



Glenn Haley led an October 10 geocaching workshop along the Northern Rail Trail in East Andover, during which he demonstrated use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to locate a tiny capsule hidden in the woods beside the trail. GPS devices accurately calculate geographical locations by receiving information from satellites orbiting 12,500 miles above the earth.

In this photo, Andover's Adalyn Tremblay discovers the contents of the tiny capsule she and her sister Bria (right) have found. They are assisted by Kyle Tremblay, their mother. The free workshop was sponsored by the Andover Institute. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Andover Naturally: Worries About Our Planet Draw Closer

Lee Carvalho, for the *Beacon*

On an early fall day, I needed to refresh myself with some time in the White Mountains. To help decide where to go I perused the list of 4,000 footers and my eye lit on Mount Pierce. Why not? Pierce is the only president born in New Hampshire and I'd never visited that summit. I owed it to him. Before I left I read a quick summary of his presidency and decided to go anyway.

Geographically, Mount Pierce stands between Mount Jackson and Mount Eisenhower. (Politically...not really.) The trail from Crawford Notch up to Mount Pierce is the Crawford Path, the oldest continually used hiking trail in the United States and it's a delight. Passing through beautiful forests, never too steep, it brings you to a junction with the Appalachian trail. A short stretch along the trail southbound leads to a gigantic cairn at 4,310 feet: the Mount Pierce summit.

I traced my steps back north to the junction and, maybe, because Eisenhower is the first president I remember as a child, decided to continue north along the ridge to his summit. It was along this dramatic ridge walk that I experienced two disturbing events. For some time, as I walked, I was picking up bits of a one-sided conversation that

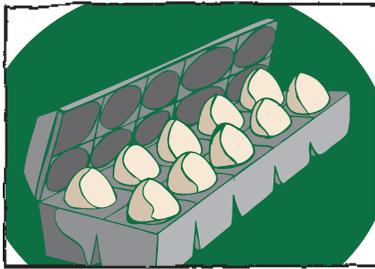
seemed to be about incisions and eggs and tubes and sutures. Hmmm. Appearing around a bend was a tall man wearing roman-style sandals with straps woven up his calves. He held his cell phone aside long enough to tell me he was discussing yesterday's surgical procedure with a colleague. Really? Here? Not long after that I began picking up music that sounded like Green



The moon over New London during the recent total lunar eclipse. Photo: Jen Esten

Day. It was, and it was coming — loudly — out of speakers mounted on the backpack of the first hiker in a group of four. Really? Here? I have no idea if this level of electronic connection and noise is rampant in the White Mountains, but it was a discouraging discovery for me.

I had come to the Whites for peace See Worries on page 19



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On August 12, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) officially took ownership of the Sheehan property, which lies adjacent to Evergreen Point, a 9-acre property that was bequeathed to ASLPT by Marjorie Young in September of 2005. Evergreen Point protects 1,000 feet of shore frontage on Little Lake Sunapee, and this new acreage will protect an additional 150 feet on the lake, as well as 130 feet of frontage on Newport Road.

The cove on the Sheehan property offers an ideal spot to place a nesting platform for loons. Sharon and Duffy Sheehan's acreage would have been a suitable property to develop and build a house on had they not been so gracious with their gift.