

Quabbin to Cardigan Trial Study

The Monadnock Conservancy and Southwest Region Planning Commission will be hosting the first of three meetings of organizations and citizens interested in a possible long-distance hiking trail in western New Hampshire from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border to Mt. Cardigan and beyond to the White Mountains. The meeting is a key part of a trail study being managed by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Appalachian Mountain Club, with assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance program. At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to view maps of the area, speak with representatives of a wide range of organizations and other citizens of the communities in southwest New Hampshire about potential trail routes, loops, and connections to other area trail systems, and to get answers to any questions regarding the trail study. There will be a similar meeting held in the northern part of the region on March 29th to gather information from those communities, and a third meeting on April 12th in the central part of the region. The information provided at the three meetings will help determine the next steps in the trail study. Everyone is welcome to attend one, two or all three meetings.

The Environmental Studies Program at Antioch University will be sponsoring the first meeting on **Wednesday, February 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** in the Community Room at Antioch University, 40 Avon Street, Keene NH (directions are at <http://www.antiochne.edu/aboutane/directions.cfm>). Light refreshments will be provided.

NOTE: If the weather appears to make the meeting questionable, please call my phone at the number shown below, and I will leave a message by 3:00 pm on the 29th to let you know if the meeting is postponed.

Please RSVP to me at mgildesgame@outdoors.org by February 24th. Also, please pass this information on to other groups or individuals in your organization who you think may be interested in this project. Thank you.

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