

16TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 JOIN US IN CELEBRATING A REMARKABLE YEAR
 OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS —

from the shores of Great Bay to southwestern New Hampshire to the Mount Washington Valley

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 2007

at Tin Mountain Conservation Center, in Albany, N.H.

Guest speaker: Janisse Ray

Janisse Ray is author of the critically acclaimed “Ecology of a Cracker Childhood,” and “Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home.” Originally from a rural, poor part of Georgia Janisse offers a unique perspective on the connection between our personal heritage and our natural heritage. Her Georgia roots are part of the longleaf pine grassland forest, one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America. Growing up on a junkyard here, her religious father shared with his daughter a passion for wildlife and nature. Janisse gravitated toward that passion, becoming a conservation activist and spreading the word about the delicate workings of the longleaf ecosystem, among other endangered places. Her talk comes from the heart and inspires us to learn, motivate and conserve what we can ... while we still can.

Optional Field Trips:

1. **Kayak/Canoe the Saco River**—1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Explore the Saco River by kayak or canoe with our staff guide, Stefan Jackson, director of TNC’s Saco River Project. We’ll cover about 3 miles of the “Sandy Saco,” heading downstream from Conway. Thanks to a local outfitter, we’ll have a ride back, along with up to 12 canoes (sign up early for a canoe). Or, bring your own canoe or kayak. This will be a fun trip, a great opportunity to see and learn about some of the rare plants and natural communities along the Saco.

2. **Protecting the Ossipee Pine Barrens**—1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Learn how The Nature Conservancy, the state of New Hampshire and the USDA’s Forest Legacy program are working together to protect 615 acres of some of the area’s last remaining pine barrens habitat. We’ll see some of the remarkable places we’re working to protect.

3. **Restoring the Ossipee Pine Barrens**—1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This endangered and complex ecosystem needs fire to thrive and survive. Learn how we’re using some of TNC’s best skills to restore fire-dependent ecosystems and mimic fire to protect homes and businesses and revive habitat.

4. **Hike TNC’s Green Hills Preserve**—1:30 - 4 p.m. Overlooking North Conway and only minutes from the annual meeting, the Green Hills offer beautiful views, great hiking and an extensive natural community of red pine and rocky ridges. Led by TNC’s Wink Lees, this will be a fun and invigorating hike that will pass an array of habitats.

5. **Tin Mountain Nature Walk**—1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Situated on 98 - including a beaver pond and old granite quarry - the Tin Mountain Conservation Center’s new home in Albany has a nice mix of elements to connect people with nature.

6. **Explore Frank Bolles Preserve**—1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Frank Bolles was a noted American author and naturalist who loved the lake and mountain of Chocorua. The Frank Bolles Preserve, a gift from his daughter, is a fitting tribute to the man and his passion for nature. Former TNC staffer Peter Benson will lead this hike and share from Bolles’ works.



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Reservation Deadline: August 31, 2007

Cost: \$20 per person. Price includes meeting, lunch and field trip

Number of people attending: _____
 Name(s) _____
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 I Prefer Vegetarian Lunch Option _____

Field Trip Choice:
 1. Kayak/Canoe the Saco River
 2. Protecting the Ossipee Pine Barrens
 3. Restoring the Ossipee Pine Barrens
 4. Hike Green Hills Preserve
 5. Tin Mountain Nature Walk
 6. Frank Bolles Preserve
 I cannot attend the meeting, but here is my gift of \$ _____

\$20 per person. Children 10 and under free.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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Pre-registration is required for all.


Directions and confirmation will be mailed upon receipt of your registration.

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New Hampshire chapter of The Nature Conservancy*



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AGENDA:

- 9:30 a.m.: *Registration*
- 10 a.m.: *Meeting begins*
Election of Trustees – State Director's Report
- 11:15 a.m.: *Keynote Presentation by Janisse Ray, author of "Ecology of a Cracker Childhood" and "Wild Card Quilt: Taking a Chance on Home."*
- 12:00 p.m.: *Lunch*
- 1:30 p.m.: *Field Trips Begin (see page 7 for field trips)*



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IN THE HEART OF THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY, ALBANY (NEAR CONWAY), N.H.