



**Help us Celebrate our Region's Biodiversity
And Join us for our**

Biothon 2010

All Proceeds will Benefit Bear-Paw's Campaign to Save Evans Mountain

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways invites you to support our sixth annual Biothon – a species identification treasure hunt. On June 19, 2010, three teams of naturalists will have until noon to identify as many plant and animal species as possible on the 1,015-acre Evans Mountain property in Strafford. The teams will start early – searching the steep slopes and rocky ridges, headwater streams, wetlands and forest for all of the species they can identify. Targeted searches are already underway for some uncommon species such as Blanding's turtles, black racers, goshawks, nighthawks, whip-poor-wills, and cerulean warblers.

The teams will tally all the species they observe – common to rare – on or before June 19th and the team with the highest count wins! You can support your favorite team by sending us your tax-deductible donation, as well as the contributions from friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives, or by bringing them to our celebration.

Evans Mountain Tour and Potluck Barbecue Saturday, June 19, 2010, 10:00am-2:00pm

All contributors are invited to join Bear-Paw for a tour of the 1,015-acre Evans Mountain property led by wetland scientist and Bear-Paw Board Chairman Mark West. Afterward, we will hold a potluck barbecue to celebrate the findings of the biothon teams and our collective efforts to save this important property.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways and the Blue Hills Foundation recently acquired the Evans Mountain property with help from the Town of Strafford, but we need to raise \$500,000 to pay off the mortgage and permanently protect it!

Please RSVP to Daniel Kern at 463-9400 or at info@bear-paw.org by June 16th for the tour and/or barbecue so that we can plan accordingly and keep you informed if weather interferes

