

Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail



1853. REFLECTING ON HIS TRIP:
 "Why should not we...have our national reserves, where no villages need be destroyed, in which the bear and panther...may still exist, and not be 'civilized off the face of the earth,'—our forests...to hold and preserve the...lord of creation, not for idle sport or food, but for inspiration and our own true recreation? or shall we, like the villains, grab them all up, poaching on our own national domains?"

1846. CLIMBING KATAHDIN:
 "There it was, the State of Maine, which we had seen on the map, but not much like that, —immeasurable forest for the sun to shine on, that eastern stuff we hear of in Massachusetts. No clearing, no house. ...Countless lakes...and mountains, also, whose names, for the most part, are known only to Indians."

