

# **Climb Watatic Mountain**

**Next Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004**

**Car Pool leaves at 9:00 AM from Bill Towle's**

**Hike starts from Southern Trailhead in Ashburnham, MA  
on Rt 119, 1.4 mi West of junction with Rt 101.**

Schedule: HIKE to summit (600 foot rise, loop trail 2.7 miles).  
1 hour drive each way (Sudbury-Watatic)  
and a minimum of 2 hours on Mt., plus lunch. (4 to 5 hours total).

**Challenging Outing for RMA'ers.**

**Rise and distance similar to last year's Mt. Wachusett climb.**

**WE NEED A CLEAR DAY!** Check Email or call if weather uncertain.

Recommend: Boots, water, snack and wrap. No services at summit.  
Late lunch optional on the way home.

Come early to allow time to set up car pooling. We leave at 9:00 am!

Directions to Bill Towle's house:

To junction of **Rt. 27 & Concord Road** in Old Historic Sudbury Center.

At lights go **North 0.9 miles** on Concord Road to right onto New Bridge Rd.

Towle's at 142 New Bridge Rd. is **sixth house on left**.

Hint: New Bridge Rd. is on a sweeping turn **just after Nixon School** zone.

Questions? Bill Towle 978-443-2838, billtowle@aol.com

**I thank Luther Davis for suggesting this climb and for the following words of advice:**

**"Mt. Watatic has a loop trail of about 2.7 miles with a vertical climb of about 600 feet. If someone is concerned about rough or steep parts of the trail, they can take the trail with the easier grade both up and back. I usually take the steeper trail up and the more gradual one down (counter clockwise). I've enclosed a map on which I've shown where to park, the trails and where the roads go. At the very top find the other trail off the summit. It is well marked (don't go down the road more than about 100 yards). It can be windy cold on the open summit. I suggest everyone carry a wind jacket and a bottle of water (I carry a small pack with a snack).**

**It takes a little over an hour to get there and its about 43 miles. You go out route 2 to the circle in Concord, then out route 2A to where it turns left in Littleton Common and go straight ahead on route 119 through Groton until you get to the mountain. The parking is on route 119 about 1.4 miles beyond the junction of route 101. It can hold a dozen cars or so and can overflow onto the grass along the highway. It would probably be best to do some car pooling since it is along drive."**