

Celebrating Wilderness

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Please join the **Friends of Sandwich Range**, the **Friends of Wild River**, and invited representatives of the **US Forest Service** on **Thursday, July 5th 2007** at the **Russell-Colbath Barn** to celebrate the passage of the **New England Wilderness Act of 2006**, which expanded the existing **Sandwich Range Wilderness** and created a new **Wild River Wilderness**.

We will honor NH senators **John Sununu** and **Judd Gregg**, and former representatives **Jeb Bradley** and **Charlie Bass**, who passed this Act, following many years of citizen involvement and planning by the US Forest Service.

After the ceremony, **field trips** will be available to provide a close-up look at the new Wilderness and placement of new Wilderness boundary markers. Please pre-register *before* 10:00, and bring a bag lunch to eat on the trail, plus water and bug dope. Field trips are rain or shine - wear appropriate clothing.

9:00-10:00	Registration, reception, displays, and field-trip sign-up
10:00-11:00	Welcome by Friends of Sandwich Range & Wild River Comments by WMNF Supervisor, Tom Wagner Recognition of and comments by Delegation: * Senator John Sununu * Former Representative Jeb Bradley * Senator Judd Gregg (represented by Matt Leahy) Recognition of other individuals and organizations: * Former Representative Charlie Bass Closing comments by the Friends
11:00-11:30	Break and informal gathering - view displays
11:30-11:45	Leave for field trips Choose from the following (all distances are round-trip)
11:45-3:15	UNH Trail: Moderate 5-mile loop overlooking the Sandwich Range Wilderness (for those not planning to attend other afternoon events)
11:45-2:00	Sandwich Range Boundary Marker Placement: (choose one) * Olivarian Brook Trail (easy 3½ mile stream-side walk) * Downes Brook Trail (moderate 3-mile walk with several stream crossings)
11:45-12:30	Rail 'n River interpretive trail (very easy 1-mile, right behind the barn)
2:00-3:30	Drive to Wild River Campground (1½ hour drive)
3:30-5:30	Meet at Wild River Campground for boundary sign placement on Basin Trail (easy ½ mile walk), with option to continue 2 miles to Rim Junction.

Directions: The Russell-Colbath barn is located on the north side of the Kancamagus Highway (Route 112), 12.5 miles from Conway, just west of the junction with Bear Notch Road.

For additional details please visit www.whywilderness.org