

Compatible Forestry as a Conservation Solution

Imagine pulling together a block of 8,600 acres of forest in southwestern Maine.

Today, given growing development pressures, fragmented ownership patterns and rising land prices, the task would be nearly impossible.

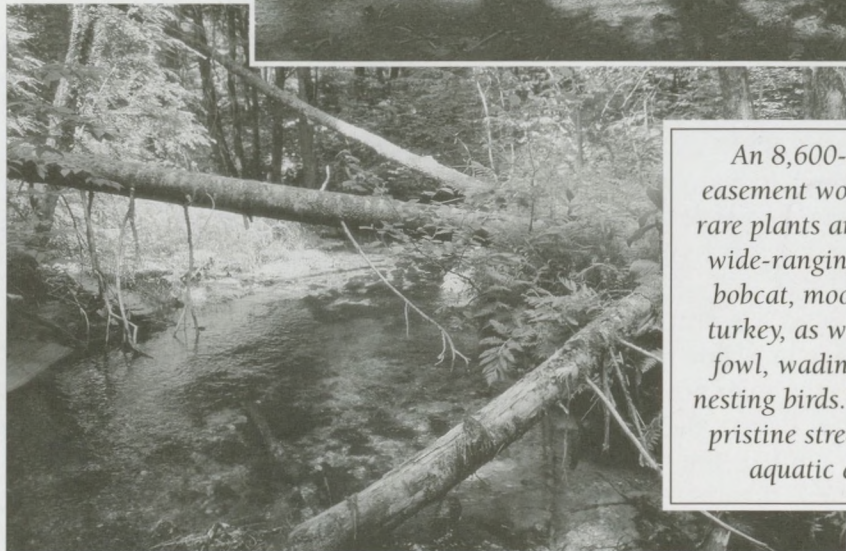
But now imagine tearing a block of forest land that size apart and selling it off in more than a dozen parcels. Where would that leave the plants and animals which depend on a healthy intact forest?

Where, for that matter, would it leave those who make their living in the woods or those who come for recreation and sport? Citizens of the Town of Parsonsfield have had to imagine just that.

An 8,600-acre forest, known locally as the Leavitt Plantation, was scheduled for auction last year in as many as 13 separate parcels. With the incomes of one-third of town families linked to forest products, the implications for the local economy were as stark as those for important wildlife habitats.

A town is, after all, tied to the fate of its lands.

The largest block of forest land in a single ownership south of Sebago Lake, Leavitt Plantation is at the heart of the town and at the center of a major forest system that straddles the Maine/New Hampshire border. Fortunately, thanks to remarkable coop-



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An 8,600-acre forest easement would preserve rare plants and habitat for wide-ranging bear, deer, bobcat, moose and wild turkey, as well as waterfowl, wading and forest nesting birds. Wetlands and pristine streams support aquatic diversity.

eration between conservation and industry, this forest may be saved.

Real progress has already been made. Renewable Resources, a timber management company, reached out to the Conservancy. They agreed to purchase Leavitt Plantation Forest and sell a conservation easement, a legal instrument that will permanently:

- protect wildlife habitats;
- maintain public access;
- ensure sustainable management.

We have been able to gather significant financial support for this innovative approach to conservation - but still have \$500,000 more to go by the October 15, 2001 option deadline.

To date • the Land for Maine's Fu-

ture Program has offered a \$1,000,000 grant • citizens and community organizations have donated more than \$300,000 • the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund has awarded a grant of \$56,100 • Parsonsfield residents appropriated \$50,000 to match private contributions • a grant of \$50,000 has been approved from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act • and the Libra Foundation has provided a \$25,000 grant.

Saving Leavitt Plantation Forest from fragmentation and degradation is

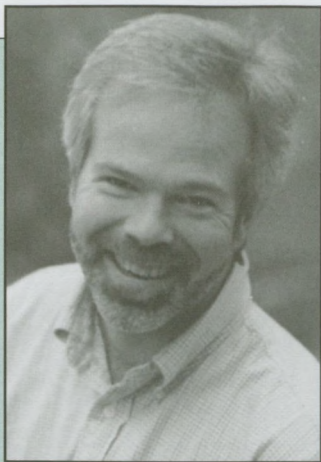
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The Director's Column

by Kent W. Wonnack



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In the last few years The Nature Conservancy in Maine has chosen to take a proactive role - not in the rounds of rhetorical debate that accompany referenda - but in the woods themselves, where turning the vision of compatible forestry into reality must ultimately be tested.

Our purchase two years ago of 185,000 acres along the St. John River was certainly one catalyst. There we

have an opportunity to define and shape a significant portion of the great north woods in the upper St. John River valley. Like any other landowner, our challenge is to be meet our own goals - *the conservation of*

biodiversity - in a way that respects and supports the forests' many other values.

Based on the best scientific information available today, protecting the biodiversity of Maine's forests requires relatively large preserves, where natural processes rule and old growth

species can thrive, surrounded by an even larger landscape of intact forests, where more common species can be sustained in a working landscape context.

While small preserves, like small woodlots, will always be appreciated as green and open space, they do not encompass enough of the landscape to sustain either the natural or economic values they have today. In this sense, the fragmentation and development of Maine's forests into smaller and smaller blocks is bad for everyone.

Take for example the Leavitt Plantation Forest in Parsonsfield, featured in this newsletter. Our scientific ecoregional planning process had led



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important for many reasons. The Conservancy has identified a number of areas within Maine which hold the key to preserving our native plant and animal communities. In these matters, size matters. To withstand the pressures of human activity and natural calamity, we seek to preserve large, relatively unfragmented areas.

In this case, the Leavitt Plantation

Forest sits almost directly in the middle of a large forested landscape that presents just that opportunity. The easement will help ensure the survival of seventeen state listed rare plants, maintain habitat critical to wide-ranging species such as bear, deer, fisher, bobcat, moose and wild turkey as well as forest nesting birds, waterfowl and wading birds. Here wetlands and some

of the most pristine streams in the region continue to support aquatic and amphibian diversity, including a viable population of Atlantic salmon.

In addition, hikers, bikers and cross country skiers will all continue to use the informal trail system - easily accessed from town roads.

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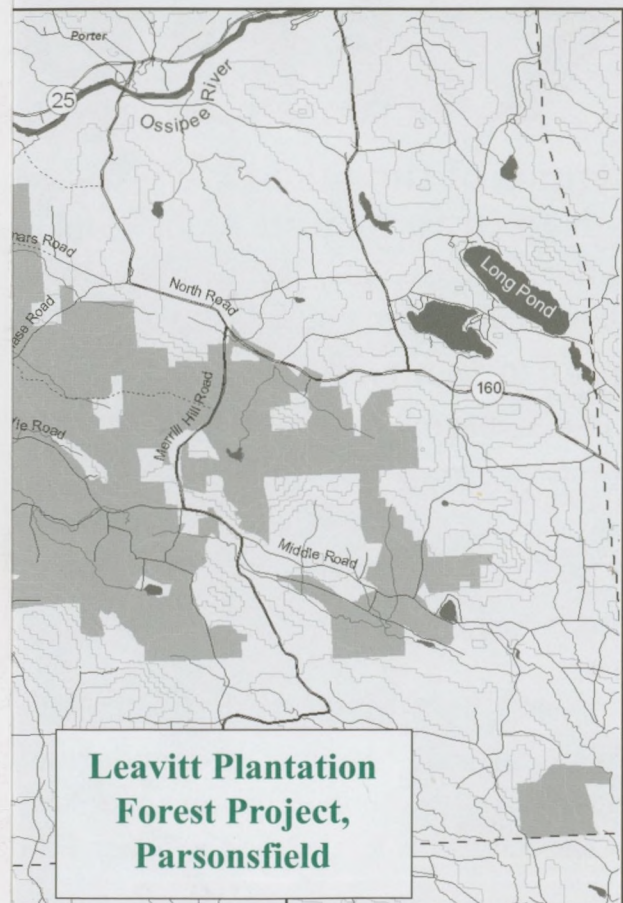
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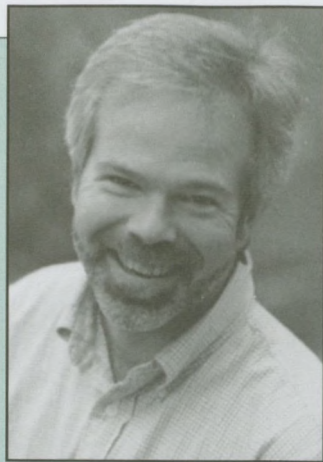
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and with over \$1.4 million raised to date, we have only until October 15, 2001 to raise the final \$500,000 needed to secure this corner of Maine. For information, please contact Nancy Light at 207-729-5181 ext. 281.

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We will send out confirmation letters following August 1.

Once you have made reservations by phone, please mail this form with payment.

To ensure all members have an equal chance of participating, we will be accepting reservations starting on August 1.

To register for an Annual Meeting field trip or dinner, CALL 207-729-5181 x221.

the information and system - easily accessed from town roads.

With York County development pressures growing and pressing inexo-

us to identify this area as one of the few places left in southern Maine and New Hampshire where we might be able to protect, over time, a large enough block of contiguous forest to truly meet our biodiversity goals through a mixture of preserves and sustainably managed forest.

The previous landowner was marketing the 8,600 acre Leavitt Plantation Forest as twelve separate lots in order to maximize their sale price. But this decision also meant that this land, long the mainstay of the town's economic base, would most likely be sold to liquidation harvesters and subsequently developed – bad for the town, and bad for the environment.

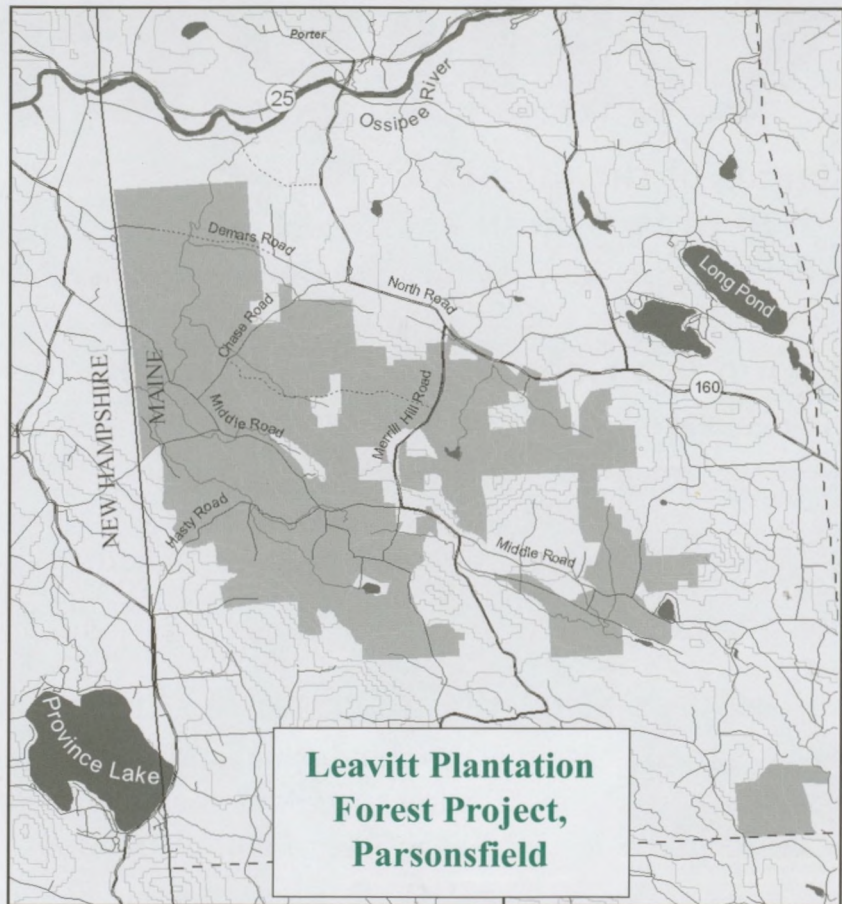
By working with an investor truly interested in sustainable forestry, and with the support of the townspeople, we hope to keep this keystone block intact not only as an economic resource, but as a natural resource as well – one which will serve the interests of all of Parsonsfield residents, human and otherwise, for generations to come. This vision of blending traditional preservation with the conservation of the working landscape is one most people share in concept, but very few have tried to implement by conscious design.

That is the challenge which The Nature Conservancy and our partners are taking on in the north woods, in Parsonsfield, and around the world.

rably closer, this site has been identified as a priority • by The Nature Conservancy through its nationally recognized ecoregional planning process • by the Town of Parsonsfield through its comprehensive planning process as a Natural Resource Conservancy Zone for unique natural resources, fragile ecological systems, flood control and water supply • and by the one-third of the town citizens who depend on these woods for their livelihoods today and in the future.



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The Leavitt Plantation Forest Project seeks to protect wildlife habitats, maintain public access and ensure sustainable management.

We are working with Friends of Leavitt Plantation Forest, the Town of Parsonsfield, the State of Maine and others to keep the largest contiguous forest ownership in York County in one piece - forever.

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Join Us In Rangeley



The names of the lakes are enough to draw you in - Mooselookmeguntic, Cupsuptic, Parmachenee, Aziscohos, Kennebago, Umbagog, Beaver Mountain, Richardson and, of course, Rangeley.

The region is a rich texture of mountain and pond, stream, river and deep forest - Beaver Bog sits next to Secret



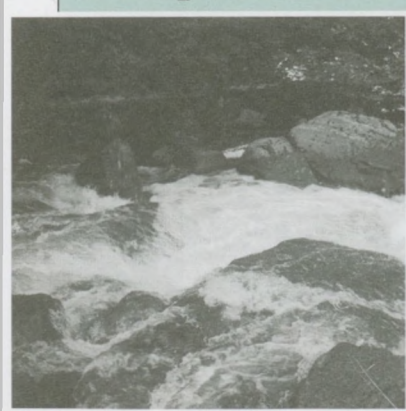
Bog and the village of Oquossoc sits below Bald Mountain.

Saddleback looms nearby. It is a fisherman's paradise - no, a hiker's paradise - no, a canoeist's paradise - no, a birder's paradise. Well, one gets the idea. Less than three hour's drive from Portland or Bangor, it is a breathtaking and unforgettable destination...

Just the place for an Annual Meeting - Join us in one of Maine's most enduring landscapes and help celebrate a year of striking conservation success at sites as diverse as the St. John River, Cobscook Bay, the Saco River Floodplain, Mount Agamenticus and

Merrymeeting Bay. Take advantage of our slate of field trips - canoeing, hiking, birding - experiencing the great outdoors we work to preserve. Or join us for informative seminars aimed at keeping you up to date with conservation here in Maine. Add in side trips of your own devising (there's so much to see).

Make it a weekend to remember.



Annual Meeting Times & Events



Saturday

Field trips
Various Sites
(see pages 6 & 7)

Seminars
The Rangeley Inn
Rangeley
(see page 8)

Reception
The Rangeley Inn

Annual Meeting Dinner
and Business Meeting
The Rangeley Inn

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Sunday

Field trip to Mt. Abraham 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



September 15 & 16, 2001



1. Rangeley Inn/
Motor Lodge
2. Hunter Cove
Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Gingerbread House
4. Bald Mountain
5. Forest Legacy Trail
6. Cascade Stream Gorge
7. Mount Abraham
8. Bigelow Range

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Saturday, September 15

Field Trips

1. Easy Being "Green"?

What is green certification? What is sustainable forestry? Find out by joining Mike Dann and Pete Johnson of Seven Islands Land Management Company, along with Conservancy Director of Land Protection Tom Rumpf. We will tour forest operations on the Rangeley Unit of the Pingree family ownership. Five years ago the Pingrees were the first major forest ownership in Maine to go through the green certification process under the Forest Stewardship Council program. Seven Islands, which manages Pingree lands, is recognized as a leader in sustainable forest management in Maine. Recently over 750,000 acres of Pingree lands were placed under a no-development easement, the largest easement ever in Maine - possibly the world. 8:30 am - noon Limit: 15 Easy

2. The Summit of Rangeley Conservation

From the summit of Bald Mountain, enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding lakes and mountains. An observation tower sits at the summit of this 2400' peak rising between Rangeley and Mooselookmeguntic Lakes. Since the starting elevation is about 1,400' you'll find this to be a relatively easy climb and well worth the effort. Nancy Perlson, Executive Director of Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, will lead the hike and share the history of this property, which was acquired by the Trust with Land for Maine's Future funding. From the summit Nancy will point out the other conservation lands in the region. 8:30 am - noon Limit: 15 Moderate

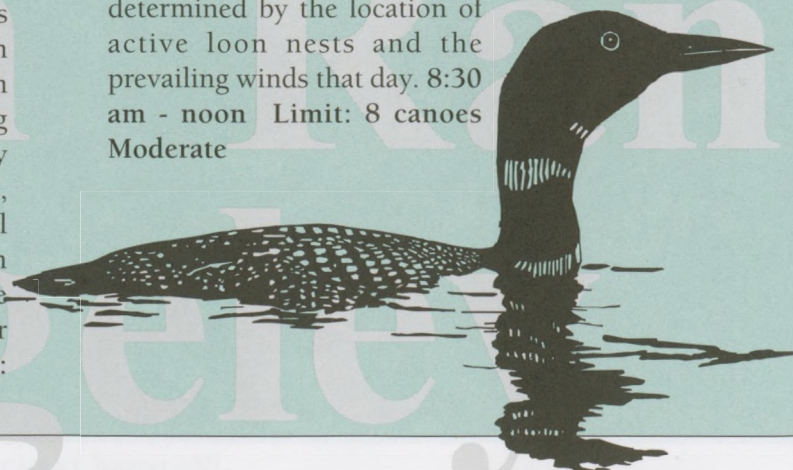
Annual Meeting field trip registration costs are \$8 per person or \$16 per family. The field trips will take place rain or shine. More specific trip details will be sent to registrants prior to the trip. Please come prepared with good hiking shoes (which may get wet), water, snacks, sunscreen and insect repellent. Note that times given are approximate: all trips will start at the appointed time, but some may end earlier (or a tad later) than listed.

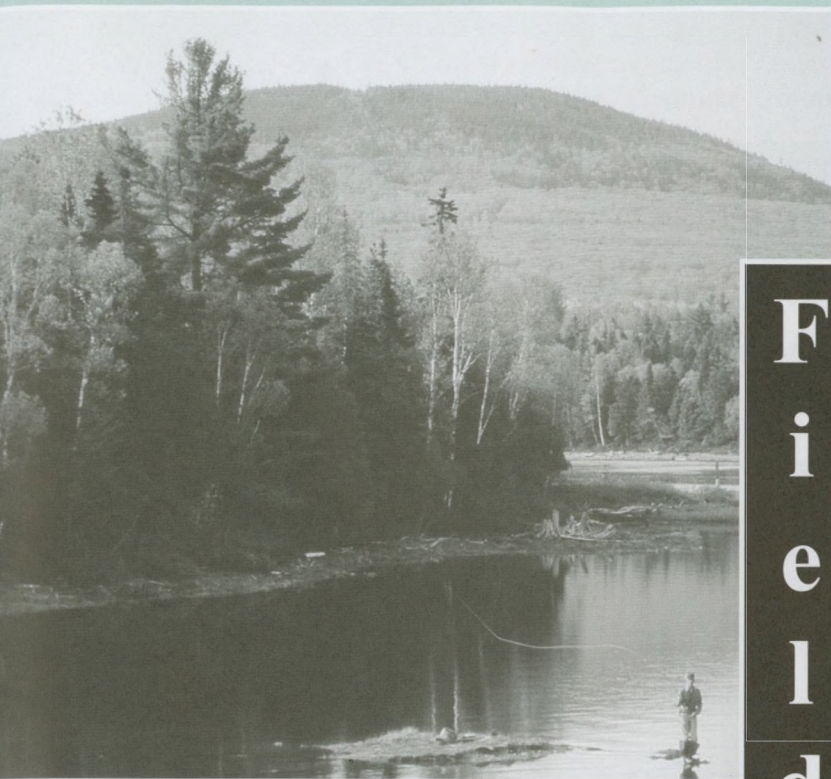
3. Bigelow is in the Eye of the Beholder

Visit one of the premier reserves in the state's new Ecological Reserve System and learn about the ecological reserve selection and design. Join The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Planner, Josh Royte, for an exploration of spectacular open peatlands, marshes and hardwood forests as well as an esker flanking the toe of the Bigelow Range. This will be a gentle hike and will not include a climb to the mountain peak. 8am - noon Limit: 15 Easy to Moderate

4. Loons on the Lake

Join a wildlife biologist from the BioDiversity Research Institute (BRI) for a paddle along the shores of Rangeley Lake. The biologist will share information about the natural history of loons, the birds that symbolize Maine, as well as BRI's loon monitoring program and research regarding the effect of high mercury concentrations on this species. We hope to see loons and their chicks while on the trip. Canoes will be provided. The exact location of the paddle will be determined by the location of active loon nests and the prevailing winds that day. 8:30 am - noon Limit: 8 canoes Moderate





5. On the Trail of the Forest Legacy

Catch a boat ride from Haines Landing in Oquossoc across Mooselookmeguntic Lake to the Forest Legacy trail on the western shore. The trail is named for the federal program, which provided much of the funding for the acquisition of this 1,257-acre parcel by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust. The hike will be guided by Russ Hughes, a retired forester for Seven Islands Land Company, who serves as RLHT's forester for the property. The land is managed for multiple uses including primitive camping. The hike will follow the trail along varied terrain from shoreline to ridgeline and back. 8am – noon Limit: 15 Moderate

6. Cascading through Geology

Take a short but fascinating hike along the Cascade Stream Gorge, a registered Critical Area and a place of great scenic beauty and geologic interest. The stream flows over a series of cascading falls with a drop of 100 meters over the length of the gorge. Dr. David Gibson, a professor of geology and hydrology at the University of Maine at Farmington, will lead the hike, sharing his insights into the formation of the gorge and the fascinating geology of the region. 2-4 pm Limit: 15 Easy to Moderate

7. "Hunting" for Birds at Hunter Cove Sanctuary

The cedar swamp, spruce-fir forest, mature poplars, alder thickets and lakeshore of the Maine Audubon Society Hunter Cove Wildlife Sanctuary provide habitat for an abundance of wildlife. Likely bird sightings include aquatic species such as loons and mergansers, coniferous forest dwellers including boreal chickadees, kinglets and winter wrens as well as pileated woodpeckers and woodcocks in the alder forests. Join Chris Fichtel, Land Protection Project Manager with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, for this 1-2 mile easy hike throughout the sanctuary. 2-4 pm Limit: 15 Easy

Sunday, September 16



8. An Honest Hike up Mt. Abraham

Slated to be included in the state's new Ecological Reserve System, Mt. Abraham is a 4049-foot mountain boasting a range of terrain, including old-growth spruce forest, vast hardwood forests and an outstanding alpine ridge above timberline, which is home to a host of rare alpine plants. Under the "eco-reserve" designation, all these areas will remain undisturbed. This strenuous field trip, led by Conservation Planner Josh Royte and a representative of the Appalachian Trail conference, will include a rigorous hike to the summit of Mount Abraham with a few short stops to discuss the ecological zones and natural communities that flank its slopes and ridgeline. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a picnic lunch on top before the return trip. The trail head is near Kingfield, over an hour's drive from Rangeley. 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. Limit: 15 Strenuous



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In addition to our regularly scheduled field trips, we are offering three informational seminars, designed to keep you updated on current Conservancy projects and related topics. All seminars will be held at The Rangeley Inn. Registration for seminars is required, but there is no charge.

A. What's on the St. John?

2:00- 2:45 p.m.

It would be an understatement to say that a lot has happened on the St. John River in the last three years. The Nature Conservancy's purchase of 185,000 acres in the river's watershed was just the beginning of larger plans to protect the entire upper St. John River. Since our initial purchase in 1998, the land that we own and manage has grown, and with that growth has come a responsibility to manage the land. Learn how we are tackling those challenges, see what remains to be protected in the watershed and find out how we plan to do it. Seminar leaders will be Tom Rumpf, Director of Land Protection; Kyle Stockwell, Associate Director of Science and Stewardship, and Peter Triandafilou of Huber Resources Corporation, the company working with the Conservancy to manage our lands.

B. How are you going to protect *that*?

2:45 -3:30 p.m.

In recent years, the Conservancy has realized that, although we remain committed to our tradition of buying and protecting land, we'll never be able to afford to buy all the land needed to protect the diversity of life on earth. In response, we've come up with a new

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strategy for protecting land, called "Community Based Conservation." This new style of conservation puts Conservancy staff "on the ground" in the areas we want to protect. Bruce Kidman, Director of Communications and Government Relations, will detail this conservation strategy and answer questions. Keith Fletcher, our Mt. Agamenticus Project Director, will also be on hand to give a face to our community-based conservation work.

C. Conservancy Preserves in My Backyard

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

The Conservancy owns and manages over 1300 preserves worldwide, over 75 in Maine alone. While most of our members have heard of the big areas we've been able to protect, many may not know about Conservancy preserves in their own backyards. This seminar will introduce you to places you can go to interact with the natural world, and learn more about our work. The seminar, led by Nancy Sferra, Director of Science and Stewardship, will include a list of preserves best suited for visitation (including those that are especially family-friendly) and will show you how to get the most out of your visits to these special places.

New Trustees, Slate of Officers Proposed for Membership Vote at Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of The Nature Conservancy Maine Chapter Board of Trustees proposes the following slate of officers and new trustees for consideration at the September 15, 2001 Annual Meeting.

Officers - President: **Roger Milliken, Jr.**, Vice Chairs: **Dave Courtemanch, Leon Gorman, Bucky Owen**; Treasurer: **Chris Harte**; Secretary: **Anna Marie Thron**
Renominations - **Mark Boyer, Dave Courtemanch, Chris Harte, Roger Milliken, Jr., Anna Marie Thron, Lissa Widoff**

New Nominees - **Des Fitzgerald** of Camden founded Ducktrap River Fish Farm in 1997. In 1999, he became CEO for ContiSea, a holding company comprised of Ducktrap River Fish Farm and Atlantic Salmon of Maine. Des is director and past president of Natural Resources Council of Maine, and currently serves on board of Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility.

Adelaide Trafton of Topsham is a long-time supporter and active volunteer on behalf of numerous

environmental efforts, especially within her community on Merrymeeting Bay. In 2000, Adelaide and her husband, Jotham, received Maine Coast Heritage Trust's Land Heritage Award for their conservation and restoration work along Merrymeeting Bay. She is a Trustee of the Helen Clay Frick Foundation and of the Frick Collection, a New York art museum.

Helen Winebaum of York, Maine is President of the York Land Trust, a partner organization in the Mount Agamenticus Challenge. She is a Director, The Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation and former member of Advisory Council and Trustee of The Currier Gallery of Art. A graduate of the University of Chicago (a veteran of the theatre in New York City), she served on the Planning Board in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Retiring - The Board wishes to thank **Eleanor "Noni" Ames** and **Ala Reid** for their service to The Nature Conservancy and Maine as trustees.

We hope the following listing of area establishments will prove helpful. Our goal is to provide as many options as possible, so we can't make recommendations or assurances. As always, an early reservation is your best bet.

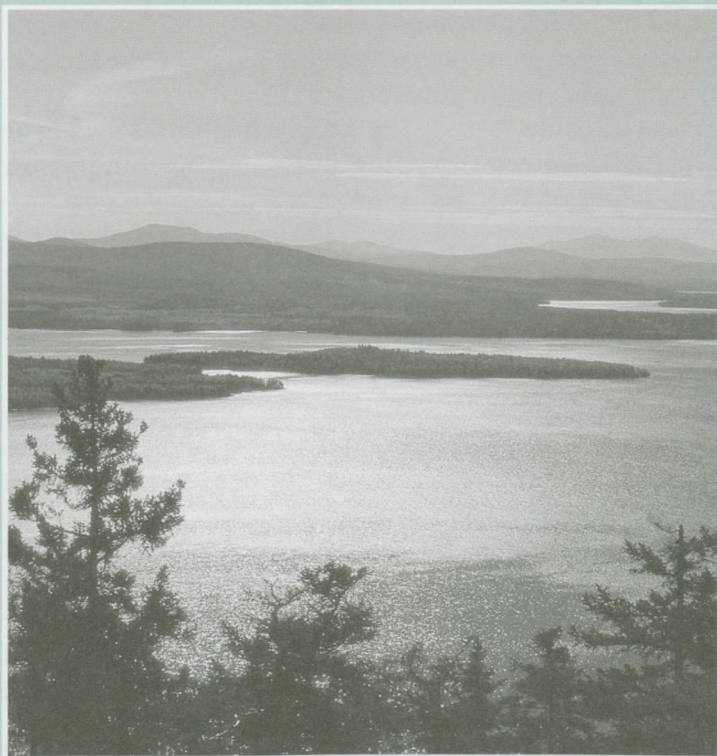
Places to stay

Inns: The Rangeley Inn, PO Box 306 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3341, 1-800-MOMENTS; The Country Club Inn, PO Box 680E Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-383; Saddleback Inn, PO Box 157 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3434; West Main Inn, Main Street Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-9900; **Lodge:** Loon Lodge, PO Box 1208 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5666; **Bed and Breakfasts:** Gull Pond Lodge Bed and Breakfast, PO Box 1177 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5563; Piper Brook Bed and Breakfast, PO Box 139 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3469; Rangeley Lakes Bed and Breakfast, PO Box 5453 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-0976; Horsefeather Inn Bed and Breakfast, PO Box 391 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-5465; Northwoods Bed and Breakfast, PO Box 79 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-2440; Oquossoc's Own, PO Box 27 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-5584; **Cottages and Condominiums:** Town and Lake Cottages, PO Box 47 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3755; Clearwater Camps, PO Box 270 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-5424; Hunter Cove on Rangeley Lake, HC 32 Box 2800 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3383; Kennebago River Kamps, PO Box 677 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-2402; Lyons Lakeside Cabins, PO Box 957 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5899; Mooselookmegutic House, PO Box 331 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-2962; Mountain View Cottages, PO Box 284 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3416; North Camps, PO Box 341 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-2247; Sam-O-Set Cottages, PO

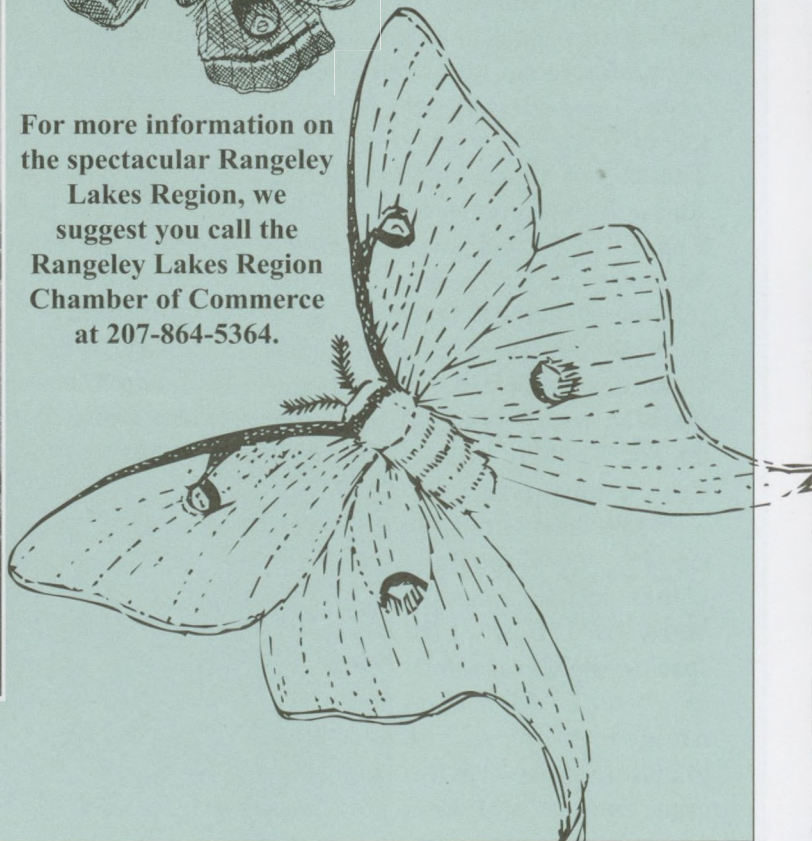
Box 562 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3657; Sam-O-Set Four Seasons, PO Box 1006 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5137; Sequoia Cabins, PO Box 208 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3492; Sundown Cottages, PO Box 40 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3650; Sunset Point Camps, PO Box 733 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5387; Swiss Colony Cottages, PO Box 597 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3760; The Terraces Cottages, HC32 Box 3700 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3771; LeBlanc Condos, PO Box 1176 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3760; Moose Lodge/Mountain House, PO Box 236 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-5661; Twin Brooks, PO Box 1229 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-2452; Rangeley Manor Cottages, PO Box 1100 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5648; Rangeley Lakehouses, PO Box 651 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-5979; Saddleback Ski Area, PO Box 490 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3755; **Sport Camps:** Bald Mountain Camps, PO Box 332 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-3671; Bosebuck Mountain Camps, PO Box 1213 Rangeley, ME 04970, 446-2825; Grant's Kennebago Camps, PO Box 786 Rangeley, ME 04870, 864-3608; **Campgrounds:** Black Brook Cove Campground, PO Box 319 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 486-3828; Rangeley Lake State Park, 8C32 Box 5000 Rangeley, ME 04970, 864-3858; Stephen Phillips Memorial Preserve, PO Box 21 Oquossoc, ME 04964, 864-2003

Note: Maine has only one area code: 207

There's a lot to see in the Rangeley Lakes Region



For more information on the spectacular Rangeley Lakes Region, we suggest you call the Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 207-864-5364.



Make a weekend of it!

PEZ MAYA



The purchase of Pez Maya links the 1.6 million-acre Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve with the sea and forestalls planned development of these fragile coastal habitats.

Paradise nearly Lost

It is the largest private conservation purchase in Mexican history - and it was initiated with your support. Our

Mexican partners on the Yucatan Peninsula took a great leap of faith in purchasing a strategic piece of threatened coast near the burgeoning vacation meccas of Cancun and Tulum.

After years of hard work, they face their greatest fundraising challenge.

Five years ago, the Conservancy in Maine initiated a partnership with Amigos de Sian Ka'an, a private nonprofit organization which has for years worked with the Mexican government to protect the vast resources of the 1.6 million-acre Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. These tropical forest and savanna habitats host more than 80 species birds that migrate to Maine to breed during the summer, the belted kingfisher, gray catbird, wood thrush, black-throated warbler, osprey and, of particular interest, a colony of Least terns, among them.

To have a tangible impact on important winter nesting areas for many of "our" bird species, the Conservancy in Maine identified Amigos as one of the premier conservation organizations in Mexico,

and, with Amigos' strong science/biological research history, a natural partner for us in the Yucatan Peninsula.

The Amigos' board visited Maine in the summer of 2000, and the Conservancy's Maine board visited the Amigos, and the Sian Ka'an Reserve, last October. During these visits, the Maine Chapter and Amigos boards agreed upon areas of partnership including staff and technical exchanges, and financial assistance.

The Amigos had been working with the Mexican government and banks to acquire the coastal sand dune known as Pez Maya. Like so much of the Yucatan coast, this important gateway to fragile coastal lagoons, mangrove swamps and the entirety of the Sian Ka'an Reserve was targeted for development.

Amigos were able to hammer out a deal, in part because the Conservancy in Maine loaned the Amigos \$100,000

for the down payment - thanks to the generosity of board and members. On June 5 the \$1.85 million deal was signed (much of the principal was loaned to the project through the Conservancy's Land Protection Fund - the same loan fund we used to acquire the principal needed to close on the St. John River tract two years ago).

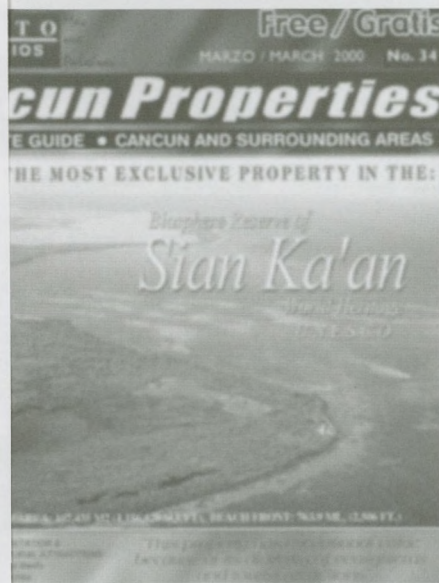
The day was auspicious indeed. June 5 was also the 15th anniversary of Amigos' founding, and the Mexican Environment Day.

The Amigos find themselves in an exciting but daunting fundraising situation. While the Amigos board has pledged \$300,000 to the project, they have asked both the Maine and New Jersey Conservancy chapters to assist them in raising money to repay the loan. This represents a tremendous opportunity for members to play a critical role in the protection of this coastal site. We need to raise another \$250,000 to fulfill our pledge to Amigos. If you would like to help make conservation story as this stunning biodiversity-rich coastal site, please contact Alex McIntosh (207-729-5181 x229 or amcintosh@tnc.org) for more information.

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Saturday/Sunday

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Field Trip:

Indicate letter of confirmed field trip(s)

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Dinner at the Rangely Inn:

Dinner will include a choice of

(a) Beef Tenderloin;

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Number of dinner reservations

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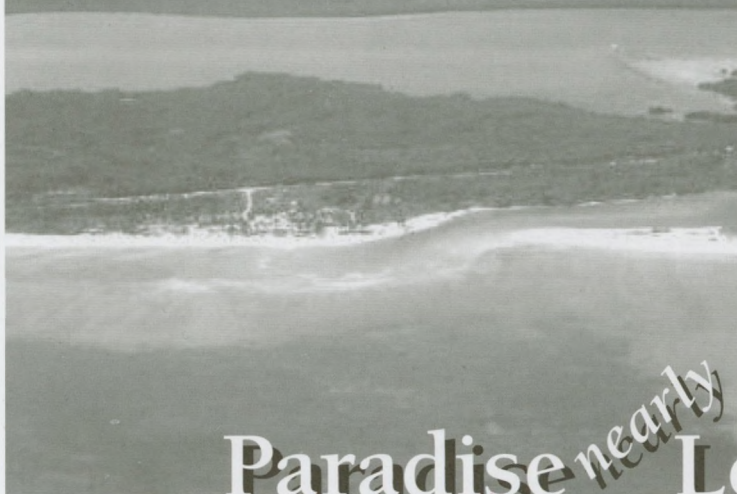
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Paradise nearly Lost

It is the largest private conservation purchase in Mexican history - and it was initiated with your support. Our Mexican partners on the Yucatan Peninsula took a great leap of faith in purchasing a strategic piece of threatened coast near the burgeoning vacation meccas of Cancun and Tulum. After years of hard work, they face their greatest fundraising challenge.

Five years ago, the Conservancy in Maine initiated a partnership with Amigos de Sian Ka'an, a private nonprofit organization which has for years worked with the Mexican government to protect the vast resources of the 1.6 million-acre Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. These tropical forest and savanna habitats host more than 80 species birds that migrate to Maine to breed during the summer, the belted kingfisher, gray catbird, wood thrush, black-throated warbler, osprey and, of particular interest, a colony of Least terns, among them.

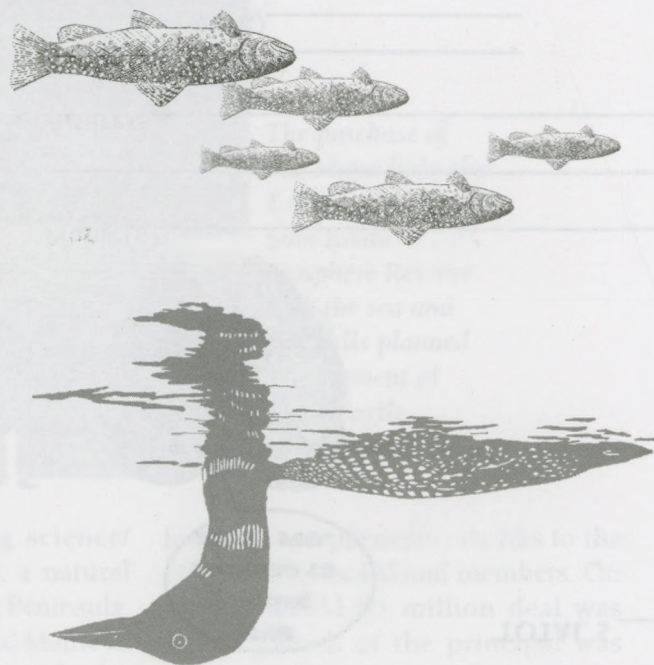
To have a tangible impact on important winter nesting areas for many of "our" bird species, the Conservancy in Maine identified Amigos as one of the premier conservation organizations in Mexico,

and, with Amigos' biological research as a partner for us in the Yucatan.

The Amigos' board met the summer of 2001. The Conservancy's Maine Chapter and Amigos, and the Sian Ka'an last October. During the Maine Chapter and Amigos agreed upon areas including staff exchanges, and financial

The Amigos had been working with the Mexican government to acquire the coastal site as Pez Maya. Like the Yucatan coast, this is a fragile coastal landscape with swamps and the entrance to the Sian Ka'an Reserve was threatened for development.

Amigos were able to reach a deal, in part because the Conservancy in Maine loaned the



Rangeley Join Us In



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property in the Biosphere
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mere 15 miles south of the 80-
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80%

Need proof that partnerships work? Consider progress made by the six-year-old Ducktrap Coalition, a partnership of 20 public, private and local organizations including the Conservancy, Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Atlantic Salmon Commission and the Land for Maine's Future Program. The Coalition is dedicated to preserving the Ducktrap River (which empties into Penobscot Bay in Lincolnville). In the Coalition's latest two acquisitions, the Conservancy has contributed \$50,000, thereby lever-



aging over a half million dollars to protect some 500 acres of land.

With the most recent acquisition by Coastal Mountains Land Trust - a 312-acre tract running 4,200 feet along the river - the Coalition can now boast 80% of the river's riparian lands in permanent conservation. The new parcel abuts the Tanglewood section of Camden Hills State Park and also includes 2,300 feet along Black Brook, one of the principal tributaries to the river.

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