

# Annual Androscoggin River Watershed Conference



**Tuesday, October 5, 2021  
(8:45 to 2:30)**

**Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort**

## **Covid 19 Protocols**

**All staff and attendees required to wear appropriate masks  
Box lunches served to reduce contact  
Eating available in 3 or more locations (one weather dependent)  
Continental Breakfast spread out – serving on one side of layout only**

**The Androscoggin River Watershed Conference will be back live this fall with the morning topics covering a range of issues and an after-lunch discussion on the future of the river and watershed. Topics include watershed geology, interrelationship of nature and health, water flow regimes, and forestry impact on aquatic life with emphasis on brook trout.**

**The conference should be of interest to anyone who has an interest in the land and water resources in Androscoggin watershed. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts, outfitters, tourism service providers, land trusts, and municipal officials will find sessions of interest.**

## **Concurrent Sessions #1 9:00 – 10:15**

**Watershed Geology:** The session will address the rocks and minerals and artifacts, including Native American artifacts, of the Androscoggin watershed and Western Maine. Mark Brockmann, Geologist

**Nature and Human Health:** We have all heard how exposure to nature improves our mental and physical health. The presenters will take a closer look at this relationship so that we come away with a deeper understanding. Corrie Washow, Counselor and Principal, Elemental Counseling; Rebecca Boulos, Executive Director, Maine Public Health Association; and Alicia Heyburn, Executive Director, Teens to Trails.

**Concurrent Sessions #2**  
**10:30 – 11:45**

**The Impacts of Climate on Rivers and Streams:** The Androscoggin River flows vary widely from drought conditions that make boating difficult to floods that threaten neighborhoods and infrastructure. Likewise, drought and periods of excessive rain impact the human enjoyment and the fish and wildlife habitat of lakes and streams. Speakers will address the needs and desires of various stakeholders and the issues from both a human and fisheries and wildlife perspective.

**Forestry and its Long-term impacts on Aquatic Habitat:** Fish and other aquatic life do not exist in a world devoid of outside influences. Presenters will discuss how forest practices and stewardship impact aquatic life with particular emphasis on Brook Trout. Jeff Reardon, Brook Trout Project Director, Maine Trout Unlimited; Charles Gauvin, former CEP of national Trout Unlimited and Conservationist; Larry Ely, Stewardship Chair, Mahoosuc Land Trust.

**11:45 – 1:15**  
**Lunch and Lunchtime Presentations**

**ARWC projects**  
**Overview of Grant programs for Aquatic Habitat Protection and Infrastructure Improvement**  
**Newest Conservation Efforts**

**1:15 – 2:30**

**The Future of the Androscoggin River and its Watershed:** Several speakers will provide brief overviews of their perspective of the Androscoggin from its headwaters in Lake Umbagog to Merrymeeting Bay. The presentations will lead into an open discussion by attendees on their perspectives, dreams and desires.

**Registration at**

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