

Katahdin Woods & Waters



Protect & Enjoy: East Branch Penobscot

Katahdin Woods & Waters (ME): How about some good news on National Monuments? The significant boating resources of the new Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument appears to be safe, after the Interior department's review did not include it in the list of Monuments for reduction or elimination. American Whitewater is actively participating in the National Park Service planning process and will keep you informed when opportunities for public input arise.

Connecticut River (VT,NH,ME)



Restore

Connecticut River (VT,NH,ME): American Whitewater is deeply involved in the relicensing of five hydro-projects across. Two of the reaches, Turners Falls and Bellows Falls, are both de-watered with no base flows for habitat or recreation. Bellows Falls has a dangerous and obsolete low-head dam. We're advocating for boatable minimum flows, habitat restoration, effective passage & scheduled summertime releases on both sections. On the Sumner Falls and Mongaup reaches we're working towards more release days, at optimal flows and better communication of generation release schedules.

Missisquoi River (VT) Farmington River (CT)



Protect: Wild & Scenic

Wild & Scenic Rivers: We'll be celebrating the recent 2014 designation of the Wild and Scenic Upper Missisquoi River and Trout River, whose designation efforts we supported. On the Lower Farmington & Salmon Brook, American Whitewater will be supporting efforts to designate the river, including the popular Tariffville, or T'ville whitewater section. The Wild and Scenic designation bill for the Lower Farmington was introduced and passed the Senate and is currently waiting at the front of the queue for the House to take up land bills.