



THE FIRST BRIDLE PATH (1819)

Comic by Marek Bennett

How many ways are there to tell a story? As many as you can imagine! You can write a paper, put together an exhibit, sing a song, build a website, share tales around a campfire, or create a comic. And history is full of stories to tell!

In this comic, Marek tells the story of Ethan Allen Crawford, an early pioneer who helped develop the White Mountains for tourism, and the first bridle path to the summit of Mount Washington, which Ethan built in 1819. It is the oldest continuously used hiking path in America.*



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WHEN THE FACT OF
THIS PATH WAS
PUBLISHED



THE FAME OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAINS
SPREAD LIKE
WILD FIRE



AND SOON THERE
CAME SO MANY
VISITORS



THAT ETHAN
BEGAN TO
PERCEIVE



THE NEED
FOR A HIGH
CABIN

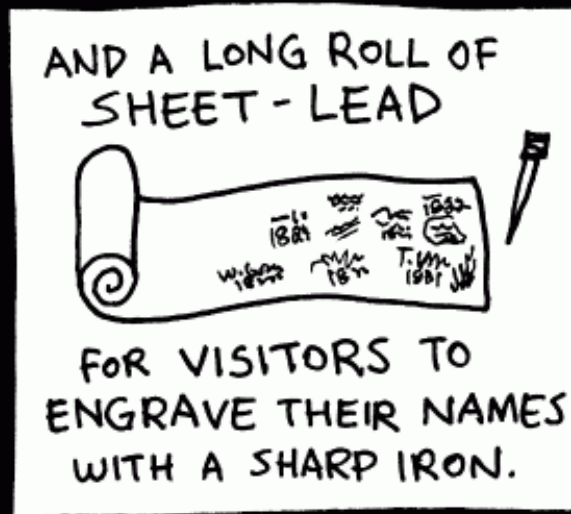
WHERE
VISITORS
COULD STOP
THROUGH
THE NIGHT.







TO SECURE THE
CAMPING BLANKETS





ABOUT NEW HAMPSHIRE CARTOONIST MAREK BENNETT

Marek Bennett makes comics and music in New Hampshire. He is also an educator and leads discovery workshops for all ages throughout New England and beyond. Marek is the founder of "Live Free and Draw," an independent visual storytelling project exploring the history of New Hampshire through comics drawn from historical sources.

So why does Marek focus on New Hampshire? He answers with a comic!



Marek has published several comic books, including a series on a Civil War soldier from New Hampshire named Freeman Colby. To find out more about Marek, his books, and his workshops, check out his website at www.marekbennett.com. To enjoy more comics about the Granite State, see the Live Free and Draw website at www.livefreeanddraw.com

