

Location: Intersection of Safford Brook Trail and A.T.

1. NOTE DIRECTION FROM WHICH HIKER ARRIVED AT THE INTERSECTION. NO NEED TO INTERVIEW THOSE COMING FROM THE EAST FROM LITTLE BIGELOW.

- From the North – Safford Brook Trail
- From the West – Bigelow Range Trail/A.T. (From the high peaks of the Bigelow Range)

GREET HIKERS: Hello, I am conducting a short survey about impressions of visitors to the Bigelow Preserve. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential.

2. In which direction are you heading?

- West towards Avery Peak (SKIP TO Q4)
- Safford Brook Trail (SKIP TO Q4)
- East towards Little Bigelow (CONTINUE)

3. Are you heading as far as the East Peak of Little Bigelow? (SHOW ON MAP IF NECESSARY)

- YES (Great! Please be sure to talk with my colleagues on top of Little Bigelow)
- NO (CONTINUE)
- REFUSED (CONTINUE – ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU CAN)
- DON'T KNOW (CONTINUE – SEE ALTERNATIVE WORDING FOR Q4)

4. Why aren't you planning to hike over to the East Peak of Little Bigelow? (PROBE FOR DETAILS AND KNOWLEDGE/IMPRESSIONS OF THE LITTLE BIGELOW SEGMENT OF THE TRAIL)
(FOR "DON'T KNOW" IN Q3: Why aren't you sure whether or not you will hike to the East Peak of Little Bigelow?)

- HIKING IT LATER DURING THIS TRIP/VISIT (Great! Do you have any particular expectations for that part of your trip? IF "VIEWS" MENTIONED ASK: "What about the views?")

5. How long ago was the last time you hiked to the East Peak of Little Bigelow?

HAVE NEVER HIKED TO THE EAST PEAK OF LITTLE BIGELOW

_____ YEARS _____ MONTHS

6. How many people are you hiking with today? _____ REFUSED

7. What was your point of entry into the Bigelow Preserve? (CHECK ONE. REFER TO MAP IF NEEDED)

- Bigelow Range Trail (West – Stratton)
- Appalachian Trail/A. T. (South, off Rte. 16)
- Fire Warden’s Trail (Stratton Brook Pond)
- Safford Brook Trail
- Appalachian Trail/A.T. (North off Long Falls Dam Road)
- REFUSED

8. Where do you plan to exit from the Bigelow Preserve? (CHECK ONE. REFER TO MAP IF NECESSARY)

- Bigelow Range Trail (West – Stratton)
- Appalachian Trail/A. T. (South, off Rte. 16)
- Fire Warden’s Trail (Stratton Brook Pond)
- Safford Brook Trail
- Appalachian Trail/A.T. (North off Long Falls Dam Road)
- REFUSED

9. Are you day hiking or overnight camping? (CHECK ONE)

- Day Hiking
- Overnight Hiking (CLARIFY NOT A.T. T-H)
- A.T. Thru-Hiker
- REFUSED

10. Including this visit, how many separate trips to the Bigelow Preserve have you made in the last **three years**?

Number of trips: _____ → (IF 1: Is this your first visit? YES NO) REFUSED

11. On average, about how many days a year do you hike? (INCLUDE DAY HIKES AND OVERNIGHTS)

Average Number of Days Hiking per year: _____ REFUSED

Classification: The last few classification questions allow us to develop a demographic profile of visitors to the Bigelow Preserve.

18. What, if any, outdoor organizations do you belong to? (DO NOT READ LIST) (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- NONE
- APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB (A.M.C.)
- APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY (A.T.C.)
- SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE OF MAINE
- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- OTHER (*Please specify*) _____
- REFUSED

19. Into which of the following ranges does your age fall? (READ LIST) (CHECK ONE BOX)

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older
- REFUSED

20. What is the 5-DIGIT zip code where your primary residence is located? _____

21. What is the 5-DIGIT zip code where your second home in Maine is located? _____
 No Second Home

22. Gender (BY OBSERVATION): MALE FEMALE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME! ENJOY YOUR HIKE!

DATE: _____ TIME: _____ AM/PM WEATHER/CLARITY: _____