

**BELKNAP COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL  
BELKNAP RANGE HIKER CHECK OFF LIST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Age (when finished) \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional) (optional) (optional)

1. \_\_\_ ROWE: 1690 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ GUNSTOCK 2250 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_ BELKNAP 2382 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_ PIPER 2044 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_ WHITEFACE 1664 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_ MACK 1945 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_ KLEM 2001 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_ RAND 1883 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_ ANNA 1670 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_ QUARRY W. 1894 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_ STRAIGHTBACK S. 1890 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_ MAJOR 1786 ft. Date Hiked \_\_\_\_\_ Hike Notes\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*In hike notes section please include such information as: trail conditions (most helpful), hike companions, weather, wildlife observed, etc. Although not required, we would love to have photos of your adventures in the Belknaps.

(see back for important information)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

In order to receive your “Belknop Range Hiker” patch you must hike all 12 mountains listed and fill out the official “check off list” form. If we can not read your name and address we won’t be able to send you a patch. Send the completed form along with \$5 (to cover the cost of the patch and postage) to:

**Don Watson**  
**BCSA Hike Program**  
**12 Foxglove Road**  
**Gilford, NH 03249**

(please make checks payable to: BCSA)

The patch is awarded on the honor system. You may hike these mountains in what ever order you wish and there is no time limit for completing them (unless this program is terminated for some unforeseen reason in the future).

### MAPS AND BOOKS

You will absolutely need a good trail map to find and navigate the many and often confusing trails in the Belknop Range. Also, many of the mountains have local names that are not shown on USGS topographic maps. The very best maps were created by Dave Roberts and Weldon Bosworth and can be obtained from:

- [www.belknoprang.org](http://www.belknoprang.org) Website of the Belknop Range Conservation Coalition

PDF map as well as trail descriptions.

- Gilford Public Library (603) 524-6042

They generally have a good supply of maps available for a modest fee (to cover the cost of printing).

- Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Center Barnstead (603) 269-3900, Gilman Library in Alton (603) 875-2550

- In the book “Stepping Stones Across New Hampshire” by Jay Long with maps by Dave Roberts

An outstanding book about the geology of the Belknop Range with excellent Dave Roberts trail map

Can be ordered from: Enfield Publishing 632-7377 [www.enfieldbooks.com](http://www.enfieldbooks.com)

Also available for loan from the Gilford or Wolfeboro library

There are several other books that offer good descriptions of many of the trails although the maps are poor or non-existent. They can be purchased at outdoor stores like EMS and some are available for loan from the Gilford library.

- “Discover Southern New Hampshire” by Monkman. AMC books

- “AMC Southern New Hampshire Trail Guide”

- “50 Hikes in the White Mountains 6<sup>th</sup> edition” by Doan. Backcountry Guides

- “Hiking New Hampshire 2<sup>nd</sup> edition” by Pletcher. Falcon Guide

- “Hikers Guide to the Mountains of New Hampshire 2<sup>nd</sup> edition” by Gange. Huntington Graphics

### SAFETY

**It is extremely important that you have a map and compass and the ability to use them when hiking in the Belknop Mountain Range.** There are many unofficial private trails and old logging roads that can be confusing. Also, summer vegetation and winter snow can make some of the less used trails difficult to follow. Trail heads and intersections can be obscure and have no signs. Several peaks have multiple trails leaving from the top which may not lead where you want to go. Know where you are going and how to return! Wear appropriate clothing for the season in layers. **Carry a whistle, flashlight, rain coat and extra food, water and clothing in a daypack.** Some trails can be very challenging, leading up and over ledges and down very steep pitches. These should be avoided in wet and slippery conditions. Expect packed snow and ice in the winter. Use snowshoes with “teeth”, crampons or other aggressive traction cleats.

### ETIQUETTE

The Belknop Mountains are an interesting mix of public and mostly private land. To a large extent, it is the generosity of private land owners that allow us to enjoy the Belknops. Please treat the parking areas, trails, and mountains with the utmost care and respect. Practice low impact, pack it in pack it out, ethics. Generally, it is day use only and no fires or overnight camping is allowed. The health of the Belknops, and your access to them, depend upon you!

**HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK**

For more information visit our website at [www.belknopsportsmensclub.com](http://www.belknopsportsmensclub.com)