



February 2014

Aldo Leopold on felling a good oak in February

"If one has cut, split, hauled, and piled his own good oak, and let his mind work the while, he will remember much about where the heat comes from, and with a wealth of detail denied to those who spend the weekend in town astride a radiator.

"The particular red oak now aglow on my andirons grew on the bank of the old emigrant road. The stump...shows 80 growth rings, hence must have laid its first ring of wood in 1865, at the end of the Civil War.

"These things I ponder as the kettle sings and the good oak burns to red coals on white ashes. Those ashes, come spring, I will return to the orchard. They will come to me again, perhaps as red apples, or perhaps as a spirit of enterprise in some fat October squirrel, who, for reasons unknown to himself, is bent on planting acorns."

- A Sand County
Almanac



We appreciate your

Mayor-Niles Forest Wildlife in Winter

**Hanover Conservancy
members only - registration
required**

Sun., Feb. 23 - Trek into our [newly conserved forest](#) by snowshoe to find signs of wildlife on Moose Mountain with naturalist Alcott Smith & Adair Mulligan. Alcott has been haunting the forest recently and says he's found something exciting - but he won't yet say what it is! Group size is limited

- a few spaces are left, so [contact us](#) for details and to register. Strenuous; off-trail walking on uneven, sometimes steep ground, followed by hot chocolate at Linde McNamara's.



Winter Trips Underway

Come on outdoors with us and explore the hidden side of Hanover in winter. Trips are free - no registration required - and we have snowshoes to lend. Details [HERE](#). **NEW FOR 2014** - take home a trail map and enjoy a return trip on your own. Get to know wild Hanover like the back of your hand!

• Sat., Feb. 1 - Snowshoe Hike on Old

Highway 38

- Sat., Feb. 8 - Moonlight Snowshoe Tour of Slade Brook
- Sat., March 22 - Apple Tree Pruning Workshop at Balch Hill

Cabin Fever Relievers - Coming in March

Join us for a pair of (warm! indoor!) programs at the Howe Library. On March 10, we'll check the status of grassland birds. On March 13, hear from a panel of biologists about the impact of climate disruption on NH wildlife, and learn how you can help monitor its effects on our state's natural resources. [MORE](#)

Winter Birds in the Binoculars


It's that time of year again - backyard birders and bald eagle stalkers alike are scanning the skies. The Annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey, coordinated by [NH Audubon](#), takes place February 8-9.

Report any birds visiting your yard or feeders. The 34th Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Survey, held January 11-12, set a new

support!



British Soldiers Lichen at Greensboro Ridge Natural Area. Did you know it's also called "matchstick moss?"



state record, 10% higher than 2013, with a strong showing of eagles over the Connecticut River. The Late Winter Bald Eagle Survey follows on February 22. These studies reveal trends in bird populations and diversity, helping to assess environmental health - yes, it's all about the "canary in the coal mine."

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- Land conservation
- Advocacy
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