Dave Anderson, education director of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, lead a walk and talk on Bluewater Farm property at Bradley Lake on July 11 on behalf of the Andover Conservation Commission's Taking Action for Wildlife project. There were 23 persons in attendance. Visible here are Lee Carvalho, Candis Whitney, Deb Brower, Jerry Hersey, Pam Cooper, and Dave Anderson. Photo: Larry Chase

Andover Naturally: Taking Action for Wildlife

A walk-about with educator Dave Anderson

By Lee Carvalho, *Beacon* volunteer

On a recent July morning, about 24 of us gathered on the porch of Bluewater Farm at Bradley Lake to attend an event in the Taking Action for Wildlife program sponsored by the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC). ACC Chair Mary Anne Broshek introduced Dave Anderson, Director of Education and Volunteer Services for the New Hampshire Society for the Preservation of Forests.

Right away, Dave launched into an overview of the past 13,000 years of Central New England. Starting with the mile thick Laurentide Ice Sheet, he guided us through a history of the forces – geologic, climatic, and human – that have shaped our local landscape. That took less than 15 minutes! Then we stepped off the porch and into the woods, where Dave could point to the evidence of the concepts outlined in that whirlwind survey.

Anybody who has been on a walk-and-talk with Dave or read one of his essays knows that he combines a vast knowledge of the natural world with a stunning gift for language. He uses similes and metaphors, both for their poetry and their power to make a complicated concept understandable and

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AF&G Beef Barbeque is Coming!

Saturday, August 24 at Proctor Field House

By Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

The Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G) is holding its annual Beef Barbecue on Saturday, August 24, from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Proctor Academy Field House. A Chinese Auction follows the meal, and Deer Pool tickets can be purchased during the event. Tickets can also be purchased for a Mossberg 20-gauge over/under shotgun, which will be raffled off at the AF&G Turkey Raffle in October.

The Beef Barbecue, as the AF&G's biggest fundraiser of the year, provides funds for the two kids' fishing derbies and to send kids to the Barry Conservation Camp, which provides education in hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor skills.

The highlight of the meal includes juicy beef cooked by Murray Smith, fresh corn on the cob, and strawberries and ice cream for dessert. There will also be homemade side dishes provided by Club members and their spouses, who also prepare and serve the food during the event.

Chinese auction items, which include hunting and fishing paraphernalia, crafts, gift certificates, and much more, are donated by local businesses and individuals. The AF&G thanks everyone for their contributions.

For just $10 for adults and $5 for kids under 12 years old, come and enjoy a great meal and good company, and help the Andover Fish and Game Club raise money to put on events that give local kids a fun way to learn about the great outdoors.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013

10:30am CHURCH SERVICE AT THE 1st CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

11:45am BYO PICNIC LUNCH IN WILMOT CENTER

12:30pm RICHARD KING, ROVING GUITARIST

SONG ICE CREAM RAFFLE DANCE

2:00pm

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More info on each event: CONTACT leader for meeting Time & Place

Aug 10th (Sat): Newbury: Fishersfield Park, Old Post Rd (opp. Transfer Station)
Help and Learn: How to Trim a Trail? Lopping Day Beech Party.
Contact: Travis Dezotell email: tdezotell@newburynh.org;
Newbury Recreation Department & SRK Greenway Coalition.

Aug 14th (Wed): Springfield, Wilmot, New London: Morgan Pond Rd to Great Brook.
A loop hike-&-clean-up from Morgan Hill in New London. 3 miles.
Help and learn: Lop, chop, and fix blazes above Devil's Half-Acre Pond.
Contact: Gerry Gold (ph: 526-2857) or geecubed@yahoo.com.

Aug 17th (Sat): Goshen: Pierce Lead Mine Trail to Lucia's Lookout, in Pillsbury SP.
While hiking, we will "read" the trail for better maintenance. 6 mi.
Contact: Tom Lawton (ph: 863-6918).
Goshen Conservation Commission & SRK Greenway Coalition.

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