



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

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ALDO LEOPOLD
on snow...

"...A meadow mouse's maze of secret tunnels, laboriously chewed through the matted grass under the snow. The mouse is a sober citizen who knows that grass grows in order that mice may store it as underground haystacks, and that snow falls in order that mice may build subways from stack to stack: supply, demand, and transport all neatly organized. To the mouse, snow means freedom from want and fear."

A Sand County Almanac
[More on Aldo Leopold](#)

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Winter Trips!

Current Hanover Conservancy members and supporters are now receiving our colorful card listing our full schedule of outdoor adventures. Check your mailbox! We hope to have you along for the fun:

- Moonlight Snowshoe Hike & Bonfire
- Nordic Ski at Morton Farm
- Lord's Hill Summit by Snowshoe
- Snowshoe Hike to D.O.C. Cabin
- Tunis Brook Wildlife in Winter
- Working the Woods on the Water Company Lands (*Hanover Conservancy members only*)



Dates and details are posted [here](#). Unless otherwise noted, all trips are free and open to the public; no registration is required. Snowshoes are available. Please, no pets.

Balch Hill Challenge Met!

Dozens of friends and neighbors stepped up to help us meet our \$2000 [Balch Hill Fund challenge](#), and we've now raised over \$3300 to help care for this treasured landmark. Our total goal is \$11,000 to cover costs for the next five years. We've been hard at work to restore the views from the summit and will be burning the resulting brush piles over the next month as conditions permit. A reminder to all that fires at Balch Hill are conducted only by the Conservancy - but feel free to join us and bring a bag of marshmallows!

Thanks for Your Support

Thank you to all who have made an [end-of-year gift](#). If you haven't already, please do. Your gift helps us ensure Hanover 's future as a wonderful place to live, work, play, and raise a family. We are now able to accept gifts of stock. *Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2013.*