



## Fall Foliage Tour Update October 3 and 4, 2020 Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

Seven Maine State members with their husbands or significant others met at the Irving station in Sherman Station on October 3, 2020 to participate in the Fall Foliage Tour of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (KWWNM) hosted by Elaine Hendrickson (Delta) and her husband, Eric. On the first day, Beth (Nu) and Paul Chamberlin, Judy (Omicron) and Buster Gilbert, Carrie Reed (Delta) and Ed Karpinski, Gina (Mu) and Roger Fuller, Nancy (Gamma) and Ted Ruark, and Priscilla McFarland (Theta) toured the Loop Road in a car caravan stopping at a number of sites along the way. At the Scenic Overlook, Ranger Tyler Young, met us to talk about his job and what KWWNM has to offer. One of the stops was along the edge of the East Branch of the Penobscot River where Donn Fendler, Lost on a Mountain in Maine, was rescued by the McMoarns who ran Lunksoos camps at the time.

All but one couple, spent the night at Mt. Chase Lodge owned and operated by Lindsay and Mike Downing. COVID restrictions were in place to make all of us feel very safe enjoying Mike's gourmet meal and spending the night in the Lodge.

Sunday dawned overcast, but after a huge breakfast we were still in good spirits for the hike. Eleven of us hiked over 7 miles from Bowlin Camps to Grand Pitch on the East Branch and back. We stopped at the International Appalachian Trail Grand Pitch Lean-To for lunch in the rain! Many of the group raved about the view of the falls making the long hike worth it.

The Fall Foliage Tour raised \$147 that has been donated to the Founders' Fund.  
Submitted by Elaine Hendrickson



Ted and Nancy  
Ruark eating lunch  
at the Scenic  
Overlook.



Judy and Buster Gilbert  
crossing the suspension  
bridge at Bowlin  
Camps.



Gina Fuller  
hugging a tree!



Priscilla McFarland  
enjoying her lunch in  
the rain!