



A tributary of the Crooked River flows through the newly conserved property

More Protection for the Crooked River

FOUR YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL FIVE PARCELS OF THE Crooked River Forest were protected by Loon Echo and Western Foothills Land Trusts, we are excited to announce that we have expanded our Crooked River Forest at Intervale by 38 acres. This acquisition brings the total acreage of the Crooked River Forest at Intervale to 334.

The Crooked River Forest at Intervale, located in Harrison, allows public access for hiking, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling (on designated trails), skiing, and mountain biking. Preventing future development along the Crooked River through forestland conservation will ensure public access for recreation on the river and its surrounding forests.

By conserving this property we have added protection for wildlife, trout and landlocked salmon fisheries, and the water quality of the river and Sebago Lake. The Crooked River is the largest tributary into Sebago Lake, Maine's second largest lake and the primary source of clean

drinking water for 200,000 people – one-sixth of all Mainers – who live or work in 11 communities in the Portland area.

Protecting forestland along the Crooked River has been an important collaborative goal between Portland Water District and LETL for many years. With the forest acting as a natural filter for water, permanently protecting forested areas around the river is vital to maintaining the high water quality of the Crooked River and Sebago Lake.

Land conservation in the Sebago Lake watershed is the focus of Sebago Clean Waters (SCW), a collaborative initiative formed in 2017. Sebago Clean Waters aims to conserve another 35,000 acres in the Sebago Lake watershed in the next 15 years in order to protect water quality, community well-being, a vibrant economy, and the health of fish and wildlife. Local SCW partners include Loon Echo Land Trust, Lakes Environmental Association and the Western Foothills Land Trust. Other SCW partners provided funding for this project, including The Nature Conservancy in Maine, Portland Water District, and Casco Bay Estuary Partnership.

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Spring on Pleasant Mountain

THIS TIME OF YEAR IN MAINE IS A BIT STRANGE. IT'S NOT quite summer, not quite spring. It's a transition period for our forests and wetlands, just as it is for the human communities in our service area as well. Our ski friends have mostly left and our boat friends are trickling back into town, just like it is in the forest, where the last of the snow may be holding on high in the mountains as the trillium blooms down below. Soon the summer campers will arrive on the shores of our ponds and lakes, just like the loons and the wild sarsaparilla that quickly descend upon the loamy shore.

The mosquitoes and black flies hitch a ride north on the cars and trucks of Memorial Day weekend sightseers and tourists. Boats appear back in the water the same week that the mallards do, and we lament that this past winter was too damn cold and this summer will be too damn hot.

Admittedly, I don't yearn for these days as I do those warm days in early October, or the deep snow and quiet of a mid-February afternoon. But, regardless, this is a special time in our corner of Maine. Our communities awake from a long winter and grow in size. The forest floors return to their thick and moisture laden form, and the lakes move and shimmer again in the wind.

There is a certain color of green in the deciduous trees that can only be seen this time of year, and a particular humidity may be experienced that can only be described as both dry and wet. If it wasn't for the bugs, these days may even rival those of late September and early October.

It's nice to remember that my car windows still roll down, the deck is for more than just shoveling snow off of, and that the canoe I bought last year is more than an

expensive garden fixture. I've just barely put the skis away as I'm dusting off the bikes and enjoying the first rides of the year (don't stop or the bugs will get you!).

We've had some great opportunities to take advantage of this time of year at Loon Echo. Jon Evans led a vernal pool walk at Raymond Community Forest and we've seen nearly 500 hours of volunteer work to prep our preserve trails for their many summer visitors. In May we saw the first car rides up to Hacker's Hill. We are gearing up for summer events and looking forward to the day when we can actually shut down our heat pumps at the office.

I am proud to say that since the bugs arrived we have conserved 38 acres in Harrison to expand the Crooked River Forest at Intervale, and we expect to conserve another 250 acres in South Bridgton, the Peabody-Fitch Woods, before they leave. We're eager to see many of you at this year's annual meeting at Winona Camps in August and at the 19th annual Loon Echo Trek in September. I also hope you'll consider joining us for a new event this summer, the Maine Outdoor Film Fest at Hacker's Hill Preserve.

In the time it took to write this, I think the black flies may have officially left us and the deer flies are just arriving. The trees have almost all leafed out and our favorite restaurant no longer feels like *just ours* on a Wednesday night – summer is settling in. But the seasonal slack tide won't last long, and in just a few short weeks change will come again. Perhaps one of the best things about the Lake Region of Maine is that just as soon as we tire of one season, the next arrives whether we like it or not!

-Matt Markot, LELE Executive Director

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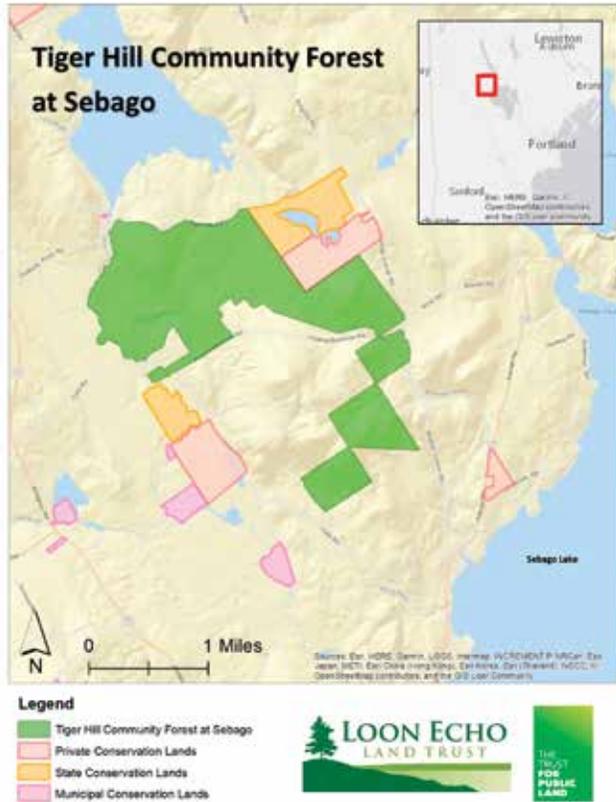
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PROJECT UPDATES



The Fields of BHS's Narramissic Farm

trails including a new machine built universal access trail. This trail will provide glimpses into the farm's agricultural past and vistas of westerly mountains. Informational signs along the universal access trail will provide insight into the Peabody and Fitch families pioneering efforts. The trail will follow in close proximity to the mighty stone walls surrounding the open fields of the Narramissic Farm museum, owned and operated by the Bridgton Historical Society. The universal trail will allow for non-motorized access; appropriate for walking, skiing, snowshoeing and assessed for certain wheeled mobility devices.

Existing trails will be improved with new signage, blazing, and drainage. A mixed-use snowmobile and ATV trail will be maintained with the support of local clubs and trail agreements. A dedicated mountain bike trail will be developed to serve this growing user-group.

Peabody-Fitch Woods will support a variety of cultural, educational and recreational activity. Our established relationship with the Bridgton Historical Society lends itself to a long list of possible collaborative opportunities; from education, to music and food events. A portion of Peabody-Fitch Woods will be set aside for timber and habitat enhancement. As a whole, the conservation of Peabody-Fitch Woods will increase forest connectivity, provide valuable wildlife habitat, and aid in the protection of the Sebago Lake watershed.

In order to carry out our vision for Peabody-Fitch Woods, we have \$16,000 left to raise. You'll be hearing more from us about this project as the summer goes on. Please join us for a fun event this summer when we welcome Bruce Marshall to Narramissic Farm on August 14th!

TIGER HILL COMMUNITY FOREST MOVES FORWARD

THE FUTURE TIGER HILL COMMUNITY FOREST IN SEBAGO took another step forward this spring with the receipt of two major grants from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and the Open Space Institute. In partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Loon Echo has raised over a million dollars to support the purchase and long term stewardship costs of this 1400-acre parcel in Sebago.

With over 300 acres of valuable wetland habitat and miles of frontage on the Northwest River (Sebago Lake's second largest tributary), 1000-plus acres of upland forest with no recent history of timber management, and abundant opportunities for future recreational infrastructure including hiking and mountain biking trails, the permanent conservation of this land will provide immediate benefits for the community as well as protecting source water for over 200,000 Mainers who receive their drinking water from Sebago Lake. Stay tuned later this summer and fall – donations from our members will be critical in order to finishing the fundraising effort before an option agreement with the current landowners expires at the end of 2019.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PEABODY-FITCH WOODS

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT PEABODY-FITCH WOODS will be under Loon Echo ownership by the end of 2019. We've raised enough money to purchase the land, however there's still fundraising left to do to reach our goals for the property.

The conservation of Peabody-Fitch Woods has the capacity to provide the most public benefit of any project in LELT's 31-year history. When completed, Peabody-Fitch Woods will take visitors through time on a variety of

VOLUNTEERS GIVE BACK ON NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

OVER TWENTY PEOPLE GAVE BACK TO THE HIKING TRAILS ON Pleasant Mountain to celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1. Members from the Maine Outdoor Adventure Club, scouts from Troop 71 and members of Run for the Hills Run Club all joined in to give back to the trails. Volunteers focused their efforts on the Bald Peak and Sue's Way trails; clearing drainage structures to keep water from pooling on the trails and helping brush in 'social trails'. In addition, the volunteers helped move the Bald Peak Trail Kiosk and a donation tube from the old Bald Peak trail head to the new trail head a few hundred feet away.

National Trails Day, hosted annually by the American Hiking Society, aims to bring recognition to the incredible benefits trails provide for recreation, access to the outdoors, and general well-being. To celebrate, individuals are encouraged to give back to the trails they use by picking up litter or attending a trail work day.

JULY- DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All outdoor events are subject to weather conditions and/or date changes. Events will be postponed or cancelled when dangerous conditions or heavy weather are forecasted. For hikes and work days, always wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather conditions and varied terrain. Please bring water and snacks with you. Obedient dogs on leashes are welcome at LETL events unless specified. *We're always adding new events! Check our website (www.letl.org/events) and "Like" our Facebook page for an up-to-date event calendar and other announcements.*



RAY MACGREGOR

Star party

Trail Work on Ledges Trail

July 13, 8:00 AM - Noon
Pleasant Mountain Preserve,
Denmark

Loon Echo's trails are "adopted" by many dedicated individuals and groups. The Maine Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club adopts the popular Ledges Trail on Pleasant Mountain and will host a morning of trail work installing stone steps and brushing in "social" trails. If you want to learn basic trail maintenance skills and hang out with interesting people, please join us! Meet at the Ledges Trail parking at 8:00 AM. Tools and training will be provided. Pants, boots and gloves are required.

Plenty of water and snacks encouraged. *Strenuous*

Forest Bathing at Intervale

July 20, 9:00 AM-Noon
Crooked River Forest, Harrison

Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide Jeanne Christie will lead a Forest Therapy Walk hosted by Loon Echo Land Trust in partnership with Bring Change to Mind. Forest Therapy Guided Walks (also called Forest Bathing and Shinrin-yoku) is a practice that is gaining recognition within the U.S. and abroad. A forest therapy guided walk is a gentle, slow walk interspersed with invitations to wander and share. This hike is brought

to you in partnership with Bring Change 2 Mind: A Lake Region community campaign focused on encouraging conversation to build understanding and acceptance of mental health challenges and substance use disorders, as part of a wellness series. Rain or shine, free, however registration is required at www.letl.org/events or (207) 647-4352. *Easy*

Evening Star Party at Hacker's Hill

August 12, 9:00 PM-2:00 AM
Hacker's Hill Preserve, Casco

Join us for a relaxing evening under the summer sky to view the Perseids Meteor Shower! At its peak, this shower seems to originate from the constellation Perseus, giving rise to the name Perseids. Bring your binoculars and telescopes. Make sure to bring a comfortable chair, bug spray, drinks and snacks. Come early to watch the sunset! Please park in the

"Event Parking" area to the right of the summit. *Easy*

Acoustic Sunset with Bruce Marshall

August 14, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Narramissic Farm, South Bridgton

Loon Echo Land Trust's famous Sunset Concert Series moves to Narramissic Farm in South Bridgton. This summer's concert will feature the vocals and guitar work of nationally renowned musician Bruce Marshall. A tireless performer with great originals, an expressive, soulful voice and accompanying guitar style on acoustic and steel dobro, he's earned a reputation as one of New England's best. Bruce has opened for the likes of BB King and most recently, Jay Leno. Bring chairs, blankets, and a picnic! Arrive at 5 for a walk to the granite quarry before the show. Suggested donation: \$10/person. Proceeds to benefit Peabody-Fitch Woods and the Bridgton Historical Society.



Maine Outdoor Film Festival

August 16, 7:45 PM - 10:00 PM (Rain Date Sunday, August 18th)
Hacker's Hill Preserve, Casco

Join LETL and the Maine Outdoor Film Festival for an evening of Outdoor Films, shown outdoors at Hacker's Hill Preserve. Films will be announced on our website in late July.
Doors: 7:45pm
Show Time: 30 minutes after sunset (about 8:15)
Admission: Free, suggested donation \$10

Evening of Geology

Date TBD, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Hacker's Hill Preserve, Casco

Spend an early evening with Maine State Geologist Robert Marvinney to look back in time at the northern Sebago Lake region from a geological standpoint. The land between the west shore of Sebago Lake and the White Mountains offer an interesting story of ancient ocean shorelines, glaciers and multiple ice ages. Hacker's Hill provides a terrific vantage point and signs of geological events of the past. Meet at 5:00 PM at Hacker's Hill parking area. Please park in the "Event Parking" area to the right of the summit. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the sunset! (Sunset will be around 7:35 PM). *Easy*

32nd Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 25th,
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Winona Camps, Bridgton

Join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a BBQ dinner! This is your opportunity to meet LELT's new Executive Director, hear about new projects and initiatives, and elect officers on the shores of Moose Pond. Sponsored by Maine-ly Foam and Winona Camps. \$35/person. Registration required, www.lelt.org/annualmeeting.

Hawk Migration Watch

September 7
(rain date September 8)
9:00AM-12:00PM
Hacker's Hill Preserve, Casco

Dick Anderson, former Director of the Maine Audubon, brings his enthusiasm for the southern hawk migration back to Hacker's Hill. The ideal conditions for migrating hawks are a northwest breeze with clear skies. Bring your comfy chair, binoculars, water and snacks. In the past, many species of hawks have been observed along with bald eagles and osprey. Please park in the "Event Parking" area to the right of the summit. *Easy*

A Walk Back in Time

October 5th, 10AM - Noon
Peabody-Fitch Woods, Bridgton

The Peabody-Fitch farm in historic South Bridgton once had the distinction of being the highest cultivated land in Cumberland County. A diverse forest now fills the old pastures and meadows but many fascinating clues of these hearty pioneers remain. Now efforts are under way by Loon Echo Land Trust to conserve the 252-acre "Peabody-Fitch

Woods" which surrounds the Bridgton Historical Society's Narramissic Farm, a wonderful museum set on the eve of the Civil War. Join us for this unique tour of one of Bridgton's most important cultural resources. Meet at Narramissic Farm, Narramissic Road, South Bridgton. This event is the last in a series hosted by several local non-profits. Visit www.usvlt.org/2019_Trekking_Through_Time_Series for more information. *Easy*



Trail to the Quarry at Peabody-Fitch Woods

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LOON ECHO TREK 2019



19th Annual Loon Echo Trek

Presented by Norway Savings Bank
September 14th
Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton

Moderate to Strenuous

Hike or Run from Denmark to Bridgton over Pleasant Mountain, Southern Maine's tallest mountain! A 10k (6 mile) course starts with a shuttle bus ride from Shawnee Peak Ski Area to the trailhead for the Southwest Ridge Trail in Denmark. The route crosses over the entire ridge of Pleasant Mountain, passing three rest stops and finishes at the base of Shawnee Peak Ski Area. At the end of your trek you will be greeted with the food, BEER, a t-shirt, and a chance for some great prizes— all included as part of your entry fee! All proceeds from the Trek support our conservation work in the Lake Region.

FMI, visit www.lelt.org/trek.



LEIGH MACMILLAN HAYES

Sunset/Moonrise Hike

December 12, 3pm - 5pm
Bald Pate Mountain Preserve,
Bridgton

A 30-minute scramble to the rocky summit is followed by a gorgeous sunset over Hancock Pond. Moments later, the full moon will rise in the east. The group will hike back to the cars by headlamp. Meet at the main parking area on Route 107 at 3:00 PM. Sunset is at 4:05 PM and the moonrise at 4:40 PM. Snowshoes or traction devices may be required. Plenty of warm layers, water and snacks are always encouraged. This event is free, but registration is required at www.lelt.org/events or by calling 207-647-4352. *Moderate*

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

AFTER WHAT MOST DESCRIBED AS THE LONGEST WINTER IN recent memory, spring did happen and it was a bit like a new born colt, unsteady with many fits and starts. But here we are, black flies and ticks galore, our spring bounty.

Our trail adopters have been out working their sections of trail since late April. Last autumn's leaves were trapped on the trails and in drainage ditches by early November snows, and many wet heavy snowstorms littered trails with debris. We are fortunate to have so many great volunteers, helping lighten the load for LELT staff. We will flip some burgers on their behalf later in the summer!

As you hike along this spring, make sure you watch for early flowers like Lady's Slippers and Trillium and the return of our songbirds like Scarlet Tanager and the Oven Bird. Be mindful of ticks, they are out in big numbers already.

There is a lot going on in 2019 including the construction of an additional mountain bike (and pedestrian) trail at Raymond Community Forest. The trail has been "roughed in" and volunteer opportunities remain if folks are interested!

Planning is underway for the trail system to be developed at the pending Peabody-Fitch Woods in South Bridgton. Our plans include a universal access trail that will give folks of all ages and abilities access to the historic lands and forest. Current pedestrian trails will be improved while existing ATV and snowmobile trails will be evaluated and a new maintenance standard adopted.

It looks like 2019 will be very busy as we look forward to Peabody-Fitch Woods, the 1400-acre Tiger Hill Community Forest in Sebago, and other exciting conservation opportunities. This is a great time to get involved with LELT!



Jon Evans, LELT Stewardship Manager



BOB TRAVIS

FEATURED HIKE: MICAH TRAIL AT BALD PATE PRESERVE

OUR FEATURED HIKE TAKES YOU UP BALD PATE MOUNTAIN, but with a twist! To start, find your way to the Micah Trail parking area located on Moose Cove Lodge Road, just down the hill (headed south) from the main Bald Pate Parking area off Rt 107. The Micah Trail offers a lovely stroll through a beech forest on easy terrain. At the trail junction, turn left onto the South Face Loop trail. Head west for a short distance and turn right onto the Pate Trail. This trail is steep and rocky, but not very long. About halfway up the Pate Trail, you will come to open ledges or "pate" for which the mountain is known. The views are extraordinary and the "pate" is a great spot to catch a sunrise, sunset or view the fall foliage. From there, the Pate Trail takes you to the open summit, offering even more great views. Take the quiet South Face Loop-east (or west) back to the Micah Trail and parking. This loop is the path less traveled, but offers a new variation on an old favorite. Let us know what you think! Email Jon at stewardship@lelt.org or call the office.



CONNIE CROSS

Yellow Lady's Slippers on LELT land



JON EVANS

FEATURED PRESERVE: PERLEY POND - NORTHWEST RIVER PRESERVE

LELT PURCHASED THE 149-ACRE PERLEY POND-NORTHWEST River Preserve in 2014. The property, located on Folly Road in Sebago, is home to upland forest, wetlands, and pond and river frontage. There is no formal trail network in place, but a woods road provides easy access to the upland forest. Moose, deer, otter, wading birds and waterfowl call this preserve home. Scarlet Bluet, a damselfly of special concern has also been spotted here.

We recommend bringing your canoe or kayak (or paddle board) and heading out on the pond to explore or fish. Please follow all use guidelines when visiting this preserve.

HEALTHY FORESTS, CLEAN WATER, QUALITY BEER: LELT PARTNERS WITH BREWERIES FOR NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

STACEY CRAMP, SEBAGO CLEAN WATERS COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



IN EARLY MAY, LOON ECHO LAND TRUST (LELT), WESTERN Foothills Land Trust (WFLT) and the Portland Water District (PWD) led Sebago Clean Waters's (SCW) effort to highlight the connection between land conservation and water quality as part of National Drinking Water Week. SCW, a new partnership of nine conservation organizations, including LELT, WFLT and PWD, works to protect water quality, community well-being, a vibrant economy and the health of fish and wildlife in the Sebago watershed through voluntary forestland conservation and community engagement.

National Drinking Water Week is an annual observance sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to recognize the critical role drinking water plays in our daily lives. This year's theme, "Protect the Source," encouraged people to learn more about the origin of their drinking water and the importance of protecting the land where the water flows from.

To aid in this mission, LELT, WFLT and PWD took the educational message to the tap—the beer tap that is. Because beer is 90 percent water and the craft beer scene in Maine is so robust, breweries in the state are among the biggest commercial users of water from the Sebago Lake watershed. The partnership created beautiful, informative slideshows that were shown at a dozen brewery tasting rooms in Portland throughout the week. LELT staff members were also on hand at two breweries to answer questions about the connection between great tasting beer and forestland conservation.

One of the primary reasons local beer tastes so good is because the water from Sebago is some of the purest in the nation. It is one of only about 50 lakes—out of 13,000 such drinking water supplies in the country—that does not require artificial filtration. The forestland that surrounds the lake acts as a natural filter by preventing erosion. Eighty-four percent of the watershed is forested, yet only 10 percent of it is conserved, meaning development could eventually harm water quality and increase water treatment costs.

During the week, LELT Executive Director Matt Markot, along with Paul Hunt of PWD and Luke Truman of Allagash Brewing, were interviewed on WCSH 6 to discuss their collaborative approach to educating the public about the integral relationship between forests, water and beer.

Also as part of the week's activities, PWD gave a tour of their water treatment facility in Standish to educate water users about the three techniques used to treat the drinking water that comes from Sebago. The tour included a visit to the state-of-the-art laboratory where scientists discussed how the quality and safety of drinking water is tested.

With a goal of increasing the conserved land in the Sebago watershed from its current 10 percent to 25 percent in the next 15 years, SCW is committed to protecting our water, wildlife and way of life. As a key partner in this effort, LELT looks forward to future collaborative educational events with SCW. For more information, visit sebagocleanwaters.org.



*View
Looking west from Pleasant Mountain
see the waves of hills and sunset,
Mount Kearsarge North in haze
foreshortened and engoldened.
Hikers dream to see the world
and both ends of the day.*

ERIC DIBNER

Hey, Landowners!

We're your land trust, and we're here for you. As local landowners ourselves we're eager to help you get started managing your land in a way that works for you, for our community, and for the health of our local and regional ecosystems.

Not sure where to begin? Have general questions about managing your woodlot, removing invasive plants, or your conservation options? Give us a call, shoot us an email at info@lelt.org, or drop by the office. We can chat about your goals for your land and provide you with resources to make informed decisions about managing your land.



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PROTECTING LAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Loon Echo conserves and maintains over 6,700 acres of protected land and multi-use trail systems for the benefit of the public. These important open spaces protect the region's water resources, wildlife habitat, working farms and forests, scenic views, recreational opportunities and rural character. A membership driven non-profit, Loon Echo welcomes all those who have a passion for protecting the region's land and quality of life for current and future generations.

Loon Echo Land Trust proudly serves the towns of Bridgton, Casco, Denmark, Harrison, Naples, Raymond and Sebago.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO LET'S 32ND ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Sunday, August 25th, 2019 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

WHERE: Winona Camps Bridgton, ME

WHAT: Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a BBQ dinner, and mingle with fellow LET members! This is your opportunity to meet LET's new Executive Director, hear about new projects and initiatives, and elect officers.

Register online at www.lelt.org/annualmeeting or call 207-647-4352.

Sponsored by Maine-ly Foam and Winona Camps.



What Will Your Legacy Be? You're Invited to join the Bob Chase Legacy Society

As a conservationist, you care about our land, water, and communities. Land conservation & stewardship is forever, that's why land trusts and bequest giving go hand in hand. Through a planned gift to Loon Echo Land Trust, you can leave a legacy of abundant natural resources, scenic views, working forests, space to recreate, and safeguard our rural character for generations to come.

If you would like to ensure that our forests and landscape is protected for future generations to enjoy, consider a gift to LET in your estate plan. Planned giving is flexible, and can be tailored to your unique wishes. Gifts made through wills and living trusts are easy to arrange and can be changed at any time.

Anyone who makes a bequest or other planned gift to LET becomes a member of the Bob Chase Legacy Society. Bob Chase was a lover of the natural world. Passionate and charismatic, Bob's vision and leadership were a driving force behind Loon Echo's initial formation and successes until his passing in 2005. In naming the Legacy Society after Bob, we seek to honor his lifelong commitment to make the world a better place.

Be sure to consult with your attorney before including bequest language in your will or estate plan. If you have general questions, please contact us at 207-647-4352. Learn more at www.lelt.org/members/legacygiving.