

## FFLA 2025 New Hampshire Chapter Report

The FFLA NH Chapter began the year with 34 paid and two complimentary members: 18 Plus and 16 Regular members. During the year 5 Plus members renewed as Regular while 3 Regular members renewed as Plus. Two members, one Plus and one Regular did not renew their memberships. One new member joined as Regular. At the end of the year there were 15 Plus members, 18 Regular members; 33 paid members and 2 complimentary.

There were no Chapter activities. As was done in 2024, Henniker, NH member Dale Clement and friends opened Craney Hill tower on Saturday and Sunday of Columbus Day Weekend and the following weekend. Dale reported that several hundred folks signed the guest book. He handed out FFLA brochures to which I stapled a "welcome" letter. This proved far less expensive than mailing out sample copies of the Lookout Network. Thus far we again have seen no new members join. We'll likely try this option again this year.

Pending final statistics from the State, New Hampshire had 138 human caused fires which burned 140.3 acres and three lightning caused fires which burned 2 acres for totals of 141 fires and 142.3 acres. The White Mountain National Forest had 15 human caused fires which burned 3.6 acres and one lightning fire which burned 1/10 acre for a total of 16 fires and 3.7 acres. These statistics were very favorable for a year that saw very dry late summer and fall conditions. The month plus long State-wide fire ban likely prevented much higher numbers of fires and acres burned.

FFLA members staffed Green Mt, Blue Job, Mt. Pawtuckaway, and Warner Hill. Cardigan was partly staffed by an FFLA member. Miller Park (Pack Monadnock), Kearsarge, and Oak Hill were also staffed. Red Hill continues to be operated by a private association. Arthur LeClair, one of the lookouts at Blue Job reported that his tower was staffed 70 days this season, much of it August - October. These last two years have been unusually dry; some past years towers have been staffed less than 15 days.

No news from the Cohos Trail Association regarding Deer Mountain in Pittsburg, NH.

Happy Trails,  
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