



MT CRAWFORD SUMMIT

3119 FT
WHITE MOUNTAINS
BARTLETT, NH
OCTOBER 1, 2005

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AT 3119 FT, MT CRAWFORD IS NOT EVEN IN THE 4000 FOOT CATEGORY. HOWEVER, ITS LOCATION MAKES IT, ON A CLEAR DAY, A WONDERFUL VANTAGE POINT FROM WHICH TO VIEW THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

THE SUMMIT IS REACHABLE FROM ROUTE 302 IN BARTLETT, NH USING A SPUR OFF THE DAVIS PATH. BUILT IN THE MID 1800'S THE DAVIS PATH WAS ORIGINALLY A BRIDLE PATH LEADING TO THE SUMMIT OF MT WASHINGTON. HIKING THE STEEP SOUTHERN SLOPES OF MT CRAWFORD IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HORSES ONCE TROD THIS PATH.

FACING NORTHWEST ON THE SUMMIT, CRAWFORD NOTCH WILL BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU WITH THE SACO RIVER VALLEY OVER YOUR LEFT SHOULDER. SECTIONS OF THE RIVER AND ROUTE 302 ARE VISIBLE ON THE VALLEY FLOOR. TO YOUR RIGHT IS THE PRESIDENTIAL RANGE INCLUDING MT WASHINGTON ON THE HORIZON. MUCH CLOSER AND FURTHER TO THE RIGHT LIE THE VERY DISTINCTIVE MT STAIRS AND MT RESOLUTION.

THE IMAGE

THE IMAGE CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 57 MILLION PIXELS AND WAS BUILT DIGITALLY BY "STITCHING" TOGETHER 20 INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS ARRAYED IN A SINGLE ROW WITH A 50% OVERLAP. THIS PROCESS PRODUCES AN IMAGE WITH A FULL 360 DEGREE VISUAL ARC.

THE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN USING A KODAK EASYSHARE Z760 DIGITAL CAMERA OPERATING IN 6.1MP MODE MOUNTED ON A TRIPOD EQUIPPED WITH A KAIDAN KIWI PANORAMIC TRIPOD HEAD. THE FILES WERE THEN DOWNLOADED TO AN APPLE POWERBOOK G4 LAPTOP COMPUTER AND LATER PROCESSED USING REALVIZ'S STITCHER EXPRESS AND ADOBE PHOTOSHOP SOFTWARE.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

TOM WRIGHT IS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE WHO IMMIGRATED FROM UPSTATE NEW YORK BY WAY OF VERMONT. HIS INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY IS INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER, WHO WAS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER ALL HIS LIFE, AND HIS LOVE OF ART FROM HIS YOUNGER SON WHO GRADUATED FROM RINGLING SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN IN SARASOTA, FL IN 2005 WITH A DEGREE IN ILLUSTRATION. A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THESE IMAGES GO TO THE THERESE G. WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR STUDENTS AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT MANCHESTER.