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Friends of Wilson Ponds Area NEWS

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We did it!! 3,000 acres preserved!

Scammon Ridge Headwaters: A MIGHTY Collaborative Conservation Effort

Thrilling news! Thanks to the efforts of the Forest Society of Maine, the Friends of Wilson Ponds, the support of Greenville community, and the generosity of many donors the 3,000-acre Scammon Ridge, once targeted for subdivision, is now conserved forever.

With your generosity and support, Friends was able to successfully raise \$200,000 that went toward the Forest Society of Maine's \$2.3 million fundraising campaign for the purchase of the Conservation Easement.

The Scammon Ridge Headwaters

Conservation Easement will protect the watersheds of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers, continue as an important wildlife habitat, provide residents and visitors with outdoor recreation and a quiet refuge in nature. This is a testament to how deeply we care about our Ponds and the surrounding area. Seeing this completed project forever enables Friends to live out our mission and reach our goals.

This opportunity was made available by the New England Forestry Foundation and their partnership with Exemplary Forestry Management,

Maine Mountain Collaborative, and Qualified Ventures. This partnership acquired the land from the Haynes Family of H.C. Haynes Inc., major landowners in Maine, who wanted to see the land conserved and entrusted it to the groundbreaking Exemplary Forestry Investment Fund – a forward-looking, climate-smart venture.

Once again, thank you to all that donated and for being a part of this monumental conservation victory. Your support makes a direct impact on the legacy we leave behind. Learn more at FOWPA.org.

About FOWPA

In 1991 the Friends of Wilson Pond Area was formed. We acquired a conservation easement along the eastern and southern shores of Lower Wilson Pond in 1998. This easement guarantees no development within 500ft of the pond along nearly three miles of the shore, conserving 150 acres.

Our Mission

To protect and conserve Upper and Lower Wilson Ponds and their surrounding areas for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Our Goals

- Preserve biological diversity and ecological integrity of the area.
- Preserve soil, air and water quality.
- Preserve scenic vistas and the quietness of the area.
- Fulfill the responsibilities required by the current conservation easement.
- Promote public education pertaining to land conservation and ecological topics.
- Work with landowners and other organizations in the preservation of land.
- Seek funding and support for educational programs and land conservation.

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SCAMMON RIDGE HEADWATERS
3000 ACRES

Collaborators: Forest Society of Maine, Friends of Wilson Ponds, the Haynes Family, Maine Mountain Collaborative, New England Forestry Foundation and Quantified Ventures.

Become a Supporter!

Go to FOWPA.org and Sign up for our E-Newsletter!

Ice Out Contest 2024!

Go to FOWPA.org and Make your guess!



Become a Member! \$25/Family \$10/Individual

Go to FOWPA.org and become a member of Friends of Wilson Ponds!

We gratefully accept back dues and donations at any time. Your dues fund the Teen Wilderness Expedition, our programs, administrative costs, training for Invasive Plant Patrollers and Water Quality Monitors.

THANK YOU DONORS TO THE SCAMMON RIDGE HEADWATERS PROJECT

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The Adams Preserve



Charlie Adams holds the sign that will designate the Adams Preserve on the Lower Pond.

In December 2022, Charlie and Barbara Adams donated 16 acres to Friends, with over 313 feet of shore frontage on Lower Wilson Pond and stretching northward to the Scammon Road.

Charlie, a high school student, and his father, Edward, purchased the land in 1952. They built an original small building and added on to it for several years. Later Charlie and Barbara married and enjoyed coming to camp each summer. Charlie shared that there is a stream on

the boundary between the Hathaway property and the Adams property which is a nesting area for mergansers. He also told of a significant stand of old hemlocks on the property.

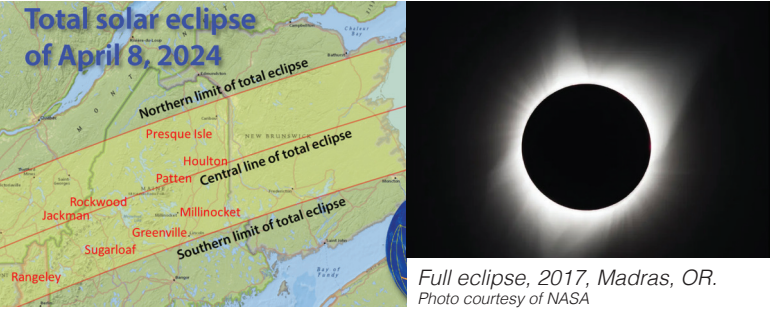
This gift expanded land conservation on Lower Wilson Pond and permanently conserved the area forever, protecting habitats for a variety of species, biological diversity, and the watershed.

Friends of Wilson Ponds is deeply grateful for Charlie and Barbara's generous gift!

Eclipse 2024 coming to Wilson Pond!

On April 8th, brace yourself for an extraordinary Dark Sky event! NASA predicts the Total Eclipse of the Sun between 3:30-4:30pm in Greenville – hope for clear skies!

NASA's 2024 Total Solar Eclipse website offers eye protection tips and a playlist to use as you gaze into the heavens. Go to FOWPA.org for a link to NASA.



Dark Sky Initiative

Beyond the eclipse, join us in 2024/2025 as we deepen our involvement in the Dark Sky Initiative led by our very own Carolyn Comitta. Learn more on our website about preserving the dark skies around Wilson Ponds!

Teen Wilderness Expedition: Franklin C. McIver Scholarships Available



Each year two Franklin C. McIver Scholarships are available for teens (12 to 16) to attend the Teen Wilderness Expedition sponsored by the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District and the AMC. This year the Expedition will be from July 16-18 at AMC's Gorman Chairback Lodge. The scholarships cover the entire cost of the Expedition.

The goal of the Expedition is to impart an appreciation for Maine's outdoors by exposing the teens to a broad variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, fly fishing, kayaking and making tie-dye t-shirts with natural dye. The teens also engage in Leadership skills-building exercises. **Applications are available at FOWPA.org!**

Note: Applicants may be full time or seasonal residents of Piscataquis County.



Ice Out Contest

Looking at this picture it's amazing the transformation that Wilson Pond can go through over the course of 6 months. From the warm swimming of waters of August to more than 18" of ice by the following February! Dive into the fun at our treasured Wilson Ponds and sign up for the Annual Lower Wilson Pond 2024 Ice-Out Contest! You could snag a Moosehead Lake Cruise for two aboard the historic Katahdin plus a \$25 galley voucher for a fantastic time aboard the ship. Enter at FOWPA.org.

2024 Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting July 13, 10 am location: TBA 10:00 am: Meeting 11:30 am: Speaker 12 noon: Lunch and Social Time.	Old Camp Days July 20 & 21 Saturday, July 20 Noon BBQ, Swimming, Boating and Games Sunday, July 21 9 AM Pancake Breakfast at Birch Point Campsite	Forest Heritage Days August 8-10 Our traditional booth and maybe more—check the website for updates. Annual Seaplane Fly-In September 5-8 Our traditional booth will be present.	Courtesy Boat Inspections Memorial Day to late September as volunteers are available. Please become a volunteer and help protect our pristine waters from invasives. Training online or onsite.
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More information on our website www.fowpa.org