

**Belknap County Sportsmen's Association
Official Belknap Range Hiker Check Off List**

Name _____ Payment (\$10/patch) cash _____ check # _____
(required)

Address _____
(required)

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Age _____
(optional) (optional) (optional)

1. ___ ROWE: 1690' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

2. ___ GUNSTOCK: 2250' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

3. ___ BELKNAP: 2382' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

4. ___ PIPER: 2044' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

5. ___ WHITEFACE: 1664' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

6. ___ MACK: 1945' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

7. ___ KLEM: 2001' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

8. ___ RAND: 1883' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

9. ___ ANNA: 1670' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

10. ___ QUARRY: 1894' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

11. ___ STRAIGHTBACK S.: 1883' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

12. ___ MAJOR: 1786' Date Hiked _____ Hike Notes* _____

*In the hike notes section, please include such information as: trail conditions (most helpful), hike companions, weather, wildlife observed. Feel free to post pictures on the Belknap Range Hiker FB page.

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

In order to receive your "Belknap Range Hiker" patch you must hike all 12 mountains listed and fill out the official "check off list" form. **Send the completed form (please print clearly) along with \$10** (to cover the cost of the patch and postage) to:

Don Watson

BCSA Hike Program

12 Foxglove Road

Gilford, NH 03249

(please make check payable to **BCSA**)

The patch is awarded on the honor system. You may hike these mountains in what ever order you wish and there is no time limit for completing them (unless this program is terminated for some unforeseen reason in the future)

MAPS & BOOKS

You will absolutely need a good trail map to find and navigate the many and often confusing trails in the Belknap Range. Also, many of the mountains have local names that are not shown on USGS topographic maps. The very best maps were created by Dave Robers and Weldon Bosworth and can be obtained from:

- www.belknaprange.org Website of the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition

PDF map as well as trail descriptions:

- Gilford Public Library (603) 524-6042

They generally have a good supply of maps available for a modest fee

- Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Center Barnstead (603) 269-3900

- Gilman Library in Alton (603) 875-2550

- In the book *Stepping Stones Across New Hampshire* by Jay Long with maps by Dave Roberts

An outstanding book about the geology of the Belknap Range with excellent Dave Roberts trail map

Available online or at the Gilford or Wolfeboro libraries.

There are several other books that offer good descriptions of many of the trails. They can be found online, at local outdoor stores or libraries.

- *Discover Southern New Hampshire* by Monkman (AMC books)

- *AMC Southern New Hampshire Trail Guide*

- *50 Hikes in the White Mountains* by Doan Backcountry Guides

- *Hiking New Hampshire* by Fletcher. Falcon Guide

- *Hikers Guide to the Mountains of New Hampshire* by Gange. Huntington Graphics

SAFETY

It is extremely important that you have a map and compass and the ability to use them when hiking in the Belknap Mountain Range. There are many unofficial private trails and old logging roads that can be confusing. Also, summer vegetation and winter snow can make some of the less used trails difficult to follow. Trail heads and intersections can be obscure and have no signs. Several peaks have multiple trails leaving from the top which may not lead where you want to go. Know where you are going and how to return! Wear appropriate clothing for the season in layers. **Carry a whistle, flashlight, rain coat and extra food, water and clothing in a daypack.** Some trails can be very challenging, leading up and over ledges and down very steep pitches. These should be avoided in wet and slippery conditions. Expect packed snow and ice in the winter. Use snowshoes with "teeth", crampons or microspikes.

ETIQUETTE

The Belknap Mountains are an interesting mix of public and mostly private land. To a large extent, it is the generosity of private land owners that allow us to enjoy the Belknaps. Please treat the parking areas, trails, and mountains with the utmost care and respect. Practice low impact, stay on the trails and practice Leave No Trace ethics. Generally, it is day use only and no fires or overnight camping is allowed. The health of the Belknaps, and your access to them, depends on you! **HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!**

For more information visit our website at www.bcsanh.com