“By the turn of the century, much of New Hampshire’s forests had been cleared of timber. Loggers cleared most the area’s pine during the late nineteenth century and much of the hardwood during the early twentieth century. As a result, major fires swept through the slash that littered the cutover land. These “cut-and-run” practices severely damaged the soil and, in many places, hindered natural reforestation. As a result, many land owners ceased paying property taxes and let their cut over land revert to government ownership. In 1911, the Weeks Act authorized the federal government to acquire land in the eastern United States in order to establish National Forests. In 1914, large tracts of land in New Hampshire became the White Mountain National Forest.” – Excerpt from Bartlett Lodge National Register Evaluation.
New National Forests needed new management and administration resources, including buildings
to operate out of. Just seven years after the White Mountain National Forest was
established, a Ranger Station was built in Bartlett, New Hampshire to house the new forest’s
ranger and his family. Eight years later, the Forest Service turned the building and
management over to the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station (later called the Northeastern
Research Station), which was the first agency of its type in this part of the States. The site became the new
headquarters of the Bartlett Experimental Forest. Not long after, with help of the Civilian
Conservation Corps, the site gained several more buildings to support its operations.

Our project partner shares, “Built by the CCC in 1934 to serve as the HQ of the Bartlett
Experimental Forest, the Bartlett Lodge is a federal-style, two story building that houses summer seasonal staff and members of a Veterans Conservation Corps.”

Read about the accomplishments of the Northeastern Research Station here.

Bartlett, NH was settled after 1769 and incorporated in 1790. By 1865, Bartlett became a rail
town; and 100 years later it became what we know it for today: a tourism and ski town.

**WHAT:** Volunteers worked with field staff to learn and improve their skills at the following tasks:

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<th>Task</th>
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<td>1. Paint lodge exterior</td>
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<td>2. Repair &amp; replace the lodge’s damaged exterior siding, trim, and porch lattice</td>
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**WHERE:** We worked just on the edge of beautiful Bartlett, NH (map).
Coordinates (vicinity): 44.0751858, -71.2908707