

Connecting the Wapack Wilderness to Massachusetts

Binney Hill

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485 acres
New Ipswich, NH

"The Binney Hill property is one of the last large unprotected properties along the Wapack Range. Conservation of this land will protect a sensitive shore line along Binney Pond, one of the most wild and beautiful places along the Range, while insuring the continuity of the Wapack Trail for future generations."

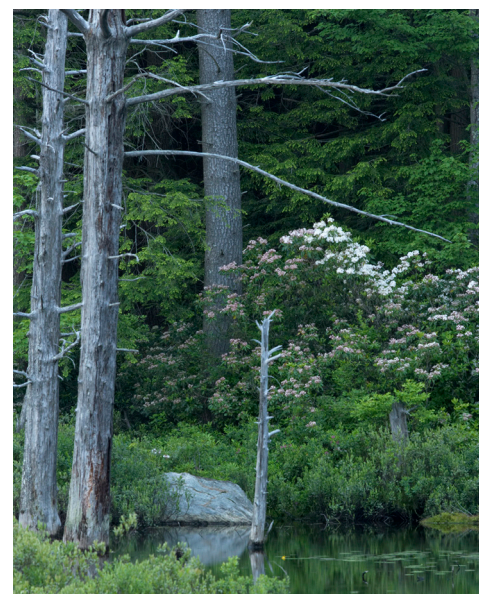
—Rick Blanchette, President,
Friends of the Wapack

With the Binney Hill project, Northeast Wilderness Trust aims to protect 485 acres across four parcels in southern New Hampshire, preserving connectivity for wildlife and people in this region. The lands abut the Binney Pond Natural Area to the north and Ashburnham State Forest to the south, and would connect our own Wapack Wilderness with the protected areas surrounding Mount Watatic in Massachusetts.

The successful completion of this project will fill a key gap in a major forest block, making a 2,235-acre swath of conserved land straddling the New Hampshire/ Massachusetts border. This land is home to moose, bobcat, black bear, and deer, and includes part of the shoreline of Binney Pond. In addition, more than a mile of the historic Wapack Trail traverses the Binney Hill parcels. This project will ensure ongoing access for hikers, runners, and nature lovers alike.

Community support from the conservation commission, Friends of the Wapack (a volunteer group dedicated to preserving the Wapack Trail), and from private citizens has already produced significant gifts and pledges toward this project. The full project budget, including the cost of land, transaction costs, institutional support, and long-term stewardship, totals \$920,000.

Northeast Wilderness Trust needs your support to purchase this land—and to prevent a planned subdivision of the property into small development lots. Instead, together we can protect essential wildlife habitat, forest, and wetlands as forever wild.



Binney Pond shoreline with mountain laurel in bloom
(photo © Mike Przybyla).

Top: Looking out over the land Northeast Wilderness Trust is aiming to purchase and protect as forever wild (photo © Bruce Boyer).

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