agencies to se-

cure permanent legal access for the public to the Wapack Trail. Also, the trail has both benefitted from and been a spur to land conservation efforts. Although part of the trail passes through private land, it also crosses property such as the Mount Watatic Conservation Area, the Wapack National Wildlife Refuge, Miller State Park and Temple Mountain State Reservation, as well as land owned or protected by The Nature Conservancy, the New England Forestry Foundation, and Northeast Wilderness Trust.

Courtesy of the Trail

The Trail's founders set a tradition of mutual courtesy, friendship and cooperation between hikers and landowners, which we continue today. It is vitally important that Trail users respect the wishes of all property owners, private and public, and obey all postings.

The Wapack is primarily a day-use trail. Camping, over-nighting and fires are not permitted, except as noted on our web site. The trail is a footpath. Vehicles and other kinds of traffic are unsuited and inappropriate for the Trail, because of the nature and fragility of the terrain and the Trail's historic character as a wild haven.

Wherever you hike, no matter what season or whether it's a short hike or a multi-day trek, be safe: Follow the Hiker Responsibility Code at www.hikesafe.com.