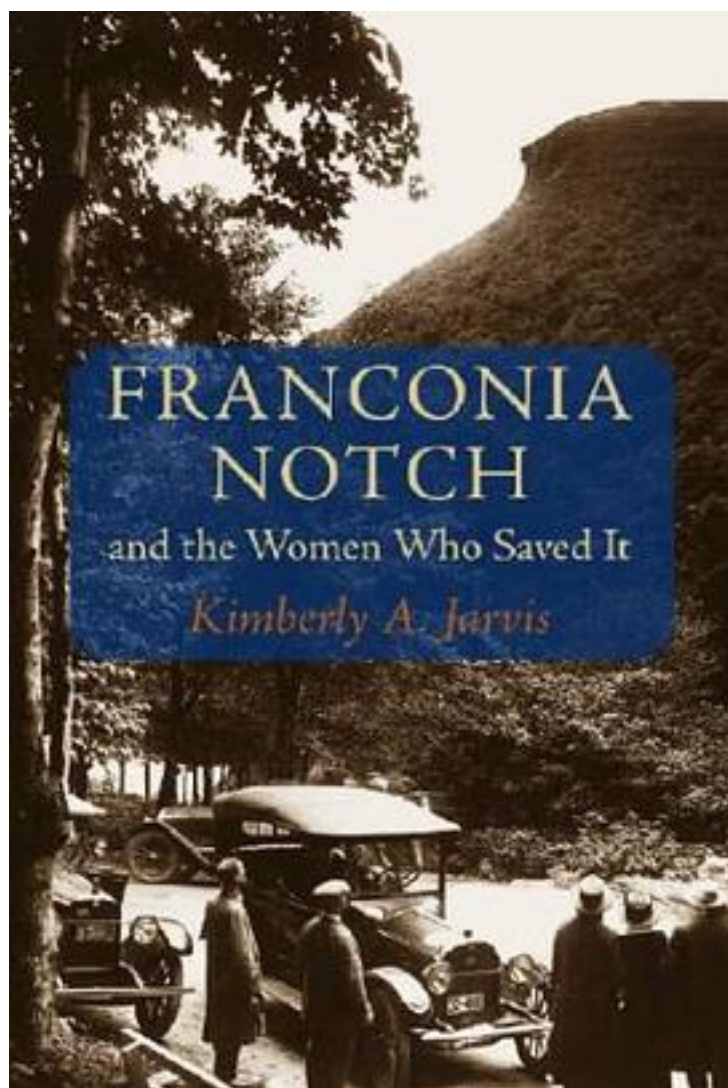


# Franconia Notch and the Women Who Saved it



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The "heart of New Hampshire," the 6,000-acre Franconia Notch nestled deep in the majestic White Mountains, has been a well-loved summer resort and tourist destination since the nineteenth century. When in 1923 a devastating fire destroyed the famous grand hotel the Profile House and the hotel owners decided against rebuilding, lumber companies eagerly moved in to evaluate the timber in the region. A vigorous campaign to save the pristine Franconia Notch wilderness rapidly galvanized around the efforts of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Granite State's premier force dedicated to conservation. Support poured in from local, state, regional, and national sources as the Franconia Notch campaign gathered steam in a bid to acquire and preserve the Notch. The New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs was a particularly spirited participant--and a key to the campaign's success. In 1928 the effort culminated in the creation of Franconia Notch Forest Reservation and War Memorial, today's magnificent Franconia Notch State Park. Franconia Notch and the Women Who Saved It is the story of this remarkable grassroots movement. In crisp prose, author Kimberly A. Jarvis applies meticulous scholarly skills to previously untapped archival material and weaves her findings into the dynamic conversations now being carried on among environmental historians and scholars of New England regional culture. Scholars and readers who love history and nature will enjoy Jarvis's fresh take on a story they thought they knew well.

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