

## Connecting people to the land, Earth Day & Every Day





Humans interact with nature constantly. We can't separate ourselves from the land - we depend on it for everything from our food and water to our mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing. Splitting and stacking firewood connects you to the land. So does planting flowers in your garden. Eating a fresh tomato. Listening for spring peepers. Climbing on a cool rock. Admiring a bug. Wandering in the woods.

Through our work protecting a diversity of habitats and open space, Bear-Paw is also preserving our communities' ability to connect with nature. We focus on unfragmented habitat blocks, wildlife corridors, and farmland and working forests in order to maintain that balance between human needs and a healthy planet.



BECOME AN ECO MONITOR! Via Zoom on April 13th at 4pm

Bear-Paw invites you to join us in discovering and documenting vernal pools on our conserved lands. This new family-friendly program will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to collect vernal pool data to better understand these important wildlife habitat features on our landscape.

Mark West, a wetland and wildlife ecologist, will teach you all about vernal pool creatures and how to identify them. Once you are trained, we will provide a reference guide to vernal pools as well as maps of vernal pools on Bear-Paw's public access properties for you to explore from April to July on your own schedule. The photos and data you collect will be used to help monitor the health of these vernal pools and to document changes to these fragile and ephemeral habitats.

Please Register HERE.

## JOIN THE GLOBAL CLEAN-UP

This Earth Week (4/19 - 4/23) we encourage you to join the global community in picking up trash. Choose your favorite roadside walking route and pick up any garbage. If you're feeling particularly inspired, separate out the aluminum cans - Bear-Paw collects these cans in our can trailer which is located in the parking lot of Northwoods Brewing Company. (adjacent to Johnson's Restaurant) on Route 4. We will use the can trailer proceeds to purchase new conservation easement boundary signs.



Are you interested in nature education resources for children?

Thanks to the CLH Fund at the NH Charitable Foundation, Bear-Paw is offering a regular e-newsletters specifically for youth outdoor activities and nature education resources throughout 2021.

Sign Up Here