

Historical Society Walk - Cilleyville

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Andover Historical Society

Learn more about our historical heritage and enjoy the great fall weather. On September 17, the Andover Historical Society is sponsoring an historical outing in and around Cilleyville.

The event will begin in the heart of Cilleyville at the former R.P. Johnson lumber yard on Cilleyville Road. We'll walk around the village and discuss the many different commercial and industrial buildings (many now gone) that tell us so much about life in Andover in the 18th and 19th centuries. We'll also learn about the Cilleys and other prominent families that lived in the immediate area.

For those with a hankering for a hike, we'll carpool up Kearsarge Mountain Road and spend an hour or so hiking the back roads to explore the remains of old farms and discuss the lives of the families that used to make their homes and their livings on the side of Mount Kearsarge. There are also a few clues to the location of the old schoolhouse up there, though the actual location is still a mystery and the subject of much debate.

Long pants, sturdy boots, and bug repellent are highly recommended!

Meet at the old lumber yard on Cilleyville Road at 10 AM on September 17. In case of steady rain, the event will be cancelled.



Life Is Good In Andover – Jerry Hersey (r) and his brother Jim work at getting in some mid-August hay. Photo: Charlie Darling

I Remember When...

“...I'd take the train from Potter Place to Concord to attend courses at Concord Commercial College.”

– Pat (Gross) Baker

What do you remember? Let us know!

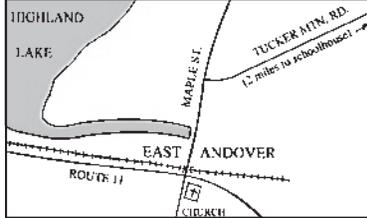
I Remember When...

“...they set the Keniston Bridge aside to install steel beams across the Blackwater River for the bridge to sit on. Everyone up Bridge Street had to use the cornfield road to get into town.”

– Howard & Ellie George

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The Historical Society's museum at Potter Place is open for the summer on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from 1 to 3 PM. The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse (see Ed Hiller's map below) is open on the second Sunday of every month from June to October from 1 to 3 PM.



This Month In Andover History

Excerpts from John Eastman's *History of Andover 1751-1908* and from Ralph Chaffee's *History of Andover 1900-1965*

“September 9, 1821 – A severe tornado swept over Wendell, New London, Sutton, Wilmot, Kearsarge Mountain, and the southwest corner of Andover.

“Much damage to property was done along its track and great quantities of debris from shattered houses and other buildings were carried over the northern shoulder of Kearsarge and scattered over the southwest corner of Andover.

“A lady's muff blown from a house in Sutton was found in a tree on Beech Hill on the land of Ephrim Eastman. A feather bed fell near the house of Gershom Durgin in Andover.”

– selected by Ralph Doe

Copies of the Andover histories are available in our libraries.

Soo-Nipi Audubon

Soo-Nipi Audubon begins its fall series of programs on Friday, September 9 at 7:30 PM at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. The program is “East Coast Raptor Migration,” presented by David Merker, bird bander since 1980 and operator of migratory trapping stations in Cape May, New Jersey and South Newbury, Vermont.

Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Ruth White at 763-4893.

Saturday, September 17, is our Hawk Watch field trip to Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol to observe these migratory raptors. Participants should meet leader Peter Newbern at Cricenti's Market parking lot on Route 104 in Bristol at 9 AM. Mountain-side parking is conveniently located near the short, uphill path to the observation ledges. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. Inclement weather cancels the trip. Contact Peter Newbern at 763-4308 for details.

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