

Guild Gathering in the Appalachian Mountain Club's Maine forestlands

August 15 @ 8:00 am - August 16 @ 4:00 pm | AMC Gorman Chairback Lodge and Cabins

Meals are included for individuals staying at Gorman-Chairback Lodge (dinner, breakfast, and a field lunch are included in your lodging fee). Participants staying elsewhere must provide your own food.

Thursday, August 15

2:00-3:30 Meet at Gorman-Chairback Lodge (see [Google location of AMC's Gorman-Chairback Lodge](#)). Compare two contrasting fish passage sites. Visit a nice hardwood site recently harvested to facilitate glad skiing.

4:30-5:30 Presentation by Dave Publicover and Steve Tatko on ecological management of AMC's forests.

6:00 Dinner

Friday, August 16

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Drive out to KI checkpoint (see [Google location of Katahdin Ironworks State Historic Site](#)).

9:00 Convene at KI checkpoint; add participants; head to Stop 1.

9:45 Stop 1 – Visit plantation, 1st entry thinning in a softwood stand as part of an uneven age conversion.

11:00 Stop 2 – Explore a past high-graded hardwood site currently running heavy to beech. Discuss management options and long-term objectives.

12:00 Lunch stop at Caribou bog bridge. Discuss landscape-scale history. Explore settlement remains.

1:00 Stop 3 – Depart for active harvest off Caribou Pitt Rd. Discuss changing harvest history, including revisiting the slot harvesting method popularized in the early 2000s.

2:15 Stop 4 – Visit a fresh harvest in a hardwood to mixedwood transitional forest, some of which is a first entry for AMC.

3:15 Drive out to the KI checkpoint.

4:00 Optional tour of Katahdin Ironworks and charcoal ironworks history

This event has been assigned 5.0 Category 1 CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters.