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April 2013

W. D. Wetherell on a trout stream...

"Come spring and the start of the trout season I would be nowhere else...the small upland stream I've come to love. Never wider than ten feet, never deeper than four, it drains a small unspoiled corner of New Hampshire woods, leaching as it does so all the beauty to be found there, so that it becomes the liquid, flowing locus of the surrounding hills.

"Not in every pool but enough to make it interesting there are trout -- miniature brook trout that seem in their color and quickness to be essence of stream, spontanteously generated, living crystals of orange and black."

> Upland Stream Notes on the Fishing Passion



April 1 Hearing on Dana Pasture Lot

The Hanover Select Board will invite public comments on the future of the Dana Pasture Lot on Monday, April 1 at the town offices at 7:30pm. Learn more about this issue and the Moose Mountain land HERE. The Hanover Conservancy has determined that there is no biologically feasible way to partition a lot for development on this high-elevation property, rich in

wildlife. Tracks of the elusive bobcat were observed on the land just yesterday.

Mother Nature's Child - April 25

Parents, teachers, grandparents - this film is for you. Exploring nature's powerful role in children's health and development through the experience of toddlers to adolescents, <u>Mother Nature's Child marks</u> a moment in time when a living generation can still recall childhoods of free play outdoors; this will not be true for most children growing up today. Co-producer Wendy Conquest of Etna will introduce her film. Howe Library, 7pm

Spring Trips Start Soon

Hanover Conservancy members will soon receive our colorful card announcing spring trip details. Join us to search for waterfowl and other spring migrants along the Connecticut River on April 20, 6:30-9am. Cosponsored with our friends at Mascoma Chapter of NH Audubon and UVLT. Meet at Dartmouth Printing on Route 10 north of Hanover. Other trips include:

- Vernal Pools at Greensboro Ridge -May 5
- Kite Day at Balch Hill May 11
- Mother's Day Wildflower Walk May 12
- Geology Tour of South Esker June 16
- Spring Migrants at Mink Brook & more

Member support keeps our popular trips program up and running. If you're not already a member, sign up HERE! Accounts of our past adventures are HERE, including a slide show of our recent trip to legacy areas of the Trescott

Water Company lands. Thanks to foresters John O'Brien (right) and Jeff



We appreciate your support!

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Smith for a fascinating tour.

Coming soon to a forest near you....



bloodroot blooms at Mink Brook Nature Preserve

Be Bear Aware

The bears are back, beginning to emerge from their dens hungry after a long winter. Time to bring the bird feeders in and secure household trash. Neighbors to Hanover Conservancy preserves: please <u>contact us</u> with bear sightings. For a mesmerizing live-cam look at family life in a bear den, click <u>HERE</u>.

Upper Valley Birders - Binocs Ready!

Grab your glasses and head for grasslands this spring and summer. The Upper Valley Grassland Bird Conservation Project needs your help to stop along roadsides, looking and listening for grassland bird species in both VT and NH. Easy to do, easy to learn. MORE

Trails are Soft

Please tread lightly on the trails these days - to protect the treadway, it's best to confine your early spring outings to firmer surfaces, like woods roads and paths that are somewhat hardened, such as the Quinn Trail at Mink Brook Nature Preserve.

Welcome to the Board

The Hanover Conservancy is pleased to welcome Joanna Whitcomb, Director of Planning in Dartmouth's Office of Campus Planning Design & Construction, to our board. Meet her and the rest of our hard-working Board of Directors HERE.

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