

**The Springfield Historical Society proudly presents "Returning
North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist
Edwin Way Teale"
A NH Humanities Program**

On Thursday evening, July 12, 2018, the annual meeting of the Springfield Historical Society will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meetinghouse, 23 Four Corners Rd, Springfield, NH. Election of Officers will take place followed by our evening program at 7:15.

Our speaker will be John R. Harris who is currently Projects Coordinator for the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at Franklin Pierce University. In 1947, Edwin Way Teale, the most popular naturalist in the decade between Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, followed the progress of spring over four months from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington. His best-selling book, *North with the Spring*, recounts the epic journey he and his wife Nellie undertook. In 2012, John Harris set out to retrace Teale's route, stopping at unfamiliar wild places on the same calendar date on which Teale visited. Using Teale's journal notes and photographs, Harris examined and compared changes in the flora, fauna, and lives of the people along the way. His account documents the losses, details the transformations, and celebrates the victories, for a remarkable number of east coast refuges have grown wilder during the intervening years.

Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and the building is handicapped accessible. This program is funded through a grant from NH Humanities. Please call (603)496-5462 for further information. We hope you will join us!