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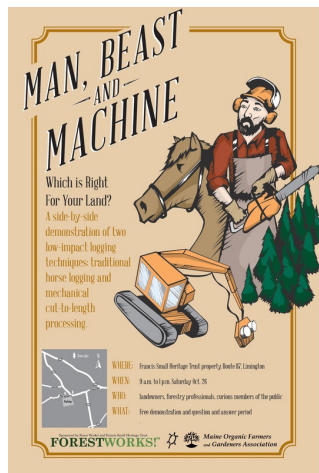
Tidings of the Turtle

2025 Marks FSHT's 35th Year of Service!

Back in 1990, a group of area residents recognized that many of the places and wildlife habitats where people could freely enjoy traditional activities were being lost to the inevitable pressure of development. As the land in the area was becoming increasingly fragmented, there were fewer and fewer opportunities for the traditional activities of hiking, fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. As a result, the Francis Small Heritage Trust was formed to buy land and hold easements to keep these places open to the public. FSHT also wanted to share the land by providing educational opportunities on its properties.



Historical photograph of hikers at Devils Den



Some of the FSHT properties are managed for forestry. We made this video to aid in responsible timber harvesting.



This moose was photographed on FSHT property



FSHT SERVING...

Hiking
Hunting
Forestry
Schools
Wildlife
ATV
Snowmobile



Most FSHT properties are available for hunting



Animal adaptations drawn by a student in one of our school programs. As one student said about a field trip: "This is better than recess!"



FSHT works with local snowmobile clubs to allow trails on Trust property.



Some properties have ATV access and we work with the clubs to protect the trails.

None of this has been free and none of us have deep pockets. But we have had thirty-five years of dedicated volunteers who have been willing to work to keep these lands open to the public. While individual donations are critical to our continued existence, much of the acquisition funding is and was the result of philanthropic generosity of organizations. Some of those donations came with restrictions so all activities are not available on

all properties. For example, some properties are managed for forestry, some are designated forever-wild, most allow hunting, but public access and public benefits are available on all of our owned properties. To support the local tax base, FSHT either pays local property taxes or makes payments in lieu of taxes on all of its holdings. Please visit our website to learn what activities are available on each property.

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Special six page pull-out souvenir section of Your Weekly Shopping Guide

Captain Sandy's mark from the collections
of the Maine Historical Society

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Story Walk!

What could be a better way to get an active young child to read than reading a story while hiking in the woods? Story walks do exactly that, combining outdoor activity and reading. Half the fun is running ahead and discovering the next page. Francis Small Heritage Trust has hosted 3 story walks in collaboration with 2 libraries on 3 properties this summer.

In June, the land trust collaborated with Bonney Memorial Library in Cornish, and hosted a one-day story walk event as part of the library's Camp Read-a-Lot summer program. The walk was held at Riverview, an FSHT property on Route 5 along the Saco River in Cornish. The book was perfect for a woodland story walk - ***Hold This!***, by Carolyn Cory Scoppettone. This story is about finding treasures in the woods and wanting to hold them all, then finding the most important thing to hold. The story encourages children to use all of their senses to find things when they walk. After the one day event at Riverview, Bonney Memorial put the story walk up in Thompson Park in the center of Cornish, and it will be there until August 31. Carolyn Cory Scoppettone is a New England author living in Vermont.

In July, the land trust collaborated with Soldiers Memorial Library in Hiram and hosted a one month story walk. The walk was held at Ingalls Pond, an FSHT property on Route 113 along the Saco River on the Hiram/Baldwin line. This book is about the

natural cycle of seeds, told from the perspective of the seed - ***The Tiny Seed***, by Eric Carle. Eric Carle is well known for his eye-catching illustrations as well as his captivating stories. The tiny seed in this story becomes a gigantic flower.

In August, the land trust again collaborated with Bonney Memorial Library and hosted a 2 ½ week story walk. The walk is being held at Jagolinzer Preserve, an FSHT property off Route 25 (on Olive's Way) near the Cornish/Limington line. This book is also about a giant, in this case a child - ***The Wicked Big Toddler***, by Kevin Hawkes. This story tells of a giant child's

birth and first year, and the events of being a giant toddler. Kevin Hawkes is a Maine author, which is fairly obvious from the title of the book! This story walk will be at Jagolinzer until August 31. The loop walk, now named the Bos Savage Trail, at Jagolinzer passes Pease Brook and the Saco River, as well as wandering through the woods. It is a great distraction for young school-aged children right before school starts or a nice activity for pre-schoolers the week their siblings return to school.

We hope to collaborate with these and other libraries at our properties in the future. If you would like to hold a story walk at one of our properties, call and leave a message at 207-221-0853 and someone will call you back, or email us at <https://fsht.org/contact/>



Bos Savage Dedication: "I go to church in the woods..."

Robert "Bos" Savage of Limington was, for 20 years, the facilities head for Maine Audubon. A husband and father, he was also an avid hunter and fisherman, a consummate outdoorsman. His untimely death on November 7, 2013, abruptly ended his all too brief tenure as the Trust's executive director.



The loop trail that Bos created with Limington Boy Scout Troop #315 was renamed in his honor.

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, Bos's family and friends gathered with Trust board members at the trailhead of Limington's popular Jagolinzer Preserve to dedicate the Bos Savage Trail, a heretofore unnamed loop trail which he had created years ago in collaboration with the town's Boy Scout Troup #315. The troop's former leaders and trail construction crew members, Bruce and Sherry Beety, were on hand for the dedication.



Volunteers erected a permanent bench in honor of Bos. The bench overlooks the waterfall on Pease Brook where once a grist mill stood.

A short walk from the trailhead took the group to an overlook of lovely Pease Brook cascade and stream, where a handsome memorial bench had been rooted in concrete. Reminiscences and anecdotes were shared. Barbara Bald's Sanctity begins: "I go to church in the woods...". It was, folks agreed, a fitting epitaph for Robert "Bos" Savage.



Discover a New Path: FSHT Developing "Connector" Trail at Moody Road South in the Porter Hills

Hikers and nature enthusiasts, get ready to explore even more of the beautiful landscape managed by FSHT! We are thrilled to announce the development of a brand-new "connector" trail at our Moody Road South property, with the goal of opening it to the public this fall.



The brook near the new connector trail

Since October of 2024, our dedicated teams have been hard at work crafting this exciting addition to our trail network. The vision for this trail is to create a convenient link starting near the picturesque brook that crosses Moody Road. From there, the path will meander southeast across the property's diverse terrain, eventually meeting up with the popular Devils Den trail.

The Moody Road South property offers over a quarter mile of frontage on the road and encompasses a predominantly forested landscape. As you explore the new connector trail, you'll find yourself immersed in a rich mix of hardwood trees, inter-

persed with the calming presence of pine and hemlock. Keep an eye out for two naturally occurring clearings that offer potential for scenic viewpoints along the way!

We understand the anticipation for new places to explore, and we're working diligently to ensure the trail is ready for your enjoyment this fall. The addition of this connector trail will provide even more opportunities to experience the natural beauty of our region and expand your hiking adventures.

Stay Tuned for Updates!

We will be sharing more information about the trail's progress, including details on the official opening date, in the coming months. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest news and sneak peeks of the new "connector" trail at Moody Road South!

Please see the back page for a Porter Hills map.



Two views on the new connector trail



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Exciting News: Francis Small Heritage Trust partners with AllTrails!

We are thrilled to announce that the Francis Small Heritage Trust (FSHT) has officially partnered with AllTrails through its **Public Lands Program**! This collaboration marks a significant step forward in our efforts to manage and promote the beautiful trails on our properties. This partnership will also help us connect with AllTrails' expansive community of outdoor enthusiasts. We're confident this will greatly enhance the experience for all who enjoy our trails.



Understanding the AllTrails Public Lands Program

You might be wondering what this program is. It's a fantastic, free resource specifically designed for land management organizations like ours and their nonprofit partners. Through this program, we gain access to invaluable tools that will enhance our oversight of the trails.

Here's how the program will benefit us:

- Understanding Visitor Trends:** We'll be able to review insights from over a billion navigated miles on AllTrails, giving us a clearer picture of how visitors are using our trails.
- Managing Trail Information:** This program allows us to ensure that all route details, parking locations, and regulations are accurate and up-to-date for every trail.
- Communicating Real-Time Updates:** We can now easily share important information like closures, warnings, and alerts in real-time, significantly improving visitor safety.
- Advocating for Resources:** With verified trail traffic data at our fingertips, we'll be better equipped to support our funding efforts for trail maintenance and improvements.

This partnership will allow us to engage more effectively with the outdoor community while promoting responsible recreation on our trails. As part of this initiative, FSHT director Tadd Stuart will also be serving as a dedicated trail monitor for all trails on our properties. Tadd is excited to work to maximize the benefits of this program for both FSHT and our valued visitors.

How We're Putting the AllTrails Public Lands Program to Work

This program offers us powerful capabilities, and we've already begun implementing strategies to leverage its full potential. Here's how we plan to use the AllTrails Public Lands Program:

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- Sharing Timely Alerts:** We'll be able to add alerts to our trails as needed, such as annual hunting advisories for trails where hunting is permitted, and announcements for upcoming events like the open house we recently held at Bald Ledge.
- Monitoring Trail Usage and Feedback:** We'll closely monitor our trail usage data and read reviews from AllTrails visitors, gaining valuable insights into their experiences and identifying areas for improvement.
- Enhancing Trail Descriptions:** We will update trail descriptions to provide visitors with a more accurate and comprehensive understanding of what they can expect before they even step onto the trail.
- Supporting Funding Initiatives:** Tadd will be creating monthly reports for the board on trail activity. We are hopeful these reports, backed by verified data, will be instrumental in our efforts to secure funding for essential trail maintenance projects.



Sign with the QR Code linking to the trail description for Bald Ledge via Colcord Pond Road

You may notice something new at our trailheads: brand-new, free signage for our kiosks! We've already put these up, and they're designed with you in mind. Simply scan the **QR code** on any sign, and it will take you straight to that trail's information on AllTrails, making it even easier to navigate and explore.

We believe this partnership with AllTrails will significantly improve how we manage and promote our trails, ultimately creating a better experience for everyone who enjoys the natural beauty of the Francis Small Heritage Trust properties.



Trust President Donna Nelson delivers the **Golden Turtle Award** to Dan Hester

Golden Turtle Award

Dan Hester of Hiram is a member of the Francis Small Heritage Trust Board of Directors and an officer---Second Vice-President, to be exact---an unassuming title with little responsibility.

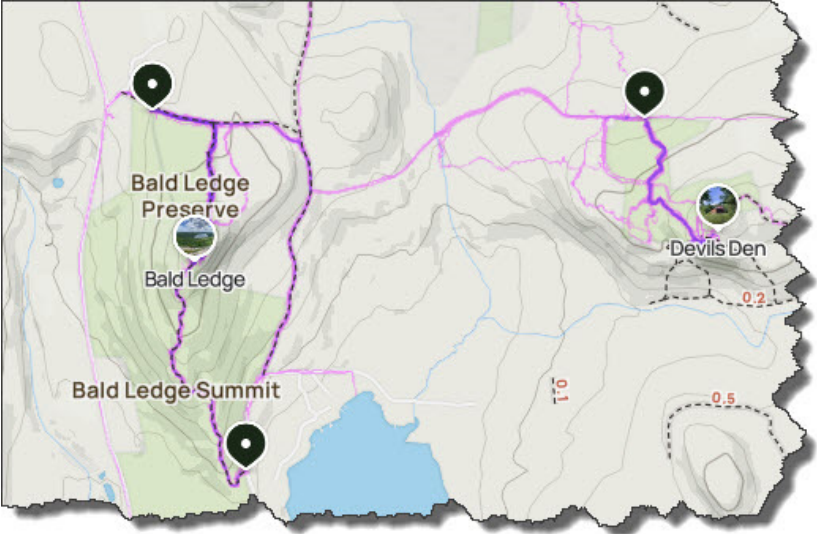
Enter Dan Hester, coordinator of the Trust's ever-expanding Porter Hills land acquisitions and projects. For the past several years Dan has lined up appraisers and surveyors, written management plans and reports, scouted elusive boundary stakes and nailed up myriad property markers. He's overseen the development of a new Devils Den trail parking lot and a new Bald Ledge trail parking lot, as well as upgrades to the old Bald Ledge trail parking lot.

Dan keeps the board informed through frequent email missives that are legendary---um, notorious---for their length and copious detail (photos included), and maintains regular contact with consultant Jerry Bley, who has described Dan's work as tantamount to that of an executive director. (The Trust is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff.)

And there is much more. Dan has sweat equity in trail creation and maintenance, not just in the Porter hills, but also at the Trust's Ingalls Pond property in West Baldwin where he is the primary steward.. He has guided construction and installation of several trailhead kiosks and has played a significant role in recently bringing to fruition an important easement in Steep Falls.

So kudos to you, Dan Hester, recipient of our Second Annual Golden Turtle Award for Volunteerism.

And a shout out to our non-board volunteers who over the past year have gifted us with their time and energy: Toni Carros, Martha Bowman, Amy Marcotte, David Nelson, Peter Hagerty, Dara Crawford and children, Kathryn Russell, Pip Kolmar, Mark Pennock, Erl Brown, Limerick Boy Scout Troop #329, Doug Bowen, Margaret Zack, and Ray Noiles.



Heat Map showing where people have walked near Bald Ledge and Devils Den. As more people walk on a trail, the purple color gets darker. It even shows where people have walked off of the official trail.

Most popular trails

#	Trail	Property	Page views
1	Sawyer Mountain Trail	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	3.1k
2	Sawyer Mountain Loop via Sawyer Mo...	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	1.1k
3	Devil's Den via Moody Rd		890
4	Sawyer Mountain via Sherwood Libby ...	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	641
5	Sawyer Mountain and Hosac Mountain	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	619
6	Bald Ledge		563
7	Sawyer Mountain via Smith Trail	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	494
8	Jagolinzer Preserve Trail	Jagolinzer Preserve	402
9	Bald Ledge via Colcord Pond Road		194
10	Sawyer Mountain Highlands Nature Tr...	Sawyer Mountain Highlands	49



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Pointing a Finger at Forest Carbon

Two years ago Liz Walworth, who lives on Peaks Island, placed a finger willy nilly on a map of Maine. Limington! Off they drove to explore an area unfamiliar to them.

Apparently Liz, Stewardship Director for York Land Trust, does this kind of thing periodically. On that particular day they found their way to FSHT's holdings at the base of the Sawyer Mountain Highlands off Route 117 in Limington and, after a short ramble, to the kiosk at the entrance to the Trust's Forest Carbon plots.

Intrigued by this experiment in measuring forest carbon sequestration and capture over time, and wishing to learn more, as well as charmed, they said, by the Trust's turtle logo (Chief Wesumbe's mark) and by the friendly folks they ran into on the trail, Liz was determined to return. This they did in the early afternoon of July 8 with a York Land Trust entourage that included Stewardship Coordinator Evelyn Brown and volunteers Anna DiChira, Clayton Smith and Andrew Ruttan. The group was greeted by a Forest Carbon Project team of FSHT board member, Peter Zack, Emerita board member, Hilary Wallis and volunteers Maggie Zack and Doug Bowen.

Introductions and pleasantries were exchanged over a lovely stand up lunch provided by Maggie, and the guests were given a copy of *Guards at the Door* by Peter Hagerty, local logger and shepherd (retired), whose concerns about the impacts of climate change had been the impetus, six years earlier, for the Trust's Forest Carbon experiment.

Lunch over, the group proceeded to Plot#1 (there are three) where trees six inches in diameter at breast height had been labeled with a numbered tag, as well as a painted metal disc denoting the tree's status: dominant (blue); co-dominant (red); intermediate (green) and suppressed (orange). Doug offered a few words about the tree measuring process, and explained how we arrived at each tree's status, though the folks from York came well versed. Hilary provided data sheets with each tree's diameter, type and carbon capture in pounds.

Then it was off to PLOT#2, where the trees were numbered, but lacked status identification. This was rectified in relatively short order as the two trust groups comingling in pairs, nailed the proper status color to each tree, pausing only occasionally when a particularly challenging tree status warranted debate.

When the group returned to the trailhead, no one seemed in a hurry to disband. As Doug remarked afterward, "This was a good event." Now Liz has sent back word that York volunteer Anna, currently a participant in the Maine Master Naturalist Program, would like to create a Forest Carbon plot for York Land Trust.



Turtle marker with Chief Wesumbe's mark, a blue disk indicating a dominant tree, and an aluminum disc identifying tree number 23.



Visitors enjoy an Ingalls Pond walk on July 19, 2025



York Land Trust members visit the FSHT Forest Carbon Project volunteers.

Ingalls Pond History and Nature Walk

Many of our FSHT properties have valuable and scenic natural features as well as fascinating historical stories. We are providing guided walks and hikes to introduce visitors to some of these special places and their historical details.

Ingalls Pond has for centuries been a broad shallow pond closely associated with the adjacent Saco River. Four hundred years ago this area was visited only by Indigenous peoples, and we know that those tribes and others sometimes met at the nearby confluence of the Saco and Ossipee rivers and may also have frequently visited the Great Falls of the Saco.

Our first well-recorded incidence of an early European settler here is with the visits of Darby Field when he made two trips in 1642 up the river, past Ingalls Pond, on his way to become the first non-native person to ascend what we now call Mt. Washington. He was a ferry master from Durham, NH, and his adventures were documented by the governor of Massachusetts. Maine was part of that state until 1820.

Benjamin Ingalls was the first settler in 1774 of what became the Town of Hiram, and his original homestead was across the river from this pond. Unfortunately, his original home and blacksmith shop was destroyed by a major flood. He then moved across to Baldwin and settled on higher ground near the pond.

Not far from the FSHT parking area, at the river shore to SW of the ponds, we can still find traces of the original road from Baldwin villages, the "Old Pequaket Road." This road ended at a ferry for crossing the Saco that was managed by the Ingalls family until a bridge across the Saco was constructed in Hiram.

Starting 200 years ago, human industry began to change the nature of this water body, eventually dividing it into five separate ponds, together all still retaining the same name.

In 1826 the Cumberland County Commissioners laid out the route from Standish to Hiram. That road had a causeway built across the southern part of the pond, where the current FSHT parking area and trail head is now found.

That county road was the road to Hiram until 1941. Our Old County Road trail follows the road, and there are many places where 85-year-old pavement is underfoot.

In 1871 the Portland & Ogdensburg RR acquired property from the Ingalls family and the railroad was constructed, with a new causeway cutting of another southern part of the pond. Evidence of the borrow pit that was used to create this causeway is still evident.

Finally, during 1936-to-1941, the State of Maine acquired land for the state highway Routes 5 and 113 and constructed the causeway of the current route of the Pequawket Trail. That carved the northern part of the pond into three smaller ponds. They also closed the old county road and eliminated two RR crossings that had caused many accidents.

Eastern Painted turtles and snapping turtles are common in the ponds and we often see evidence of their egg nests in the loose sands and gravel of the RR roadbed. There have been reports of rare Blandings turtles, but the lack of recent reports is not encouraging. The highway has had a devastating effect on the turtle populations, but many ducks and wading birds, especially Great Blue herons, enjoy these shallow ponds.

FSHT has had concerns that invasive variable milfoil may be spreading in the ponds, but a visit by state naturalists confirmed that we have native milfoil, which is not a problem. The shallow ponds will eventually become wetlands, but for now many can enjoy walks along the shores, good fishing spots, and having canoes or kayaks in these wildlife populated waters.





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Devils Den History and Nature Hike

Perhaps the most scenic of places in all our FSHT lands is the spectacular overlook from the high ledges of Devils Den. Many persons have long visited this special place, approaching on foot or using vehicles of many types for almost all of the past two centuries. As a result, Devils Den not only has critical and scenic features, but also has fascinating historical places.

Shortly after FSHT acquired this property, in 2023 we invested in the construction of a new parking area, and volunteers set to work developing a new hiking trail to the summit ledges. On October 12, we will be providing a guided hike to introduce visitors to some of these special features and historical details.

Just beyond the information kiosk, the trail crosses a drainage ditch and the remains of an old skidder road, clear evidence of the history of logging which has long harvested resources in the Porter Hills. This lower part of the trail is in the heavily-shaded hemlock-pine forest.

Continuing up, the trail passes close to a stone wall that is a boundary with an abutting property. Stone walls were built by hand over decades of work clearing lands for agriculture and pasture lands, and often marked the boundary between the lands of one owner and another.

Before we reach the Snake Road we find several large spreading, pasture trees. Clear evidence of how this land was once open pasture or fields and that newer growth forest has reclaimed it.

Crossing Snake Road, we soon reach a trail junction. Straight ahead there are newer trails to other features and to a trail across the Moody Road South property that ends at a new trail head on Moody Road, not far from the Great Porter Heath. But we

turn left to continue on the Devils Den Trail, now ascending more steeply through the brighter, more open mixed hardwood forest.

Near the end of the trail, we emerge into a broad clearing that is maintained by FSHT for having some views to the north, and to provide habitat for birds and pollinators in the meadows and forest margins.

Here we will enjoy the scenic views of the ledges



Historical photograph of hikers in the Devil's Cart Way

and carefully examine the dramatic feature know as the "Devils Cart Way." Some historical photos will be shared, to compare current views with some historic images. We will also visit the Kamy's Cabin, now owned by FSHT and intended to become an environmental education center. Behind the cabin we will take a short side trip to the Floyd-Brooks-Pearl cemetery, where we will see the gravestone of Typhenia Pearl who died in 1847, and the new monument to James Brooks, a Revolutionary War soldier.

Descending, we will walk the Snake Road where we can

see the extensive road repairs that FSHT has had by a contractor, to make water bars and ditches that will avoid... for a while... serious erosion of the road. A short distance beyond the upper gate, we visit the cellar hole and foundation remnants of the Pearl family homestead.

Returning to Moody Road, we visit the La Finca Farm Cooperative, with whom we partner in the preservation and maintenance of these lands.



The view today from Devils Den

Francis Small Heritage Trust Board of Directors

The Francis Small Heritage Trust is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated group of people who have volunteered to manage its affairs. In addition to overseeing the properties, these unpaid directors must apply for grants, answer the telephone, and write this newsletter! FSHT has no office so that all directors work out of their own homes, but this does help to keep our overhead costs low. If you are interested in serving as a director, please let us know. Below is a list of the current directors.

- ◆ Donna Nelson, President (*Limerick*)
Retired CPA and Treasurer of the Limerick Historical Society.
- ◆ Peter Zack, First Vice-President (*Porter*)
Retired educator and board member of the Green Mountain Conservation Group and the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council.
- ◆ Dan Hester, Second Vice-President (*Hiram*)
Retired engineer and high school teacher. Saco River Corridor Commissioner and Treasurer of the Hiram Cultural Center.
- ◆ Beth Burnett, Secretary (*Hiram*)
Prekindergarten teacher and board member of the Hiram Cultural Center and the North Atlantic Arts Alliance.
- ◆ Dick Jarrett, Treasurer (*Limington*)
Retired Engineer for safety systems and medical devices. Former elected Limington Planning Board member. One of the founding directors of FSHT.
- ◆ Sheryl Adams (*Kezar Falls*)
Retired Enrolled Agent and Farmer. Treasurer of the Kezar Falls Burial Society and finance board of the Riverside United Methodist Church.
- ◆ Nate Burnett (*Hiram*)
High school math teacher and vice president of the Tri-County Teachers Association, Trustee of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Treasurer of the Porter Grange #569, and board member of the North Atlantic Arts Alliance.
- ◆ Scott Cecil (*Cornish*)
Retired and board member of the Cornish Library Association.
- ◆ Kathy Chaiklin (*Porter*)
Retired Social Work Administrator at the York County Counseling Service and the Portland YWCA. Member of the Town of Porter Budget Committee and of the Grateful Undead.
- ◆ Maggie Lowry (*Porter*)
Retired GIS Analyst and Treasurer or the Friends of Porter 569 (Affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imaginatin Library. Member of the Porter Conservation Commission.
- ◆ Myke Russell (*Limington*)
Chief Farming Officer of November's Harvest Farm.
- ◆ Tadd Stuart (*Standish*)
Retired from self-employment of a sailing company as a licensed captain and certified sailing instructor. AllTrails hiking trail recorder.
- ◆ Steve Thistlewood (*Limington*)
Maine Game Warden specializing in Landowner Relations.
- ◆ Dan Kidd, Director Emeritus (*Limington*)
Retired Engineer and one of the founding directors of FSHT.
- ◆ Hilary Wallis, Director Emerita (*West Newfield*)
Retired textbook editor, Member of the Grateful Undead.



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Fun of all kinds on FSHT properties

FSHT is planning events throughout the year to share our public property with our community in as many ways as possible. In the past year, we have had 3 story walks, collaborating with 2 libraries, at 3 different properties. We have had a history and nature walk, and a similar presentation for 21 Club (a local women's club) at their meeting. We have created new hiking trails at Devils Den and held an open house at Bald Ledge in Porter to celebrate another new trail.



The Story Walk at Ingalls Pond

Currently - Story walk, in collaboration with Bonney Memorial Library at Jagolinzer Preserve - **The Wicked Big Toddler** by Kevin Hawkes, a local Maine author. To learn more about Jagolinzer Preserve, follow this link <https://fsht.org/explore-the-land/jagolinzer-preserve/>. To learn more about Kevin Hawkes, follow this link <https://www.kevinhawkes.com/>.

August 30, 8:30 AM - The Healthy Sacopee hiking group will be carpooling to the Jagolinzer Preserve and hiking the trails. As part of their woods wander on a new trail, they will be assisting in rebuilding a foot bridge. Healthy Sacopee is a public hiking

group and all are welcome. See **Your Weekly Shopping Guide** for details the week of the event.

October 12, 10-noon - Devil's Den History and Nature Walk by Dan Hester. We will be collaborating with Sacopee Valley Adult and Community Education. Registration should be completed ahead of time with SVACE <https://sacopee.maineadulted.org/>. To learn more about Devil's Den hiking trails, follow this link <https://fsht.org/trails-and-maps/#devilsden>.

November 16, 7 PM - Annual public meeting followed by a program. Details and location will be announced in **Your Weekly Shoppers Guide** and our Facebook page.

December 4, 6 PM - Full Moon hike at Ingalls Pond, in collaborations with Sacopee Valley Adult and Community Education. Registration should be completed ahead of time with SVACE. For more information about Ingalls Pond, follow this link <https://fsht.org/explore-the-land/ingalls-pond/>.

January 31, 9 AM - Snowshoe hike at the Nature trail at Sawyer Mountain. This is a short hike starting at the Cape Road (Route 117) trailhead. For others

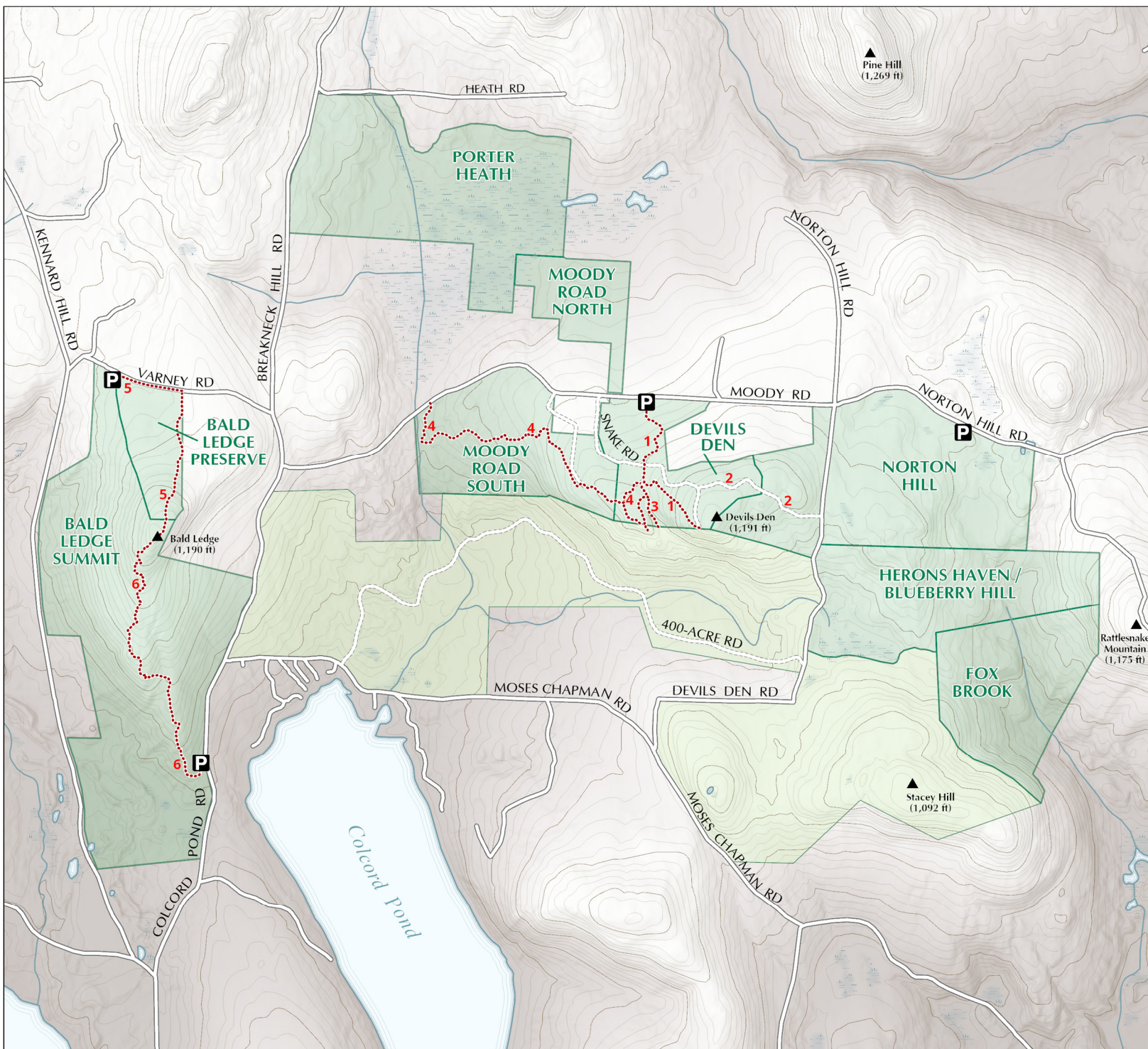
who would like to wander further in the snow, there will be trail maps available to follow other trails. This is a program in collaboration with SVACE. Registration should be completed ahead of time with SVACE.

If you would like more information about Sawyer Mountain, follow this link <https://fsht.org/explore-the-land/sawyer-mountain-highlands/>.

While snow seems a long way off from these dog days of summer, we are planning to celebrate snow with an event at Devils Den in collaboration with Sacopee Valley Snow Drifters sometime in **February**. This will be a snowmobile, snowshoe, cross country ski, snow lover event. Details will be shared when available.

Do you have an idea for a program that you would like to see at one of our properties, or by one of our volunteers at your organization? We are very open to suggestions - contact us via our webpage, or call and leave a message, and someone will return your call. Our organization is run 100% by volunteers, so give us a moment to respond.

We love to collaborate with different groups to share our public properties with everyone. If you want to have a public event in collaboration with us either at one of our properties or about our properties at your group meeting, please contact us.



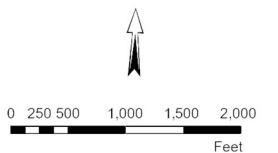
PORTER HILLS TRAILS

LEGEND

- Public Roads
- Private Roads
- Trails
- FSHT Preserves
- Potential Conservation

Contour Interval = 20 feet

- FSHT Porter Hills Trails:**
1. Devils Den Trail
 2. ATV Trail (Road)
 3. Gateway Trail
 4. Devils Den Connector (aka Moody Rd South Trl)
 5. Bald Ledge Trail
 6. Bald Ledge Summit Trl.



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