2012 Education and Outreach Grant

Fire Towers and Land Stewardship

Project Summary
The Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) provided a $5,000 Education and Outreach Grant to the Essex County Historical Society/Adirondack History Center Museum and the Adirondack Fire Tower Association to bring awareness to the history and ongoing role of fire towers in regional land stewardship. The project uses the museum’s fire tower exhibition and new interpretive materials to enhance participants’ learning experience. After an orientation on regional fire towers at the museum, participants are given an opportunity to visit mountaintop fire towers to explore issues of land stewardship.

The project included preparing and printing an interpretive booklet for project participants, testing the interpretive materials with youth groups, and updating and opening the fire tower exhibit at museum. Community outreach included notification to schools in New York and Vermont, and press releases and promotion to the general public. Project activities educate participants using the museum’s fire tower and exhibit with the opportunity to climb the Poke-O-Moonshine fire tower.

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Adirondack lookout towers are worth the climb!

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