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Hike by the light of the moon!

Saturday - January 27th

Bow Open Spaces trail master Bob Dawkins will lead this annual winter hike to the summit of one of our area's most popular peaks - Mt Kearsarge.

Are you up for the challenge - and the fun?

Leave the Winslow State Park entrance road at 3:20 p.m. sharp.

The hike is approximately five miles and will take about four hours.

IMPORTANT! Please RSVP with Bow Recreation, 228-2222, to indicate your interest in this hike.

Some winter snowshoe and hiking experience is required. You must have adequate gear, food and water.

Bow Rec will have you speak with Bob Dawkins in advance to confirm that you are appropriately prepared for this unique hiking experience.



Winter Hike!

Backwoods Emergencies

Local First Responders are looking for your help

The Bow Fire Department is currently working to update its trail maps and related emergency plans. The department has identified members of the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club who are willing to assist during wilderness emergencies and is interested in working similarly with members of Bow Open Spaces, the Bow Open Spaces Trail Committee and others. "We recognize that the Bow trail system is utilized year round for many types of recreation activities," said Bow Fire Department Chief Mitchell Harrington. "We are interested in working with citizens who have knowledge of any of the trails and who may be able to help in some way if an emergency occurs." Chief Harrington can be contacted at 228-4320.

GPS anyone?

Key to responding to an emergency on the trails is having an accurate map. Chief Harrington's colleague Chris Andrews is collecting the information needed to ensure the Bow Fire Department has the best information available.

[Read our blog](#) to see how you can help.

A bridge just right

Beth Lux and other hikers appreciate the work that went into constructing bridges that cross some of the brooks and wet areas that can be found among the trails of Bow.

This footbridge in the Nottingcook Forest was constructed in 2006. It crosses a small brook in the area of the Sheridan's Way and Wolfe Cascade Brook trails.



Save the date: April 7th - Land Conservation Conference

"Saving Special Places," New Hampshire's annual land conservation conference, will be held Saturday, April 7th at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton. Conference details and registration are expected to be available in February on the [Saving Special Places website](#).

Thanks Charly!

Our thanks to BOS Trails Committee member and volunteer Charly Lagasse. Charly recently worked to repair the kiosk at the Nottingcook Forest trailhead on Woodhill Hooksett Road. The work included the addition of a [Nottingcook trail map](#) and forest rules.

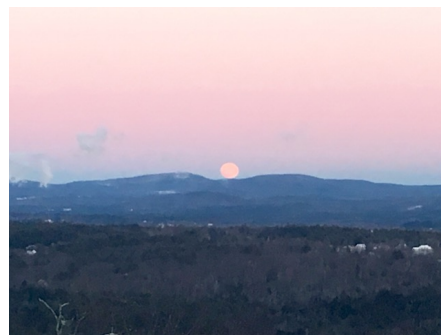
Trails Committee Meeting - Tuesday, January 23rd

All are welcome to the next meeting of the Bow Open Spaces Trails Committee. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23 in the Welch Room, downstairs in the Baker Free Library. Come with your ideas or questions about your favorite trail!

Taking in the moon

by Bob Lux

I decided to try to watch the full moonrise each month from October to April from Great Hill. October was mild and Beth and I had company - someone we met there. November was windy. Beth and I stayed on the protected spur to the east. Beth missed December; and, it almost didn't happen, as there was a cloud bank to the east. The moon rose, hidden, then entered an open band of sky for about the



Supermoon -
as viewed from Great Hill

height of its diameter and then disappeared. The best for horizon clarity (and coldest!) was January 1st. So far, so good. I met Bob Dawkins coincidentally on the December 3rd full moon and the New Year's Eve sunset.

Great Hill is a great place to visit most of the time!

Dogs in the woods

Control - and a disposal bag, please!

Our four-footed friends are just as eager as we to explore Bow's wooded trails. Dogs are permitted - but there are a couple of rules: Primarily, dogs must be leashed or under verbal command; which basically means the dog will respond to you as soon as you call. Just as important, please cleanup after your dog, in all seasons. A disposal bag, that you take with you when you leave the area, is a must. Finally, please be aware that your dog can unintentionally do harm to sensitive plants and wildlife. Especially in spring in vernal ponds that are filled with new life - these are not places where dogs should be running through. It's up to you to help protect these areas by controlling your dog's actions.

Thank you!



Pre-hike meeting

Support Bow Open Spaces!

Monthly meetings at Baker Free Library

All are welcome to join the the monthly meetings of the Bow Open Spaces Board of Directors. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Baker Free Library. We would love to hear from you about our open spaces - what you love and what improvements you would suggest. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th - join us!

Membership? Your support of Bow Open Spaces is important! Become an official member of the organization today! Details on [our website](#).

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