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Dear Hiker,

We appreciate your interest in the Four Thousand Footer Club, which was formed in 1957 to bring together hikers who had traveled to some of the less frequently visited sections of the White Mountains, and to encourage hikers who were addicted to the Presidentials and Franconias to strike out into less familiar areas. At that time, such peaks as Hancock, Owl's Head and West Bond were trailless and practically never climbed. Many other peaks on the list that had trails were seldom climbed, and overuse was almost unheard of except in the Presidentials and Franconias. Today the Four Thousand Footer Club is composed of active, enthusiastic hikers whose travels in the mountains have made us familiar with many different sections of the White Mountain backcountry, and with the problems which threaten to degrade the mountain experience that we have been privileged to enjoy. We hope that this broadened exposure to the varied beauty of our beloved peaks and forests will encourage our members to work for the preservation and wise use of our wild country so that it may be enjoyed and passed on to future generations undiminished.

Please note: Applicants should understand that the Four Thousand Footer Club is strictly a volunteer organization, conducted as a friendly group of fellow hikers, with no paid staff. This permits us to operate very frugally, with low administrative expenses, and therefore we are able to donate a very high percentage of the money we receive to trail maintenance projects — a matter explained at length later in this letter. However, this also means that application processing can go quite slowly, particularly in the late summer and fall when most of the year's applications are submitted (and when the fine weather often lures the Secretary away from his stack of paperwork and into the mountains). Please expect application processing to take at least a month, and perhaps longer from August to November. (Please note that, due to technical issues, we usually do not start processing applications that arrive after the annual meeting in April until at least July 1, and perhaps later – during this time, when few applications are submitted, we are usually trying to catch up with matters that have to be put aside during the busy period that starts in the late summer and continues up to the annual meeting in April.) If you fail to include your application fee with your application, or submit an application that does not conform to the standard form (explained later), or submit materials with more than one applicant on a single application form, expect an additional delay of about two months, as such applications require extra attention and thus are usually processed only after applications that fall into the "routine" category have been attended to. The Secretary does not wish to be regarded as a complainer, but he hopes applicants will realize that this is something he does in his spare time. (Yes, I love doing it, but sometimes the endless flow of paperwork gets tiresome, so please help me keep unnecessary extra paperwork to a minimum by following the procedures described in this letter as closely as possible.)

If you did not include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request for information, as has been requested in the notes concerning the Four Thousand Footer Club in recent editions of the White Mountain Guide, that is the reason that it probably took a long time for you to receive this packet.

In my experience, very few items sent to us have been lost in the mail (though the black holes that surround my cluttered desk can be voracious); in any case, if you wish an acknowledgement when your application material is received by me, please enclose a stamped self-addressed postcard or envelope. Please write "Acknowledgement Requested" on the lower left corner of your (outer) envelope, as I frequently don't notice the acknowledgement envelope until I begin to process the application, at which point it no longer serves the intended purpose.

This is a year of major transition in the Four Thousand Footer Club, since after 20 years Gene Daniell is turning the major part of the Secretary's job over to Eric Savage. We can promise that there will be glitches, and the whole thing may be something of a struggle this year and perhaps even next. Don't be surprised if you call Eric and he says you have to talk to Gene about that – the transfer surely is not going to be instantaneous and we do not dare to hope that it will be smooth.

AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Four Thousand Footer Club recognizes three lists of peaks — the White Mountain Four Thousand Footers, the New England Four Thousand Footers, and the New England Hundred Highest Peaks — and we award scrolls and shoulder patches to those who have climbed each peak on the appropriate list. (You must be a member of the White Mountain Four Thousand Footer Club in order to be eligible for the New England Four Thousand Footer Club, and be a member of the New England Four Thousand Footer Club in order to be eligible for the New England Hundred Highest Club. However, you may join two or more clubs at the same time if you have qualified for them.) In addition, Winter awards are given to those who climb all peaks of a list during calendar winter (trips must begin after the hour and minute of the beginning of winter and end before the hour and minute of the end of winter, to satisfy the criteria established by Miriam Underhill, the inventor of the Winter Four-Thousand-Footer game). As of April 17, 2004, these clubs had the following numbers of officially registered members: White Mountain Four Thousand Footers 7618 (winter 307), New England Four Thousand Footers 1979 (winter 109), New England Hundred Highest 574 (winter 73).

To qualify for membership in any of these clubs, a hiker must climb on foot to and from each summit on the list (the committee positively scowls at the thought of hikers riding in snowmobiles, mountain bikes, ski lifts, cog railways, or cars [on summit auto roads] for all or part of either ascent or descent, but regarding fine points of peakbagging ethics each hiker is left to the exactions of her or his conscience). Then he or she must complete an application for membership. Ascents may have been made at any time during a hiker's lifetime, and any combination of two or more peaks may be climbed in one continuous trip. Applicants need not be AMC members, although the Committee strongly urges all hikers who make considerable use of the trails to contribute to their maintenance in some manner; membership in the AMC is one of the more effective means of assisting these efforts, as well as helping with the work of protecting the mountains through education, research, and conservation programs. Information about and applications for membership in the AMC are available from the AMC office at 5 Joy St., Boston, MA 02108. Dogs who are companions of human members are accepted as canine members of the White Mountain Four Thousand Footer Club (using the normal application process), but not for the two New England clubs, since they cannot legally climb the peaks in Baxter Park.

The enclosed lists have been updated in accord with all currently issued USGS maps. The Committee declared a grace period through April 1, 2001, during which hikers might have submitted either the old lists or the new lists for official recognition. This grace period has now expired, and all hikers must have climbed all peaks on the new list for each club. Hikers who registered for the New England Four Thousand Footer Club without having climbed Redington and/or Spaulding must have climbed these peaks in order to qualify for the New England Hundred Highest Club.

APPLICATIONS: An application form is enclosed with this letter for each list you have mentioned. If you have indicated that you are in the process of climbing the New England Four Thousand Footers or Hundred Highest and have many of them left to climb, we also include a list of peaks that provides information such as location, elevation, and topographic maps. This list is for your own use, and should not be sent back to us. To complete an official application, fill out the form and return it, along with an account of the ascent of your final peak (or another peak if you prefer). The primary purpose of this last requirement is not to verify your eligibility, but to afford us the benefit of hearing some of your reactions to your Four Thousand Footer experience. Therefore, we will be even more pleased if you write on some aspect of this experience of your own choice that appeals to you more. The Committee does not require that you supply precise dates for each ascent, as we operate on the honor system, but we appreciate as complete an application as you can provide, and would prefer to have a precise date for your final peak (please indicate this peak on the form). Your own computerized version of the form will be acceptable if it follows the format of the official application form: it must be on one side of a single 8½" by 11" sheet with your name and address in the same location as on the standard form. (I have to maintain files of over 6000 individuals with over 400 new items each year, and it is impossible for me to flip through a stack of files quickly and easily unless the names and addresses are in the same location on all forms.)

APPLICATION FEE: We charge a one-time fee to cover the expense of the scroll, one shoulder patch, and postage. We ask that applicants voluntarily set this fee at $8, but we do not want to deter anyone from membership because of cost. Therefore the minimum fee required, which covers our basic expenses, is $5. When you apply for more than one club, either for yourself or for members of your family at the same address, in one mailing, the basic fee for applications after the first one will be $3, since we save considerable postage. Additional patches may be purchased at $3 each. Your fee should be sent with your application; checks should be made out to the AMC Four Thousand Footer Committee. Please do not use the memo section of your check to order patches, etc., as I do not usually read this information. Patches will be mailed to you after your application has been processed; the scroll will be mailed after the Annual Reunion in April if you do not appear in person. As noted below, any surplus we accumulate will be designated for work on trails or similar projects of service to the hiking public, and we gladly accept donations for such purposes; due to the generosity of our members we have been able to donate $33,180 to AMC Trails in the last 14 years, plus $1000 last year to the Appalachian Trail Conference toward their purchase of our magnificent Mt. Abraham in Maine.

ANNUAL REUNION: This meeting will be held next on Sat., April 16, 2005 at the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham (close to Exeter), NH. It is open to all who are interested in the Four Thousand Footer Club, including family, friends, and anyone who is working on the lists. There will be a social hour (no alcohol permitted on school grounds) with refreshments starting at 4:30 PM, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM. Scrolls will be awarded at 7 PM and after that there will be the opportunity to meet and talk with other hikers. We may offer some easy walks in the seacoast area during the afternoon. All are welcome to join us for dinner and the meeting, or just for the evening activities. Information and directions will be sent to all new members with their acceptance letters; other interested people can get the information from our website or can send a self-addressed stamped envelope for this material.

Correspondence concerning the Northeast 111 Club should be directed to Mike Dickerman, P.O. Box 385, Littleton, NH 03561 or bondclif@ncia.net. He is taking over from Priscilla Robertson, who retired this spring at the age of 90.

Hikers requiring specific information about routes to trailless peaks or matters of club policy, or similar questions, may write directly to the Committee. A photocopied pamphlet describing routes to the trailless peaks on the New England Hundred Highest list is available from the Committee for $3. A set of black-and-white USGS maps covering these peaks (printed out from Maptech CDs) is an additional $2. (These requests should be sent to Gene Daniell, 42 Eastman St., Concord, NH 03301.) The Committee attempts to provide a trip each year to White Cap, Boundary Peak, North Kennebago Divide, and Snow Mtn. (Little Kennebago Lake quad), the four peaks on the Hundred Highest list that have traditionally had access problems. This trip usually takes place on Labor Day weekend, and various official and unofficial trips are available for the other day(s) of the weekend. Interested persons should send a SASE to Gene around the middle of July for details. This is a no-registration activity, but interested hikers should write for information. We do not provide information and maps for the peaks over 4000 feet, as these are adequately covered by existing guidebooks: the AMC guides to the White Mountains and to Maine, and the Long Trail Guide for Vermont.

The retiring Secretary would like to mention in passing that he is also the Editor of the White Mountain Guide. The Editor receives very few comments about the book from its readers (he assumes that some of those who spend their good money on it do read it), and he has mixed feelings about this situation: he hopes that it means that the book is without error, but he fears that it merely means that many people do not think that their comments and criticisms will be used and useful — or even read. Since Four Thousand Footer Club members have been using the trails frequently, they as a group should be more aware of the strong points and defects of the book in general and of many of its particular trail descriptions. I have gotten many useful comments in the past from new members (most of whom were probably unaware that the Editor was reading them and so were perhaps more frank — and thus more helpful— than they would otherwise have permitted themselves to be), and I would like to hear whatever comments you have to make. (Flattery is always appreciated but — alas — not very useful.) And, after all, I am a captive audience for you — I have to read your application materials. (And since I will be maintaining the files for the foreseeable future, I will still be reading your comments.) Incidentally, I only control the actual content of the book, not the format, so comments concerning the physical size of the book should be directed to AMC Books at Joy St. — I have very little say in that matter. Also, I should mention that (mostly for marketing reasons) it is not economically practical to publish the book in sections or in a loose-leaf format, as many hikers have suggested.

Sermon: Although use of the trails in our backcountry areas has greatly increased over the past three decades, funds available for their maintenance have declined. In one recent year the White Mountain National Forest's funding for trail maintenance was virtually eliminated and, at the moment, the future of trail maintenance appropriations for the Forest Service looks extremely bleak. In fact, the new parking permit system (which, PLEASE NOTE, was mandated by CONGRESS, not by the WMNF) was initiated in part to replace Federal funding for trail maintenance. Neither the WMNF nor the AMC has ever had the funds to adequately maintain the existing trail network with paid professional crews, and in future years — given the irresistible trend of budget-cutting for Federal agencies — there will probably be even less money available. There are three possible outcomes to this situation: (1) a substantial user fee will be imposed on hikers, along the lines of the new WMNF parking permit program and the $7 daily parking fee that was collected for several years at the Wilderness Trail parking lot in winter, (2) many of those trails which are not used by crowds of people will be closed, and other trails will deteriorate, or (3) the hiking public will become active in the support of the trails. Since alternative #1 is obviously cumbersome and its effective enforcement could be repugnant (do we want a ranger stationed on the Franconia Ridge to check for permits?), #3 seems to be the best alternative, but at present #2 seems most likely. Many hikers do not seem to realize that there is no one out there whose duty it is to provide them with trails. The AMC and WMNF do the best they can but their budgets are limited. The variety of trails we enjoy today is mainly the result of hard work by a relative handful of dedicated volunteers and professionals over more than a century, and much of it can be lost in the next decade if you and I procrastinate. Most hikers would be shocked to learn the number and variety of trails that the WMNF has proposed for abandonment — and then backed off when the proposals met with strenuous objections. Their budget problems may force them to become more insistent in such matters in the future. (In fact, there are a number of trails that

are officially open but have had no significant maintenance for several years — presumably the WMNF plans to abandon them when they have become completely overgrown, as it has done with several such trails in the past.) On the other hand, there has been an encouraging increase in the amount of volunteer effort in trail maintenance — as people become aware of the situation, they have responded. This response has, among other things, required the expansion of Camp Dodge in Pinkham Notch, the AMC's support facility for volunteer trail workers, a project to which the Four Thousand Footer Club has made several significant donations.

What can we do? We need people to do all sorts of trail maintenance, from cutting brush and painting blazes to constructing rock steps. Many groups do this work, and can easily train you to do some useful service on the trails. Besides, we'll let you in on one of the best-kept secrets in the mountains: trail work is fun. And a trail that you have worked on belongs to you in a way that those who have only taken from the trails and have never given to them can never know. The AMC has an Adopt-a-Trail program, and most of its chapters have volunteer crews. You do not have to be a member to participate. Write or call the AMC at Joy Street or Pinkham Notch Camp concerning the AMC Trails program, or write or call the Four Thousand Footer Committee and we'll try to find something suitable for you. Another group that should be mentioned as particularly skilled in introducing inexperienced people to trail work is Trailwrights, which can be contacted through Hal Graham at 1204 New Hampton Rd., Sanbornton, NH 03269 (603-286-3506). At the very least, carry a small saw and remove small blowdowns from trails. In the long run, we will probably have precisely the quality and variety of trails that we deserve, so let's try to deserve the best.

One possible role for the Four Thousand Footer Club is to work on a few trails where a one-day effort by a small but determined group could make a substantial impact. Write or call us for details, or watch for notices in the AMC Bulletin (mostly in New Hampshire Chapter notices). In September 1986, on a Club trip to Maine, we were able to clear the trail to Snow Mountain, a beautiful peak on the New England Hundred Highest list. This trail, which is no longer officially maintained, was severely overgrown, but will now be easy to follow for many years. (Subsequently, several active peakbaggers have continued to work on the Snow trail, clearing brush and placing signs.) See also, later in this letter, notes on our plans for working on our adopted trail, the Davis Path (though we will probably trade trails this year).

We understand that there are people who are very short on free time, but who can contribute money. Although we would rather have your work and your companionship than your money, the latter is also useful for purchasing tools and supplies, and for hiring people for the professional trail crew to do jobs that can be done most efficiently by people with more intensive training and experience. You can donate money directly to AMC Trails or through the Four Thousand Footer Committee.

Earlier in this letter we told you that we were trying to raise money in order to make a contribution to trail maintenance in the White Mountains. We consider any sum in excess of the basic $5 application fee and $3 extra patch cost as such a contribution. Some hikers have donated a fixed amount for each of the peaks on the list that they have climbed, which seems like an interesting and attractive concept for providing support to the trails that have given them so much enjoyment. We are pleased to announce that these contributions to our fund in the past year were just over $4000, and we have therefore donated $4000 to AMC trail-related projects this year. When we began this fund-raising effort a few years ago, we were hopeful that we would be able to make an annual donation of $1000 toward some trail project, which seemed at the time to be an optimistic but attainable goal. The generosity of our members has exceeded our expectations, and we (which of course means you) have now donated a total of $33,180 to AMC trail maintenance efforts in the past 14 years, plus (as mentioned above) $1000 to the Appalachian Trail Conference toward their purchase of Mt. Abraham in Maine.

As in the past, we will consult with AMC Trails concerning projects on which this year's donation could be used. We normally designate roughly half of our donation for some specific trail project related to Four Thousand Footer use patterns that is planned for the AMC trail crew's summer schedule, usually rock work and/or bog bridging, which must be constructed and maintained in order to keep hiker traffic (us) from trampling the numerous moist areas on trails into steadily widening gullies and mudholes. Our contribution will help keep these sections of trail narrow footways with limited impact on the soils and vegetation around them. We will make the balance of our contribution to the AMC Trails general fund for Volunteer Trail Programs, repeating our gift of the last nine years. Twelve years ago we made our first donation of $1500 toward improvements that were made at Camp Dodge. One of the most surprising and satisfying trends of the past few years has been the virtual explosion of volunteer involvement in trail maintenance (of which our contribution fund is certainly one excellent example). Camp Dodge, built to provide support facilities including inexpensive and convenient lodging for volunteer trail workers, was bursting at the seams. To take advantage of the growth in numbers of volunteers available for trail work, the AMC needed to be able to expand these facilities so that people who are willing to donate their time and energy can have a convenient and comfortable place to stay without being forced into substantial out-of-pocket expenses for lodging. Each year there is a need for money to buy tools to be used by volunteer maintainers and to maintain and enhance the major work that was done in past years, so we have made a new tradition of designating part of our donation for this work. While (strictly speaking) our support of this project is not a direct contribution to trail maintenance, we feel strongly that our dollars will be multiplied several times over through the work

that will be done by volunteers making use of these facilities.

For many years we were the adopters of the four-mile portion of the Davis Path between Mt. Davis and the Glen Boulder Trail under the AMC's extremely successful Adopt-a-Trail program. The Davis Path is one of the most historic trails in the Whites, having been built in the 1840s as the third bridle path to the summit of Mount Washington. Our section is a rough, wild path that traverses the northern part of the Montalban Ridge in the Presidential Range - Dry River Wilderness, giving access to several outstanding natural features, including the wild and scenic Giant Stairs, the remote and seldom-visited summit of Mt. Davis (considered by some to have one of the finest views in the Whites), and our old friend, Mt. Isolation, upon whose summit more people complete their pursuit of the Four Thousand Footers than on any of the other 47 peaks. It is also one of the most remote trail sections in the Whites — one of the hardest just to reach, let alone to work on — and that is one of the main reasons that we chose it. Most trail adopters are individuals, families, or small groups of friends, and we thought that a group with the numbers and resources of the Four Thousand Footer Club would be able to care for a section of trail that might prove too remote for others. This year we plan to switch to another trail yet to be determined (it will probably be the lower half of the Bondcliff Trail, but may be the Hancock Loop). We are hopeful that the Four Thousand Footer Club has enough energetic, ambitious members so that we will be able to keep our trail in top condition. The work itself, cleaning out waterbars, clearing small to medium blowdowns and clipping brush, is fairly easy. Write or call Steve Smith, Box 445, Lincoln, NH 03251 (email: sds5@earthlink.net; phone: 800-745-2707 or 603-745-8498) for details. Or drop in and visit Steve at his Mountain Wanderer bookstore on the main drag in Lincoln.

In the longer range, we may be involved in a substantial project to relocate and reconstruct the Hancock Loop Trail. This trail, which exists only because of the interest in climbing Hancock caused by the Four Thousand Footer Club, was located mostly on the course of a pre-existing herd path. The segments from the Loop Junction to the summits are too steep and run too straight up the slope, so that extensive erosion has resulted. Plans for relocating this trail to better slopes are in the works, but any work will have to wait until a proper location can be scouted out — not an easy task on the steep slopes of Hancock, by any means.

One further matter: in the recent past there has been a serious threat of damage, by expansion of an existing ski area, to Saddleback Mountain, one of the most beautiful of the New England Four Thousand Footers in Maine, which provides one of the finest open ridge traverses along the entire Appalachian Trail. Very few peaks are mentioned more frequently or with more appreciation by those who have climbed the New England Four Thousand Footers than Saddleback. Although the existing ski area has never been particularly viable financially, and the better-known neighboring area on Sugarloaf has also suffered hard times recently, the Saddleback owner has put forth grandiose plans for expansion that include new ski developments on both sides of the ridge and in the wild and beautiful bowl between Saddleback and the Horn on the north side, plus the construction of condominiums near Eddy Pond on the Appalachian Trail. These plans make no sense of any kind, but have found local support in a region where people will grasp at any chance to improve an ailing economy. The National Park Service, which administers the Appalachian Trail, has proposed to purchase all the land necessary to preserve Saddleback, but will have to deal with legal challenges. Recently prospects for protecting this mountain — by purchase of the undeveloped portion of the mountain by the government — have apparently become much brighter, but the landowner seems to still be dragging his heels to delay a final settlement, perhaps hoping that by the time the purchase negotiations have been completed the Park Service will no longer be able to obtain the necessary funds from a tight-fisted Congress. Therefore, the Four Thousand Footer Committee urges all hikers to be aware of the situation, try to keep themselves informed, and contribute to the preservation effort with letters, money, or otherwise, whatever may appear to be most useful as the effort develops. This is one battle that lovers of the mountains must win, and we will win unless we fail to defend Saddleback with determination. Bigelow Mountain was saved from a similar threat several years ago, and now that successful defense must be repeated for Saddleback. According to present plans, the decision will be made this year, with an environmental impact statement and a public comment period. Unfortunately, both of Maine's senators, Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, have apparently taken the side of the ski area owner on the grounds that an economic benefit to the Rangeley area will result — any such benefit would most likely be small and short-lived, while the damage to the mountain will take decades to reverse. Therefore, hikers need to make a serious effort to weigh in on the side of this majestic mountain, which cannot speak for and defend itself. Comments (and requests for information) should be sent to Pamela Underhill, Park Manager, National Park Service, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

The committee extends its best wishes for your continued enjoyment of the mountains.

APPLICATION FOR THE FOUR THOUSAND FOOTER CLUB OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

MOUNTAIN	ELEVATION	DATE	COMPANIONS, COMMENTS
ADAMS	5774		
BOND	4698		
BONDCLIFF	4265		
BOND, WEST PEAK	4540*		
CABOT	4170*		
CANNON [PROFILE]	4100*		
CARRIGAIN	4700*		
CARTER DOME	4832		
CARTER, MIDDLE	4610*		
CARTER, SOUTH	4430*		
EISENHOWER [PLEASANT]	4780*		
FIELD	4340*		
FLUME	4328		
GALEHEAD	4024		
GARFIELD	4500*		
HALE	4054		
HANCOCK	4420*		
HANCOCK, SOUTH PEAK	4319		
ISOLATION	4004		
JACKSON	4052		
JEFFERSON	5712		
KINSMAN, NORTH PEAK	4293		
KINSMAN, SOUTH PEAK	4358		
LAFAYETTE	5260*		
LIBERTY	4459		
LINCOLN	5089		
MADISON	5367		
MONROE	5384*		
MOOSILAUKE	4802		
MORIAH	4049		
OSCEOLA	4340*		
OSCEOLA, EAST PEAK	4156		
OWLS HEAD	4025		
PASSACONAWAY	4043		
PIERCE [CLINTON]	4310		
TECUMSEH	4003		
TOM	4051		
TRIPYRAMID, MIDDLE PEAK	4140*		
TRIPYRAMID, NORTH PEAK	4180*		
TWIN, NORTH	4761		
TWIN, SOUTH	4902		
WASHINGTON	6288		
WAUMBEK	4006		
WHITEFACE	4020*		
WILDCAT	4422		
WILDCAT, "D" PEAK	4070*		
WILLEY	4285		
ZEALAND	4260*		

** Elevation obtained by interpolation*

NAME _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS_____ AMC MEMBER? YES [ ]
NO [ ]

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APPLICATION FOR THE FOUR THOUSAND FOOTER CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

MOUNTAIN	ELEVATION	DATE	COMPANIONS, COMMENTS
***** MOUNTAINS IN MAINE *****			
MT ABRAHAM	4050*	_____	_____
BIGELOW MTN, AVERY PEAK	4090*	_____	_____
BIGELOW MTN, WEST PEAK	4145	_____	_____
CROCKER MTN	4228	_____	_____
CROCKER MTN (S PK)	4050*	_____	_____
KATAHDIN, BAXTER PEAK	5268	_____	_____
KATAHDIN, HAMLIN PEAK	4756	_____	_____
NORTH BROTHER	4151	_____	_____
OLD SPECK MTN	4170*	_____	_____
REDINGTON	4010*	_____	_____
SADDLEBACK MTN	4120	_____	_____
SADDLEBACK MTN, THE HORN	4041	_____	_____
SPAULDING	4010*	_____	_____
SUGARLOAF MTN	4250*	_____	_____
***** MOUNTAINS IN VERMONT *****			
MT ABRAHAM	4006	_____	_____
CAMELS HUMP	4083	_____	_____
MT ELLEN	4083	_____	_____
KILLINGTON PEAK	4235	_____	_____
MT MANSFIELD, THE CHIN	4393	_____	_____

***** FOUR THOUSAND FOOTERS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS *****

ADAMS	5774	HANCOCK	4420*	OWLS HEAD	4025
BOND	4698	HANCOCK, SOUTH PEAK	4319	PASSACONAWAY	4043
BONDCLIFF	4265	ISOLATION	4004	PIERCE [CLINTON]	4310
BOND, WEST PEAK	4540*	JACKSON	4052	TECUMSEH	4003
CABOT	4170*	JEFFERSON	5712	TOM	4051
CANNON [PROFILE]	4100*	KINSMAN, NORTH PEAK	4293	TRIPYRAMID, MIDDLE PEAK	4140*
CARRIGAIN	4700*	KINSMAN, SOUTH PEAK	4358	TRIPYRAMID, NORTH PEAK	4180*
CARTER DOME	4832	LAFAYETTE	5260*	TWIN, NORTH	4761
CARTER, MIDDLE	4610*	LIBERTY	4459	TWIN, SOUTH	4902
CARTER, SOUTH	4430*	LINCOLN	5089	WASHINGTON	6288
EISENHOWER [PLEASANT]	4780*	MADISON	5367	WAUMBEK	4006
FIELD	4340*	MONROE	5384*	WHITEFACE	4020*
FLUME	4328	MOOSILAUKE	4802	WILDCAT	4422
GALEHEAD	4024	MORIAH	4049	WILDCAT, "D" PEAK	4070*
GARFIELD	4500*	OSCEOLA	4320*	WILLEY	4285
HALE	4054	OSCEOLA, EAST PEAK	4156	ZEALAND	4260*

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ADDRESS_____ AMC MEMBER? YES [ ]
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APPLICATION FOR THE NEW ENGLAND HUNDRED HIGHEST CLUB

MOUNTAIN	ELEVATION	DATE	COMPANIONS, COMMENTS
***** MOUNTAINS IN MAINE *****			
BALDPATE	3790*	_____	_____
BIGELOW, SOUTH HORN	3805	_____	_____
COE	3795	_____	_____
EAST KENNEBAGO	3791	_____	_____
ELEPHANT	3774	_____	_____
FORT	3867	_____	_____
GOOSE EYE	3870*	_____	_____
KENNEBAGO DIVIDE, NORTH PK	3775	_____	_____
REDINGTON*	4010*	_____	_____
SNOW (Chain of Ponds quad)	3960	_____	_____
SNOW (Little Kennebago Lake quad)	3784	_____	_____
SOUTH BROTHER	3970	_____	_____
WHITE CAP[1]	3856	_____	_____
SPAULDING*	4010*	_____	_____
UNNAMED PEAK[1]	3855	_____	_____
***** MOUNTAINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE *****			
THE BULGE	3950*	_____	_____
CANNON BALLS, NE PK	3769	_____	_____
THE HORN	3905	_____	_____
NANCY	3926	_____	_____
SANDWICH	3980*	_____	_____
SCAR RIDGE, WEST PEAK	3774	_____	_____
THE SLEEPERS, EAST PEAK	3860*	_____	_____
VOSE SPUR	3862	_____	_____
WEEKS, NORTH PEAK	3901	_____	_____
WEEKS, SOUTH PEAK	3885	_____	_____
UNNAMED PEAK[2]	3813	_____	_____
***** MOUNTAINS IN VERMONT *****			
BIG JAY	3786	_____	_____
BREAD LOAF	3835	_____	_____
DORSET PEAK	3770*	_____	_____
EQUINOX	3850*	_____	_____
JAY PEAK	3858	_____	_____
MENDON PEAK	3840	_____	_____
PICO PEAK	3957	_____	_____
STRATTON MTN	3940	_____	_____
MT WILSON	3790*	_____	_____

** Elevation obtained by interpolation*

NAME _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS_____ AMC MEMBER? YES [ ]
NO [ ]

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{*} REDINGTON and SPAULDING must be climbed if they were not climbed with your New England Four Thousand Footers.
{1} WHITE CAP MTN (USGS Little Kennebago Lake Quad) and the UNNAMED PEAK between US-CANADA boundary monuments 445 & 446 (USGS Northwest Pond Quad) are on private land with controlled access. Contact the Committee for details.
{2} Located N of North Twin, SE of Haystack Mtn. (USGS South Twin Mtn. Quad).

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1	6288	1917	___|___|___	MT WASHINGTON	SARGENTS PURCHASE	COOS	NH MT WASHINGTON*
2	5774	1760	___|___|___	MT ADAMS	THOMPSON&MESERVES PUR	COOS	NH MT WASHINGTON*
3	5712	1741	___|___|___	MT JEFFERSON	THOMPSON&MESERVES PUR	COOS	NH MT WASHINGTON*
4	5384*	1641*	___|___|___	MT MONROE	SARGENTS PURCHASE	COOS	NH MT WASHINGTON*
5	5367	1636	___|___|___	MT MADISON	LOW & BURBANKS GRANT	COOS	NH MT WASHINGTON*
6	5268	1606	___|___|___	MT KATAHDIN, BAXTER PEAK	MOUNT KATAHDIN	PISCATAQUIS	ME MT KATAHDIN
7	5260*	1603*	___|___|___	MT LAFAYETTE	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH FRANCONIA
8	5089	1551	___|___|___	MT LINCOLN	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH FRANCONIA
9	4902	1494	___|___|___	SOUTH TWIN MTN	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
10	4832	1473	___|___|___	CARTER DOME	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH CARTER DOME
11	4802	1464	___|___|___	MT MOOSILAUKE	BENTON	GRAFTON	NH MT MOOSILAUKE
12	4780*	1457*	___|___|___	MT EISENHOWER [MT PLEASANT]	CHANDLERS PURCHASE	COOS	NH STAIRS MTN
13	4761	1451	___|___|___	NORTH TWIN MTN	BETHLEHEM/ FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
14	4756	1450	___|___|___	MT KATAHDIN, HAMLIN PEAK	MOUNT KATAHDIN	PISCATAQUIS	ME MT KATAHDIN
15	4700*	1433*	___|___|___	MT CARRIGAIN	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT CARRIGAIN
16	4698	1432	___|___|___	MT BOND	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
17	4610*	1405*	___|___|___	MIDDLE CARTER MTN	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH CARTER DOME
18	4540*	1384*	___|___|___	MT BOND (W PK)	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
19	4500*	1372*	___|___|___	MT GARFIELD	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
20	4459	1359	___|___|___	MT LIBERTY	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH LINCOLN[NH]
21	4430*	1350*	___|___|___	SOUTH CARTER MTN	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH CARTER DOME
22	4422	1348	___|___|___	MT WILDCAT	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH CARTER DOME
23	4420*	1347*	___|___|___	MT HANCOCK	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH MT CARRIGAIN
24	4393	1339	___|___|___	MT MANSFIELD, THE CHIN	UNDERHILL	CHITTENDEN	VT MT MANSFIELD
25	4358	1328	___|___|___	KINSMAN MTN, S PK	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH LINCOLN[NH]
26	4340*	1323*	___|___|___	MT FIELD	BETHLEHEM	GRAFTON	NH CRAWFORD NOTCH
27	4340*	1323*	___|___|___	MT OSCEOLA	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT OSCEOLA
28	4328	1319	___|___|___	MT FLUME	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH LINCOLN[NH]
29	4319	1316	___|___|___	MT HANCOCK (S PK)	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT CARRIGAIN
30	4310	1314	___|___|___	MT PIERCE [MT CLINTON]	BEANS GRANT	COOS	NH STAIRS MTN
31	4293	1309	___|___|___	KINSMAN MTN, N PK	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH FRANCONIA
32	4285	1306	___|___|___	MT WILLEY	BETHLEHEM	GRAFTON	NH CRAWFORD NOTCH
33	4265	1300	___|___|___	MT BOND, THE CLIFFS	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
34	4260*	1298*	___|___|___	ZEALAND RIDGE	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
35	4250*	1295*	___|___|___	SUGARLOAF MTN	CARRABASSETT VALLEY	FRANKLIN	ME SUGARLOAF MTN
36	4235	1291	___|___|___	KILLINGTON PEAK	SHERBURNE	RUTLAND	VT KILLINGTON PEAK
37	4228	1289	___|___|___	CROCKER MTN	CARRABASSETT VALLEY	FRANKLIN	ME BLACK NUBBLE
38	4180*	1274	___|___|___	MT TRIPYRAMID, N PK	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
39	4170*	1271*	___|___|___	MT CABOT	KILKENNY	COOS	NH STARK
40	4170*	1271*	___|___|___	OLD SPECK MTN	GRAFTON	OXFORD	ME OLD SPECK MTN
41	4156	1267	___|___|___	MT OSCEOLA, E PK	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT OSCEOLA
42	4151	1265	___|___|___	NORTH BROTHER	T4 R10	PISCATAQUIS	ME MT KATAHDIN
43	4145	1263	___|___|___	BIGELOW MTN, WEST PEAK	DEAD RIVER	SOMERSET	ME THE HORNS
44	4140*	1262	___|___|___	MT TRIPYRAMID, M PK	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
45	4120	1256	___|___|___	SADDLEBACK MTN	SANDY RIVER	FRANKLIN	ME SADDLEBACK MTN
46	4100*	1250*	___|___|___	CANNON MTN [PROFILE MTN]	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH FRANCONIA
47	4090*	1247*	___|___|___	BIGELOW MTN, AVERY PEAK	DEAD RIVER	SOMERSET	ME THE HORNS
48	4083	1244	___|___|___	CAMELS HUMP	HUNTINGTON	CHITTENDEN	VT HUNTINGTON
49	4083	1244	___|___|___	MT ELLEN	WARREN	WASHINGTON	VT MT ELLEN
50	4070*	1241*	___|___|___	WILDCAT RIDGE ('D' PK)	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH JACKSON

Elevations marked by "" are estimated by adding half the contour interval to the highest contour*
Topographic Quadrangle Designations: none, 7.5 minute; "", 15 x 7.5 minute [metric]; **, 7.5 minute [metric]*

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51	4054	1236	___|___|___	MT HALE	BETHLEHEM	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
52	4052	1235	___|___|___	MT JACKSON	BEANS GRANT	COOS	NH CRAWFORD NOTCH
53	4051	1235	___|___|___	MT TOM	BETHLEHEM	GRAFTON	NH CRAWFORD NOTCH
54	4050*	1234*	___|___|___	MT ABRAHAM	MT ABRAM	FRANKLIN	ME MT ABRAHAM
55	4050*	1234*	___|___|___	CROCKER MTN (S PK)	CARRABASSETT VALLEY	FRANKLIN	ME BLACK NUBBLE
56	4049	1234	___|___|___	MT MORIAH	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH CARTER DOME
57	4043	1232	___|___|___	MT PASSACONAWAY	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
58	4041	1232	___|___|___	SADDLEBACK MTN, THE HORN	MADRID	FRANKLIN	ME REDINGTON
59	4025	1227	___|___|___	[OWLS HEAD MTN]	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
60	4024	1227	___|___|___	[GALEHEAD MTN]	FRANCONIA	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
61	4020*	1225*	___|___|___	MT WHITEFACE	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
62	4010*	1222	___|___|___	MT REDINGTON	REDINGTON	FRANKLIN	ME BLACK NUBBLE
63	4010*	1222*	___|___|___	SPAULDING MTN	MT ABRAM	FRANKLIN	ME SUGARLOAF MTN
64	4006	1221	___|___|___	MT ABRAHAM	LINCOLN	ADDISON	VT LINCOLN[VT]
65	4006	1221	___|___|___	MT WAUMBEK	KILKENNY	COOS	NH PLINY RANGE*
66	4004	1221	___|___|___	MT ISOLATION	SARGENTS PURCHASE	COOS	NH STAIRS MTN
67	4003	1220	___|___|___	MT TECUMSEH	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH WATERVILLE VALLEY
68	3980*	1213*	___|___|___	SANDWICH MTN	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
69	3970	1210	___|___|___	SOUTH BROTHER	T3 R10	PISCATAQUIS	ME DOUBLETOP MTN
70	3960	1207	___|___|___	SNOW MTN	ALDER STREAM	FRANKLIN	ME CHAIN OF PONDS
71	3957	1206	___|___|___	PICO PEAK	SHERBURNE	RUTLAND	VT PICO PEAK
72	3950*	1204*	___|___|___	MT CABOT, THE BULGE	KILKENNY	COOS	NH STARK
73	3940	1201	___|___|___	STRATTON MTN	STRATTON	WINDHAM	VT STRATTON MTN**
74	3926	1197	___|___|___	MT NANCY	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT CARRIGAIN
75	3905	1190	___|___|___	MT CABOT, THE HORN	KILKENNY	COOS	NH STARK
76	3901	1189	___|___|___	MT WEEKS (N PK)	BERLIN	COOS	NH PLINY RANGE*
77	3885	1184	___|___|___	MT WEEKS (S PK)	RANDOLPH	COOS	NH PLINY RANGE*
78	3870*	1180*	___|___|___	GOOSE EYE MTN	RILEY	OXFORD	ME OLD SPECK MTN
79	3867	1179	___|___|___	FORT MTN	T4 R10	PISCATAQUIS	ME MT KATAHDIN
80	3862	1177	___|___|___	VOSE SPUR	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT CARRIGAIN
81	3860*	1177*	___|___|___	THE SLEEPERS (E PK)	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH MT TRIPYRAMID
82	3858	1176	___|___|___	JAY PEAK	WESTFIELD	ORLEANS	VT JAY PEAK**
83	3856	1175	___|___|___	WHITE CAP MTN	SEVEN PONDS	FRANKLIN	ME LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE
84	3855	1175	___|___|___	[BOUNDARY PEAK]	OXBOW	OXFORD	ME NORTHWEST POND
85	3850*	1173*	___|___|___	EQUINOX MTN	MANCHESTER	BENNINGTON	VT MANCHESTER
86	3840	1170	___|___|___	MENDON PEAK	MENDON	RUTLAND	VT KILLINGTON PEAK
87	3835	1169	___|___|___	BREAD LOAF MTN	RIPTON	ADDISON	VT LINCOLN[VT]
88	3813	1162	___|___|___	[NUBBLE PEAK]	BETHLEHEM	GRAFTON	NH SOUTH TWIN MTN
89	3805	1160	___|___|___	BIGELOW MTN, THE HORNS (S PK)	WYMAN	FRANKLIN	ME THE HORNS
90	3795	1157	___|___|___	MT COE	T3 R10	PISCATAQUIS	ME DOUBLETOP MTN
91	3791	1155	___|___|___	EAST KENNEBAGO MTN	TIM POND	FRANKLIN	ME QUILL HILL
92	3790*	1155	___|___|___	BALDPATE MTN, E PK	GRAFTON	OXFORD	ME OLD SPECK MTN
93	3790*	1155*	___|___|___	MT WILSON	RIPTON	ADDISON	VT LINCOLN[VT]
94	3786	1154	___|___|___	BIG JAY	MONTGOMERY	FRANKLIN	VT JAY PEAK**
95	3784	1153	___|___|___	SNOWMTN	UPPER CUPSUPTIC	OXFORD	ME LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE
96	3775	1151	___|___|___	KENNEBAGO DIVIDE (N PK)	SEVEN PONDS	FRANKLIN	ME LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE
97	3774	1150	___|___|___	SCAR RIDGE (W PK)	LINCOLN/ LIVERMORE	GRAFTON	NH MT OSCEOLA
98	3772	1150	___|___|___	ELEPHANT MTN	TC	OXFORD	ME METALLAK MTN
99	3770*	1149*	___|___|___	DORSET PEAK	DANBY	RUTLAND	VT DORSET
100	3769	1149	___|___|___	CANNON BALLS (NE PK)	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH FRANCONIA

FORMERLY LISTED PEAKS:

	4030*	1228*	___|___|___	WILDCAT RIDGE ('E' PK)	BEANS PURCHASE	COOS	NH JACKSON
	4020*	1225*	___|___|___	MT HANCOCK (NW PK)	LINCOLN	GRAFTON	NH MT OSCEOLA
	3792	1156	___|___|___	BIGELOW MTN, THE HORNS (N PK)	WYMAN	FRANKLIN	ME THE HORNS
	3766	1148	___|___|___	MT TECUMSEH (W PK)	WATERVILLE VALLEY	GRAFTON	NH WATERVILLE VALLEY
	3765	1148	___|___|___	MAHOOSUC ARM	GRAFTON	OXFORD	ME OLD SPECK MTN
	3750*	1143	___|___|___	MT ABRAHAM (M PK)	MT ABRAM	FRANKLIN	ME MT ABRAHAM

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW ENGLAND HUNDRED HIGHEST

The primary purpose of the New England Hundred Highest Club is to promote the development of wilderness navigation skills by experienced hikers **so please do not mark routes to the trailless peaks in any manner as doing so destroys the sense of wildness and diminishes the achievement of subsequent parties and may even cause serious confusion to inexperienced hikers.** The one possible exception to this rule involves the marking (with cairns where possible) of critical logging road intersections.

Please do not use the illegally constructed herd path that ascends Peak above the Nubble from the Haystack Road. It is very poorly located and will become severely eroded if it receives any substantial amount of use, causing great damage to the natural qualities of this peak. Hikers who feel compelled to use this route are requested to refrain from applying for official membership in the New England Hundred Highest Club.

SERMON: Over the past few years there has been a tremendous increase in the reprehensible practice of marking one's route to trailless summits with surveyor's tape. The result, since some of these tapes fall almost immediately and others last for years, has been the proliferation of odds and ends of unsightly tape of various garish colors, confusing the inexperienced and infuriating the experienced with the implied insult from those hikers who think we couldn't find our way without their help, and drawing curses from everyone who had hoped to find a mountain relatively free of signs of human presence. It must be admitted that surveyor's tape is one of the ugliest and most intrusive signs of human presence.

Some of those who desecrate the mountains in this manner may be laboring under the delusion that they are performing a service to other hikers, so let me make a few points in order to dispel this notion. The New England Hundred Highest Club was founded for reasons that include the promotion of map-and-compass route-finding skills. Those who mark routes are depriving other hikers of the opportunity to acquire and practice these skills in a natural environment. The Four Thousand Footer Committee emphatically opposes any action that would encourage the development of unofficial marked trails or other herd paths on those peaks that are presently trailless. We regard trailless peaks as a resource, not as an obstacle to the easy completion of the official list by those who are unwilling to acquire the needed skills for trailless travel. We do not want these peaks to have trails merely to make the New England Hundred Highest easier for the lazy, although we will not automatically oppose well-considered and properly developed new official trails. So please do not mark your route in any manner, and particularly not with surveyor's tape. (In the case of peaks that have traditionally had unofficial paths, such as Big Jay and Nancy, please leave it to local hikers or to the Four Thousand Footer Committee to decide if and how they should be marked.) If you do not have sufficient navigational skills to climb the trailless peaks with confidence, then please either learn the skills, follow skilled leaders, or abandon the goal of climbing the New England Hundred Highest. It has come to my attention that some timid bushwhackers may have adopted what one successful Hundred Highest climber aptly called the Hansel-and-Gretel method: marking one's ascent route to be sure of getting back out safely. It should hardly need to be pointed out how foolish it is to venture off the trails with so little confidence in one's navigational skills.

I feel very strongly about this matter; I do not want the Four Thousand Footer Club to bear indirect responsibility for such damage to the natural qualities of the trailless mountains. I am prepared to recommend that the Committee take the unprecedented step of denying membership to persons known to have been habitual offenders against the principles here described. I am even prepared to recommend that the Committee cease to recognize the Hundred Highest, or declare a moratorium of several years on credit for certain damaged peaks if that is what seems required to stop this nonsense. Please climb the mountains, and enjoy them, but leave them unmarked by signs of your presence so that others may enjoy them in the same or better condition than that in which you found them.

WHITE CAP, "BOUNDARY PEAK", NORTH KENNEBAGO DIVIDE, SNOW (Little Kennebago Lake Quad: (USGS Little Kennebago Lake [for White Cap, North Kennebago Divide, and Snow] and Northwest Pond [for Boundary Peak] 7½' quads, order from USGS [1-800-USA-MAPS]; the Canadian Woburn [21E/7] quad also covers Boundary Peak, but is no longer as useful as it used to be, since the new USGS maps now also cover the land in both countries — but if you want one, order from Canada Map Office, 130 Bentley Ave., Nepean, ON K1A 0E9 CANADA [1-800-465-MAPS]; telephone order with credit card is best [saves hassle with funds exchange]).
The Delorme Maine Atlas is very useful, almost mandatory, for this area; its road conditions are much more up-to-

date than the topo map. The so-called Boundary Peak is located SW of Coburn Gore, ME, and is about 2 mi. in an airline from Cupsuptic White Cap. Neither peak is mentioned in the AMC Maine Mountain Guide, quite deliberately, since the only convenient accesses at the present time are via private logging roads. (There are many other White Caps in Maine, the best known being the one near the AT near Greenville.)

(1) In 2003 the easiest access was probably from the west. From the Boise-Cascade road connecting Eustis to Wilsons Mills (see DeLorme Atlas), at the southeast corner of Little Kennebago Lake, follow the road up the east shore of the lake, then go west on the road up Wiggle Brook, then north on the Cupsuptic road to Porter Brook (end of car travel), where a fairly good gravel road crosses Porter Brook (the bridge over Porter Brook has been removed) and continues up the valley between White Cap and a lesser boundary peak (elev. 3527). A side road leads into the old clear-cut that extends to the ridge crest between White Cap and North Kennebago Divide, providing fairly easy access to the latter peak — the three peaks can be combined in a long day hike. This Porter Brook road system is shown very accurately on the new USGS Little Kennebago Lake quad. (The newest editions of the DeLorme Atlas have a significant error; they show a washout on the main Cupsuptic Road but none on the Porter Brook Road, while the opposite is in fact the case.) Snow Mtn. (Little Kennebago Lake quad) can probably be ascended fairly easily from the high point on the Wiggle Brook road, just before the Cupsuptic Road is reached. Driving distances are long on these rough private logging roads, which may be confusing due to lack of signs, and there is no guarantee that the roads will be adequately maintained or even kept open to the public in the future. Though passable to almost any car in the fall of 2001 (repairs had been made, but they simply dumped gravel into the hole rather than replacing the culvert, so the repairs may not last long), several minor washouts were impassable for an ordinary car in prior years, adding perhaps 1.5 miles each way. As most of the troublesome washouts are relatively narrow, it would perhaps be helpful to carry a shovel and a couple of four-to-six foot planks to fill in or bridge questionable spots (ten minutes of shoveling might save many miles of walking). In any case, don't bother trying to cross the first bad washout if you think it looks marginal for your vehicle, as there is a worse one just a few hundred yards farther on.

(2) The Kennebago road, the traditional access route, will probably be adequately maintained since it is, among other things, the sole access to Big Island Pond Camps. However, hikers are required to obtain permission by mail well in advance in order to pass the gate at the north end, just off Maine 27. (Hikers who merely show up at the gate will find the gatekeeper either absent or uninformative, as he is under instructions not to give out any information that might pique the curiosity of random members of the public. [In other words, he is forbidden to help you get permission to enter or even tell you how to get it.]) The traditional starting point is near a locked gate just south of the crossing of the brook that comes from White Cap Pond, about 12 mi. from the main gate. (At present it is possible to reach this second gate from the south (the Eustis-Wilsons Mills road) by following the route described above on the east side of Little Kennebago Lake and continuing straight at the intersection with the Wiggle Brook road. There may be another gate that prevents auto travel all the way to the key gate.) Permission to use the access road from the north end can be obtained by writing, giving the exact date of planned entry, to Peter Sewall, Big Island Pond Camps, Star Rte. 73, Box 290, Eustis, ME 04936. You should also state explicitly that you understand that there is to be no hunting, fishing, camping, or fires on their land. In the past the Big Island Pond Camp managers have been very obliging about permitting hikers to pass over their land. To maintain their hospitality by making as few requests for entry as possible, we request hikers to use the south approach or the Porter Brook route or join our organized groups rather than asking for special permission, if it is reasonably convenient for them. We will attempt to provide such a trip each year. The trip in 2004 will take place on Labor Day Weekend; contact the Four Thousand Footer Committee (send an SASE or email [gene-daniell@comcast.net]) at about the end of July for details. Reservations for the trip are not necessary (or even possible), but it is a good idea to get the info in advance.

INFORMATION SHEET: I have put together an information sheet of about 20 pages on routes to the New England Hundred Highest; many users have sent in corrections and additions, so that this sheet is to some extent a regularly updated guide to the peaks. The information is not always as up-to-date as one might wish — conditions often change quickly in these regions, many of which receive little use by hikers — but it should still be useful to most people interested in climbing these peaks. This sheet is available from the Four Thousand Footer Club, 42 Eastman St., Concord, NH 03301, for the following, two-part price:

(1) $3 to cover copying and mailing costs (plus an additional $2 if you want a set of black-and-white USGS topo maps covering these peaks [printed out from Maptech CDs])

(2) your trip reports to help improve the sheet.

REDINGTON*: (USGS Black Nubble & Sugarloaf Mtn. quads). Traditionally done from the summit of South Crocker. Going is bad only near the summit of South Crocker, although Redington is a bit dense also; it seemed, in fact, to be denser in 1997 than I remembered it from previous visits. I once found going fairly good to the west of the ridge; others have gone to the east side of ridge and found good going. Another report indicates that going may be good slightly to the east of the ridge top. Luck seems to be involved.

There has been a lot of logging on the east slopes from the Caribou Valley Road, with a road that leaves the Caribou Valley Road near the pond, a considerable distance beyond the AT crossing, and climbs to about 3250' on the ridge leading to the saddle between Redington and South Crocker, after which a fairly clear skidder roads leads from the formerly drivable road to the saddle. For a few years at least there will be fairly easy routes from that direction; in fact, what was once one of the three or four most difficult Hundred Highests became almost trivial for several years and may never reclaim the fairly daunting reputation it once had.

Current easiest route: Several years ago a work road was constructed roughly along the upper part of this route to service an experimental wind-gauge tower, and hikers were surprised and disgusted to find there were now lounge chairs (and lots of trash) on the summit (now removed—the chairs and tower, not the summit, that is). The Caribou Valley road is followed to a road junction, where the road to the left crosses the outlet of Caribou Pond on a bridge. As of June 1999, ordinary cars could go in on the Caribou Valley Rd. to a bridge at about 5.5 mi. from ME 27 and 1.1 mi. past the AT crossing. The next 1.4 mi. to Caribour Pond is rough but may be passable for cars with good clearance. Take the road to the right here (on foot if you don't have four-wheel drive), climbing up a small rise and into the large cut-over bowl at the foot of Redington, and continue to a point about 7.7 mi. from ME 27 where a badly washed road climbs up to the right. Follow the washed road up toward the ridgecrest, but just below the ridgecrest turn left onto a rough but obvious road that runs mostly on contour or slightly downhill. Eventually it crosses a small brook with a rocky, mossy bed and makes a right-angle turn to the left; at a fork about 100 yards past this stream the route continues straight on a road with a small, easily-missed cairn, still on contour at this point, as a recently-bulldozed road turns right uphill heading for the Redington—South Crocker col. After climbing through a clear-cut area, the route turns sharp right off this road (turn well marked with flagging) and becomes a well-cleared trail all the way to the summit. It is also possible, of course, to continue on the bulldozed road to the col and bushwhack up to the summit, but we found this route fairly thick going, and found no herd path (which doesn't mean there isn't one, of course).

Since the maps now show Redington as a 4000-Footer, we will probably attempt to keep this route open and marked. However, the logging in the Caribou Valley has probably come to an end (perhaps for several decades) and recent reports suggest that several of the bridges on the Caribou Valley road are near the point of critical decrepitude, and may well be impassable after the next heavy flow of water, whether the spring thaw of 2005 or a dying hurricane or whatever. (And if not then, after the next flood, or the next one ...) Prior to the most recent round of intensive logging, which started about 1982, the Caribou Valley road was notorious for its infernally automobilicidal washouts. I have heard reports of signs of a possible intent to keep this road repaired, but since I do not know of any good business reason why S. D. Warren or Scott Paper or Kimberly-Clark or SAPPI or whoever owns the land this week would do this nor why anyone else would, I remain skeptical about the future of the Caribou Valley road. Therefore, in the very near future the Caribou Valley routes may require long road walks, possibly even for those with four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The traditional route to Redington was to follow the ridge from South Crocker to Redington and back to South Crocker, but some folks conceived the idea of trying to bushwhack back from Redington to the Caribou Valley road near the AT crossing. There is a SE ridge of South Crocker that lies between Redington and the Caribou Valley Road near the AT crossing — the road that the short route described above starts on climbs to the crest of this ridge and apparently descends for some distance on the other side; if one wishes to return from the top of Redington directly to the Caribou Valley Road at the AT crossing (rather than using the roads to circle around it to the south near Caribou Pond, which would be much longer) one must cross this ridge. In olden days, hikers frequently resisted the effort of crossing the ridge and eventually found themselves in the vicinity of Caribou Pond, in spite of themselves, so one should navigate carefully. At the present time, the best route would probably be to follow the trail back to the ridgecrest area and down the other side as far as possible, then bushwhack from there.

Hikers in this region should be aware of the presence of the Navy base where pilots receive winter survival training (this is where the road leads that is shown on the maps running to the north of Redington Pond); the area south of Black Nubble and west of the Redington Pond Range, down to the old RR grade that passes Redington Pond, is leased by the Navy and is considered a restricted area, although signing is virtually non-existent and enforcement is extremely erratic. Tom Sawyer and I encountered armed servicemen who questioned us and ordered us off the base, but two other hikers of my acquaintance who visited the main building in order to regain their bearings were served milk and cookies by a lonely cook.

NORTH PEAK OF KENNEBAGO DIVIDE and SNOW MTN. [Little Kennebago Lake quad]: North Kennebago Divide is most frequently climbed from the col between it and White Cap, a fairly easy trip with an old road along the upper part of the ridge. For Snow Mtn., the easiest route is probably to climb straight up from the Wiggle Brook Rd. just before it meets the Cupsuptic road — a steep bushwhack of about 1400 ft. elevation gain in not much more than a mile.