Project Partner: White Mountain National Forest

Scope of Work:

The rehabilitation of Smarts Mountain Lookout Tower and Cabin included:

- Smarts Mountain Fire Lookout Tower
  - Repairing and replacing stair treads and landings
  - Removing non-historic metal tablework and attached mountings
  - Rehabilitating the 7ft x 7ft cab including windows and door hatch
  - Installing a lightening protection system

- Smarts Mountain Cabin
  - Making minor foundation repairs
  - Repairing and repainting the siding
  - Rehabilitating the windows and doors

History:

Smarts Mountain went into service in 1915. It was created for lookouts to locate fires in the area. Topographic maps weren’t available in the early 1900s and the lookouts depended on highway maps, drawings, and their own local knowledge. Over the years, Smarts Mountain was operated by a range of organizations including the Dartmouth Outing Club and U.S. Forest Service. Come out to volunteer and help HistoriCorps celebrate the lookouts who have watched from Smarts in the past. You will be joining a long line of individuals who have helped preserve Smarts Mountain Fire Lookout Tower over the years. For a great explanation of the history of Smarts Mountain Fire Lookout Tower by New Hampshire Fire Lookout Historian Iris W. Baird, click here.

Project Location:

Smarts Mountain Fire Lookout Tower is located within the White Mountains of New Hampshire, near the Appalachian trail.

GPS Coordinates
43.825667, -72.038667

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