

White Mountain National Forest

“Remember Me As You Pass By”



The White Mountain National Forest Heritage Resource Program will conduct a Passport in Time (PIT) Project from October 6-10, 2008, with volunteers from near and far.

We are proud to announce another in our annual projects that focus on cleaning and recording historic cemeteries on the Forest and in neighboring communities. We partner with the Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont, and offer this volunteer opportunity each October (even years on the WMNF, odd years on the GMNF).



In addition to the cemetery work, which will include taking notes and photos to record grave stones, cleaning and straightening gravestones, and brush removal, we will visit the Strawberry Banke Excavations and Archaeology Laboratory in Portsmouth, NH, on Wednesday, October 8.

This year we are hoping to make our project more flexible and available to local volunteers. So if you can come for one or more days, or for the whole week, we hope to see you.

Each day we have room in our government vehicles for 8 volunteers. We will accept folks on a first come-first served basis. Children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

We will be outside most of the time, so dress accordingly. Layers are a good idea — you can adjust to changes in temperature. Since there will be a moderate amount of hiking and physical work, sturdy footwear like hiking or work boots is a good idea. Waterproof boots are also recommended in New England at any time of year. A day pack to hold your rain gear, lunch, water, and items like hat, sunglasses, coat, gardening/work gloves, insect repellent, camera, etc., is also recommended.

We plan on leaving from the Pemigewasset Ranger Station, Holderness, NH, at 9 AM each morning and will return there around 4 PM. Arrangements can also be made to catch the vans at the Supervisor's Office in Laconia, NH, when they leave for Plymouth.

We look forward to hearing from you.

To sign up to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact us by phone or email: (603) 528-8773, kroenke@fs.fed.us (Karl); (603) 528-8709, sjordan@fs.fed.us (Sarah). Please reply by October 2.

Guidelines used for the conservation of graveyards come from the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association to ensure proper techniques and materials are used in cleaning and resetting fallen gravestones. Recording and continued maintenance helps to preserve the cemeteries and their value to local communities, historians, genealogists, art historians, and state tourism.