



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

January 2014

W.D. Wetherell on "Heavens"

"January again, and...as cold as it is, the stars seem to be shining all that much brighter, as if whoever is in charge of celestial stockings, in pity at my shivering, has generously turned up the heat. The great pattern of winter spreads across the sky, from Capella high behind me to Sirius there in the south.

"On this kind of night stars are so brilliant their light seems to become aural, the stars actually to chime - and then the sound descends, becomes rounder, turning itself into the familiar ring of the church bell across the frozen river in Vermont. A great horned owl, disturbed by this or pleased, hoots in the woods below the field's edge - one long sound, then, hesitating, a quicker second and third."

- *North of Now*

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Winter Trips Are On!

Come on outdoors with us and explore the hidden side of Hanover in winter. We'll have snowshoes to lend. Trips are free; no registration required. Details [HERE](#).

- Sat., Jan. 11 - Moonlight Snowshoe Tour of Slade Brook
- Sat., Jan. 25 - Pine Park by Snowshoe
- Sat., Feb. 1 - Snowshoe Hike on Old Highway 38
- Sun., Feb. 23 - Wildlife in Winter (see next item)
- Sat., March 22 - Apple Tree Pruning Workshop at Balch Hill



NEW FOR 2014 - take home a trail map or other handout to help you enjoy your own return trip. Get to know wild Hanover like the back of your hand!



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. Leaders: Naturalist Alcott Smith & Adair Mulligan. Group size limited so we can all enjoy a glimpse of the ephemeral tracks and traces of wildlife, from mice to moose. [Contact us](#)

for details and to register. Strenuous; off-trail walking on uneven, sometimes steep ground. This is the first of many free trips offered to this newly protected property.

We appreciate your support!

Alswell Farm Protected

We're pleased to report that the conservation easement to protect this historic Hanover Center farm was signed on Dec. 30. We hope to see you at the January celebration hosted by the [Upper Valley Land Trust](#) - date to be announced. The land is now permanently protected for wildlife, water quality, public recreation, and future farming.



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