

LRCT ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 17, 2010

at the Castle in the Clouds Carriage House

9:30 a.m.

Refreshments

Enjoy morning refreshments on the first floor and patio of the Carriage House.

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held upstairs in the Winnepesaukee Room. We will share LRCT conservation and stewardship highlights of the year, recognize the contributions of our dedicated volunteers, and describe new conservation initiatives underway.

Guest speaker Dan Sundquist, Director of Land Conservation Planning of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, will then share a presentation on conservation planning in the Lakes Region, including natural resources maps and information.

After the Annual Meeting, enjoy the afternoon at LRCT's Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area! Bring a picnic lunch for the trails or fields, or purchase lunch at the Castle Café... Join a guided hike described below or explore the trails on your own with family and friends... Enjoy the natural beauty of this special conserved place in the Ossipee Mountains...

Noon

Guided Hikes: Brook Walk and Bald Knob

Meet at noon at Shannon Pond for both hikes.

Brook Walk

Join us for a less-than-a-mile round-trip hike along the Brook Walk, a historic and scenic trail restored and maintained by LRCT volunteers. We will hike beside several impressive gorges, following the course of Shannon Brook past rapids and seven spectacular cascades. We will stop along the way to take in the beautiful scenery and learn about some of the history of this unique trail.

Bald Knob

This approximately 4.7-mile hike will begin with the downhill portion of the Brook Walk hike described above, but rather than turning around and returning along the Brook Walk, Bald Knob hike participants will cross the bridge beneath the Falls of Song, then take the Bald Knob Cutoff to the Bald Knob Trail. After enjoying the spectacular views of Lake Winnepesaukee and the mountains beyond from Bald Knob, participants will return along the Turtleback Mountain Trail.

Directions to the Parking Area for the Carriage House:

From the north and west, follow Route 25 to Route 109 in Moultonborough. Take Route 109 south for 2 miles, then bear left onto Route 171. After less than 1 mile on Route 171, turn left onto Ossipee Park Road.

(Directions continue at "→" below.)

From the south, follow Route 109 north from Wolfeboro to Route 171 in Moultonborough. Take a sharp right onto Route 171, heading east. After less than 1 mile on Route 171, turn left onto Ossipee Park Road.

(Directions continue at "→" below.)

From the east, from Route 16 in Ossipee take Route 28 south and turn right onto Route 171 west. After about 15 miles on Route 171, you will pass the main entrance to the Castle in the Clouds. Continue on Route 171 for one additional mile, turning right onto Ossipee Park Road.

(Directions continue at "→" below.)

→ Follow Ossipee Park Road to the top, then enter the Castle grounds through the back gate, following the driveway to a T-intersection near Shannon Pond, then proceed right to the gravel parking lots on the left.