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BEAR-PAW FIELDTRIPS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS PLANNED FOR SPRING-SUMMER 2010

DEERFIELD N.H., April 1, 2010 – Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is hosting the following events. All programs are free and open to the public. Please pre-register at info@bear-paw.org, www.bear-paw.org, or 603-463-9400 unless noted otherwise, so that Bear-Paw can provide adequate materials for everyone and notify participants in case of any last minute changes.

Earth Day Woodcock & Owl Prowl
April 22 • 6:30-8:30pm • Harkness Easement, Epsom

Bear-Paw and the Epsom Conservation Commission are planning a special fieldtrip for Earth Day. Please come along with Mark West, Bear-Paw Board member and wildlife biologist, on a woodcock and owl prowl at the Harkness property in Epsom. Mark will lead the walk and provide information on woodcock and the owls that call the Bear-Paw region their home.

Spring Migration Bird Walk
May 16 • 7-9am • Evans Mountain, Strafford

Bear-Paw and the Strafford Conservation Commission are hosting a beginner's bird walk on Evans Mountain. Scott Young and Len Medlock have volunteered to lead an early morning walk to identify birds by both sight and song in the midst of the spring migration.

Biothon!
June 19, 2010 • Evans Mountain, Strafford

Bear-Paw invites its members and friends to participate in its sixth annual Biothon – a species identification treasure hunt to discover and promote the biodiversity of the lands Bear-Paw works to protect. Two to three teams of skilled naturalists will compete to identify as many plant and animal species as possible on the Evans Mountain Property in Strafford – a property recently purchased by Bear-Paw, the Blue Hills Foundation, and the Town of Strafford. Proceeds from the Biothon will benefit the \$500,000 Campaign to Save Evans Mountain!

The 1,015-acre Evans Mountain property includes the summit of the mountain and a wide variety of wildlife habitat including Appalachian-oak-pine and hemlock-hardwood-pine forest, ledges/steep slopes, marshes, swamps, beaver ponds, and headwater streams for Bow Lake, the Isinglass River, and the Big River. Bear-Paw is asking contributors to pledge any amount to the Biothon to support the Campaign to Save Evans Mountain and Bear-Paw's land conservation program – a pledge form will be available on Bear-Paw's website. All contributors to the Biothon are invited on a tour of Evans Mountain starting at 10am on the day of the event. Please preregister (and pledge) for directions!

Hawkwatch

September 12 • 9am-12 • Evans Mountain, Strafford

Bear-Paw is hosting its first hawk watch on Evans Mountain and Scott Young will be on hand to offer help with bird identification. If the birds don't cooperate, participants may explore this 1,015-acre property looking for other signs of wildlife.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. Bear-Paw now holds easements protecting 36 properties and 3,255 acres. Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space in Candia, Deerfield, Epsom, Hooksett, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond, and Strafford through outreach, education, and land protection project assistance. Bear-Paw's goal is to safeguard the region's irreplaceable water resources, important wildlife habitat and travel routes, and productive forests and farms. Its members envision a region of scenic beauty and rural character where diversity and quality of life are sustained. For information about how to become a member, land protection options for landowners or volunteering with the land trust, please contact Daniel Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Post Office Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603 463-9400, or info@bear-paw.org. You can also visit their website at www.bear-paw.org.

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