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BEAR-PAW FIELDTRIPS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS

DEERFIELD N.H., September 28, 2011 – Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is hosting the following events. All programs are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise. Please pre-register at info@bear-paw.org, www.bear-paw.org, or 603-463-9400, so that Bear-Paw can provide adequate materials for everyone and notify participants in case of any last minute changes.

**Trail Construction and Maintenance Fieldtrip
October 8 • 9-12am
Epsom Town Forest, Epsom**

Please join Bear-Paw, Mike Vecchiarelli of the Student Conservation Association – New Hampshire Corps (SCA-NH), and the Epsom Conservation Commission on a fieldtrip to Epsom's Town Forest to take a look at trail work recently completed there by the SCA-NH. The Epsom Town Forest lies at the edge of an 8,000-acre unfragmented forest that stretches from Old Center Road in Deerfield to Black Hall Road near the Suncook River in Epsom. Mike will present information on trail planning, construction, and stewardship. Please join Bear-Paw for this informative discussion.

**Evans Mountain Celebration!
October 15 • Noon-3pm
Evans Mountain Road, Evans Mountain, Strafford**

Everyone is invited to join the fun on Evans Mountain on Saturday, October 15th, from noon to 3:00 as we celebrate conservation of the 1,000-acre mountainside. Bear-Paw members and its friends will gather on the mountain for a hot lunch, some music, a bit of poetry, and the presentation of awards. Please plan to come enjoy the food and have a good time celebrating this important conservation success!

In addition to the views of Mount Washington to the north and Bow Lake to the south, there will be guided walks to the summit of Evans Mountain and other interesting spots nearby. Musicians from the band Cordwood will provide entertainment and they are inviting anyone with an instrument to bring it along and join them. Don't worry about parking on the mountain top – there will be shuttle service from a convenient parking area below. Please bring your own chair!

**Land Conservation Options and Estate Planning Workshop
November 9 • 7-9pm
Bear-Paw Office, Deerfield**

Bear-Paw is offering another informative land conservation workshop to landowners and their families. For all those who have been thinking about doing something to protect their land, this will be an

opportunity to get expert advice from Phil Auger, a retired UNH Cooperative Extension Educator, specializing in land and water conservation. Please pre-register so that we can provide enough materials for everyone.

**Natural Communities of New Hampshire
November 15 • 7-8pm
Town Office, Candia**

Bill Nichols, Senior Ecologist and State Botanist with the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau as well as a member of the Candia Conservation Commission will give an informative presentation on the natural communities of New Hampshire. No registration is necessary.

**Conservation Roundtable
Good Forestry in the Granite State and Shoreland Protection Update
December 7 • 7-9pm
Blaisdell Memorial Library, Nottingham**

Join Bear-Paw Regional Greenways for an interactive presentation and discussion on Good Forestry in the Granite State, a newly revised guide on voluntary forest management practices. Karen Bennett, UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Specialist, will provide an overview of the new edition and lead the roundtable discussion.

Good Forestry covers many forestry related topics. The discussion this evening will focus on water quality, wetlands, riparian areas, and stream crossings, although questions on any topic included in Good Forestry will be welcome. There will also be an update on New Hampshire's Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, including 2011 legislative changes to the rules governing land use along shorelines.

**Annual Meeting
January 28, 2012 • 9am-3:30pm
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Northwood**

Mark your calendars for a day of good food, fun, and news of Bear-Paw's land conservation efforts.

The guest speaker will be Kristine Rines, Moose Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, a position she has held since 1985. Her presentation: New Hampshire's Moose, Past, Present and Future, a rousing review of moose in the state, life history, population changes, New Hampshire moose research and management, and a sneak peek at what the future may hold. Kris has many interesting and entertaining stories. Don't miss this moose story.

The annual meeting will again be held at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, although a few weeks earlier than usual to avoid February town meeting days in some of our member towns. Don't miss all the fun of our annual meeting that includes a re-cap of the year's land conservation efforts, a fundraising raffle, a hearty potluck lunch, and an afternoon snowshoe hike – this year in search of moose sign. Bear-Paw welcomes donations from artists, writers, and craftspeople for this fundraising effort. Please contact Daniel Kern at 463.9400 or one of our Board Members if you'd like to make a contribution to the raffle. Moose-related items would be particularly fitting for this year's raffle. Thanks for considering a donation and we look forward to seeing you in January and perhaps before at another Bear-Paw or community event.

**Snowshoe Fieldtrip
February 25, 2012 • 1-3:30pm**

Cahill Easement, Strafford

Please join Frank Mitchell, Bear-Paw Board member, for a walk/snowshoe on the Ella Cahill Easement in Strafford. Participants will explore the property and maybe nearby conservation lands looking for animal tracks and other signs of life amid the snow.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects the region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. Bear-Paw now holds easements or land protecting 42 properties and 4,967 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 the completion of land protection projects.

For information about Bear-Paw events, 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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