

## Location: East Peak of Little Bigelow Mountain

1. NOTE DIRECTION FROM WHICH HIKER ARRIVED ON EAST LITTLE BIGELOW PEAK.

- From the East – Long Falls Dam Road (Heading South on the A.T.)
- From the West – Rest of the Bigelow Range (Heading North on the A.T.)

2. OBSERVE REACTIONS OF HIKERS TO VIEWS: WHAT THEY LOOK AT FIRST, WHERE TIME SPENT, EXPRESSIONS USED (VERBAL AND FACIAL IF POSSIBLE)

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

3. How many people are you hiking with today? \_\_\_\_\_  REFUSED

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

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

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

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Hiking                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> A.T. Thru-Hiker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Hiking (CLARIFY <u>NOT</u> A.T. T-H) | <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED         |

7. 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

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

Average Number of Days Hiking per year: \_\_\_\_\_  REFUSED

9. Why did you decide to visit the Bigelow Preserve for this trip? What are your reasons for hiking today? (PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL REASONS)

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10. Which of those reasons would you say is your primary reason? (MAKE NOTE OF ONE REASON)

11. Let's think of a ten-point scale where "1" means very low scenic value and "10" means very high scenic value. What outdoor destination in Maine have you visited that you would rate "8 - 10" as having high to very high scenic value? (WRITE ONE LOCATION – TRY TO AVOID "DON'T KNOW")

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12. And, using the same ten-point scale, what outdoor destination in Maine have you visited that you would rate much lower, say "1 - 4" for its scenic value? (WRITE ONE LOCATION – TRY TO AVOID "DON'T KNOW")

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13. In addition to Little Bigelow Mountain, what other viewpoints in the Bigelow Preserve have you experienced during this trip? (READ LIST IF NEEDED - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |                                    |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None           | <input type="checkbox"/> The Horns | <input type="checkbox"/> Avery Peak     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Peak | <input type="checkbox"/> West Peak | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Man's Head |

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. From the East Peak of Little Bigelow, where you are standing right now, you essentially have three primary views: (READ LIST – POINT TO VIEWS – ROTATE BY STARTING AT CHECKED BOX)

- a.  Looking **West** you can see the peaks of the Bigelow Range: \_\_\_\_\_  REFUSED
- b.  Looking **South** you can see Sugarloaf Mountain: \_\_\_\_\_  REFUSED
- c.  Looking **East** you can see a series of additional mountains: \_\_\_\_\_  REFUSED

Using the same ten-point scale we used previously where “1” means very low scenic value and “10” means very high scenic value, I’d like you to please rate the scenic value of each of the three views you see. (REFER TO VIEWS AGAIN AND RECORD RATING ON LINES PROVIDED)

15. (ASK RESPONDENT TO TURN AWAY FROM THE VIEW **EAST**. POINT RESPONDENT NORTH WHERE THE VIEW IS OBSCURED) Please look at this photograph taken looking **East** toward that series of additional mountains. (HAND PHOTOGRAPH TO RESPONDENT) On the same ten-point scale where “1” means very low scenic value and “10” means very high scenic value, please rate the scenic value of this view as depicted by the photograph.

<u>Very Low Scenic Value</u>	<u>Very High Scenic Value</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>Don’t Know</u>
01   02   03   04   05   06	07   08   09   10	98	99

16. (COLLECT PHOTO) Please look at this photo simulation of a wind power project that has been proposed on two of the mountains among that series of additional mountains. (HAND IMAGE TO RESPONDENT) On the same ten-point scale where “1” means very low scenic value and “10” means very high scenic value, please rate the scenic value of this view as depicted by the photograph.

<u>Very Low Scenic Value</u>	<u>Very High Scenic Value</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>Don’t Know</u>
01   02   03   04   05   06	07   08   09   10	98	99

17. Earlier we discussed the three primary views from the East Peak of Little Bigelow where you currently stand: **West** to the peaks of the Bigelow Range, **South** to Sugarloaf Mountain and **East** to a series of additional mountains. Considering these as a whole, think about how your overall enjoyment of coming here today would be affected if the view to the **East** was changed to include the wind turbines as shown in the image you just reviewed. Using a ten-point scale where “1” means a very negative effect and “10” means a very positive effect on your enjoyment, how would your overall enjoyment be affected?

<u>Very Negative Effect</u>	<u>Very Positive Effect</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>Don’t Know</u>
01   02   03   04   05   06	07   08   09   10	98	99

18. Why do you say that? (PROBE FOR DETAILS. IF RATING IS 5 OR LESS ASK: In your opinion, would the turbines have more, the same or less impact than other existing large projects within view such as the Sugarloaf Ski Area and the airport? Why?)

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19. Again, considering all three primary views, please think about how this change in the view to the **East** would affect your likelihood of returning to this summit, the East Peak of Little Bigelow. Using a ten-point scale where “1” means you are much less likely to return and “10” means you are much more likely to return, how likely are you to return to the East Peak of Little Bigelow given the change in that view to the **East**?

<u>Less Likely to Return</u>				<u>More Likely to Return</u>				<u>Refused</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>		
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	98	99

20. Using a ten-point scale where “1” means do not support at all and “10” means completely support, to what extent do you not support or support commercial-scale wind energy development in Maine?

<u>Do Not Support at All</u>				<u>Completely Support</u>				<u>Refused</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>		
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	98	99

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

21. 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

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 | <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED     |

23. What is the 5-DIGIT zip code where your primary residence is located? \_\_\_\_\_

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

25. Gender (BY OBSERVATION):       MALE       FEMALE

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME! ENJOY YOUR HIKE!**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM      WEATHER/CLARITY: \_\_\_\_\_