Sustainable New England: Sea to Summit

Organizers: National Network for Sustainable Living Education (NNSLE), Climate Science Initiative (CSI), and National Extension Energy Initiative (NEEI)
Registration Deadline: April 24, 2016
Cost: $560; includes tour accommodations, transportation, activity fees, and meals (late registration $660)

Registration for the joint conference, Building a Path to Resiliency, is now open, and we would like to draw your attention to the pre-conference study tour, Sustainable New England: Sea to Summit, and encourage your participation. It is a great way to learn about northern New England and spend some quality time with your ANREP and NACDEP colleagues from across the country.

The study tour can accommodate a maximum of 32 participants. We need to confirm room reservations by Apr 24, so register as early as possible to secure your spot. After Apr 24 we will accept registrations only if there are additional rooms available. Registration includes meals from lunch Fri to lunch Sun, accommodations Fri and Sat nights, and all activity fees. You are responsible for accommodations Thu night, and breakfast Fri morning.

We will gather at 6:15 a.m. in Bangor, ME on Fri Jun 24 then head to Mt Desert Island, home of Acadia National Park. We will hit the high seas with Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co for the morning, looking for whales, puffins, and other marine creatures. In the afternoon we will enjoy the spectacular scenery of Acadia while learning about research and programs related to climate change and sustainability. We will spend the night at the College of the Atlantic, a carbon-neutral campus, feast on lobster and other treats, and learn about the College’s sustainability efforts.

On Sat Jun 25 we head to the mountaintops of New Hampshire for a trip up the historic Mt Washington Auto Road. We will tour the Weather Observatory and museum at the infamously extreme summit, and take in views of the Presidential Range. The Appalachian Mountain Club’s Highland Center will be our home for the night, where we will learn about research programs that link New England climate data with issues facing New England forests and forest managers.

Our final day, Sun Jun 26, starts with a tour of La Cité Écologique of New Hampshire, an eco-village in northern NH. Members of the community will share their experiences creating a sustainable community that includes a maple sugar bush, solar energy, mushroom cultivation, vegetable gardens, a K-12 school, and an import business. After enjoying a lunch of pizza made in a wood-fired oven, we head to Burlington for the opening reception of the conference.

We look forward to seeing you on the tour! Please contact any member of the planning team if you have questions:
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