

# About the Appalachian Mountain Club

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- **AMC Mission:** Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of America's Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. We believe these resources have intrinsic worth and also provide recreational opportunities, spiritual renewal, and ecological and economic health for the region. Because successful conservation depends on active engagement with the outdoors, we encourage people to experience, learn about, and appreciate the natural world.

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## By the Numbers: New Hampshire Highlights

### Education

3,930	NH students participating in AMC education programs in 2014
5,733	Participants in AMC Outdoor skills workshops in 2014

### Recreation

26,000	Hours of trail maintenance in NH performed by AMC each year
375	Miles of trails in NH maintained by AMC and open to the public
25	Miles of trails on NH state land maintained by AMC
21	Public shelters, huts, and tent sites maintained by AMC in NH
6,803	Public information hours provided by AMC volunteers each year
134,414	Overnights in NH Lodges, Huts, Camps and Shelters in 2014

### Safety/Search & Rescue (SAR)

50	Average number of SAR missions AMC participates in annually
12	AMC huts, lodges, visitor centers with SAR equipment caches
108	AMC staff providing outdoor safety information
137	AMC volunteers providing outdoor safety information
73	Books and maps published by AMC promoting outdoor safety

### Local Economy

12,707	AMC members in New Hampshire in 2014
\$477,546	New Hampshire tax obligations paid by AMC in 2014
\$7.9 million	AMC's direct economic contributions to local NH communities in
2014	
446	AMC New Hampshire full time and seasonal employees in 2014

AMC Lonesome Lake Hut, Franconia Notch State Park



AMC Lonesome Lake Hut in Winter



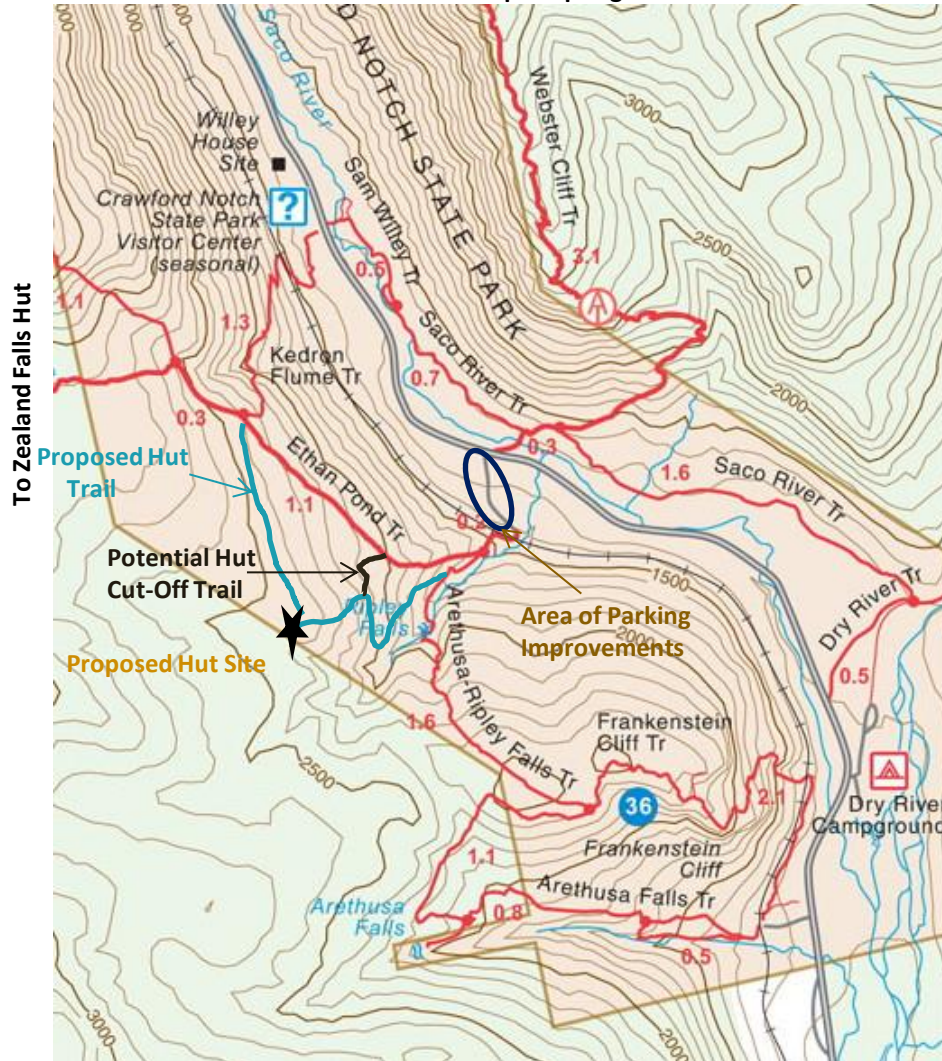
AMC Cardigan High Cabin, Cardigan State Forest





# Crawford Notch State Park – New Hut Location

To Mizpah Springs Hut



Trailhead Parking at Willey Station Road



# Hut Specifications

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- Reservations regulated Hut overnight maximum capacity of 50 guests; plus necessary accommodation for Staff (1-8) and Volunteers (0-4) servicing the Hut. Some accommodation for Appalachian Trail Thru-hikers in season to be considered.
- Clean water, bathrooms and space to sit and eat will be available to all Park visitors, day or overnight, year round.
- Full Service with meals May to October; Self Service with Caretaker November to April
- Energy supplied by renewable wind and solar power
- Staff certified in Wilderness First Aid and trained in Search and Rescue located in the new hut will improve safety in the Park
- All site improvements will meet applicable codes and operational requirements.

# Hut Programming

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- Information Services provided for day and overnight users
- Daily and Nightly Educational Programs provided for day and overnight visitors
- Potential 'Cascades Stewards' program providing educational information during the day modeled on AMC Alpine Stewards
- Destination for AMC schools and youth programs
- Destination for AMC adult programs themed to the location
- Jr Naturalist Activity book available for day and overnight users
- Passive displays educating observers about stewardship of the local area
- New ideas targeted for day and overnight users

## Trails

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- AMC will continue it's strong support of trail maintenance in Crawford Notch State Park
- With the construction of a new hut at the proposed location AMC is interested in constructing and maintaining the new trails to the hut.





## Inspiring the Next Generation

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“Our stay at Zealand Falls Hut was the most beautiful, community centered, and family friendly place I could imagine. I can’t wait to be back.”

-Morgan Marley

“The naturalist talk on plants inspired our daughters to put on a play for us about exploring the plants around the lake.”

-Brian Simoneau

“I believe I can save nature!”

Laura, Jr. Naturalist, age 5

