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Voice of the Wapack

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From the President

As autumn colors dominate the hills and ridges along the Wapack, we see an ever increasing number of hikers along the trail, enjoying the wonderful vistas and sylvan glades. Their pleasure and enthusiasm serves to reinforce our understanding of how important venues like the Wapack Trail are to so many people.

The 2005 hiking season has been a successful one, starting with only the normal amount of winter related maintenance, and continuing with no serious impacts to the trail. There has been some logging that has degraded the view and the footing in places, but judicious maintenance and the forest's ability to regenerate will make these areas less obtrusive in future seasons. While portions of the trail traverse private property and we pass

only with the concurrence of the land-owner, none have objected because you have been respectful of the land.

The Directors of the Friends of the Wapack have continued to have conversations with private land-owners along and adjacent to the trail, to maintain our good relations, and to discuss the concept of permanent trail easements where they do not current exist. It is a primary mission of the Friends to develop permanent easements to assure future hikers the opportunities that the Wapack has provided us. No agreements were negotiated this year, but progress on a number of fronts has been made.

For those of us who live on or near the trail, this past year as brought to our attention the increasing pressures on the area for commercial development. As the population continued to grow, people are reaching out further and further to find housing and conveniences, and each step places increased importance on our efforts to protect the trail. Your support of our efforts are much needed and appreciated.

- Mitch Call, President



Binney Pond from Pratt Mountain, New Ipswich, NH

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Courtesy on the trail

- *Foot travel welcome.*
- *Leave NO trace.*
- *Be quiet near houses.*
- *Stay on blazed trails.*
- *Respect trailside property.*
- *Park cars so others can pass.*

Friends of the Wapack Trail Work Days

Our first workday of 2005 was on Saturday, April 30th at Temple Mountain. We had five volunteers and we were able to accomplish all we had planned before the rain started in the afternoon. Our major task was to relocate a section of the trail at the base of the mountain that we had laid out last year. This relocation by passes a wet section and brings the trail up an old ski slope with excellent views to the northwest. Most of this work involved the cutting of small saplings and light brush. Once this was done, we continued on to the summit to check the condition of the relocation we did last fall.

There are two more workdays scheduled this year. All workdays are on Saturday and start at 8:30 AM and typically wind down around 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon. Bring lunch, water, work clothes, and en-



Moving stone for new trail stairway with Trailwrights, Pack Monadnock

thusiasm. We supply the tools and encouragement.

Saturday September 24: Kidder Mountain Trail. It's been quite awhile since we had a workday on this side trail. Logging activity has altered the drainage and the Trailwrights will be helping us install some water bars and other appurtenances. We'll meet at the NeWest Mall parking lot on Routes 123/124 in New Ipswich before heading over to the trailhead.

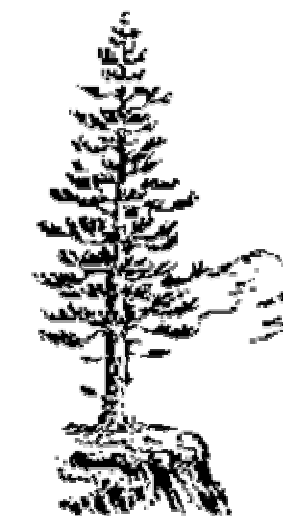
Saturday October 22: Pack Monadnock. This workday was originally scheduled for last fall but was postponed due to the need to relocate the trail at the summit of Temple Mountain. We'll be doing general trail maintenance including water bar work along the trail between the summit and the Cliff Trail. Meet at 8:30 in the parking lot at Miller State Park. - *Mike Przybyla, Trail Master*

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Friends of the Wapack 2005 Calendar

All are welcome to attend the following meetings & events
Check our website for updates or additions www.wapack.org

Board Meetings— First Thursday of alternate months. (**November 3, January 5, March 2, May 4, no meeting in July**). All are welcome. Shieling Forest Barn, Peterborough, NH. 7:00 PM.

Saturday, September 24 – TRAIL WORK DAY, Kidder Mountain Trail, New Ipswich.

See “Trail Workdays” article in this issue for details. Contact Mike Przybyla (603) 878-3350.

Saturday, October 15— *FRIENDS OF THE WAPACK ANNUAL MEETING*

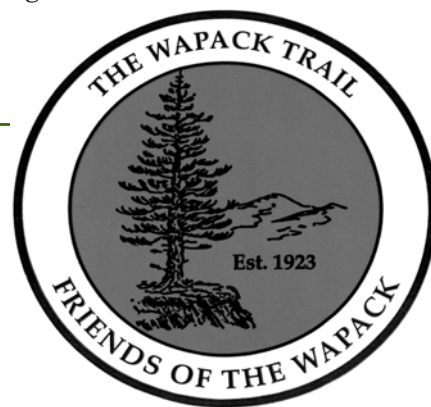
Shieling Forest Conference Center ("The Barn"), Old Street Road, Peterborough, NH.

Get together with other “Friends” for a morning hike. Guest speaker Charles Royce will deliver a talk about Mt. Monadnock at 1PM. Our annual business meeting will begin after the talk. Watch for a special mailing, call an FOW officer, or check our website for details.

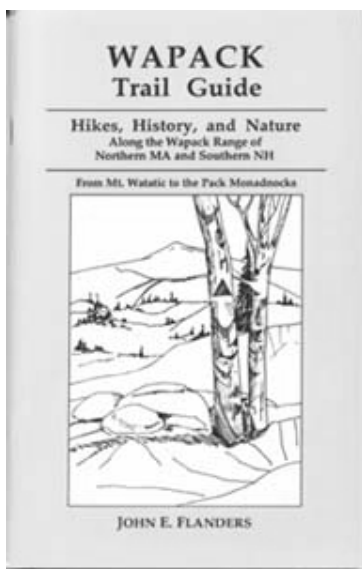
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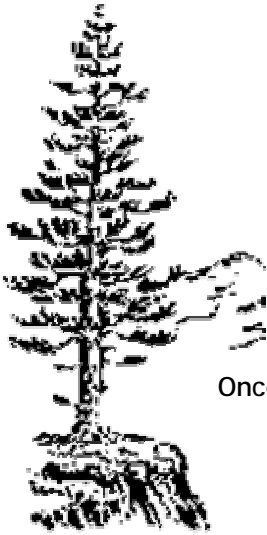
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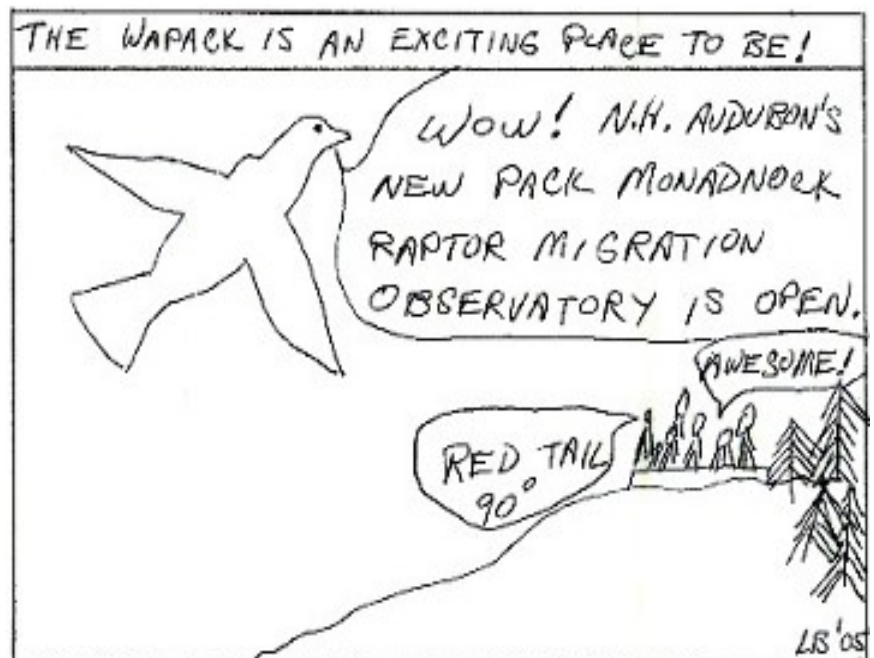
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