



**Mission:** *to save the century-old, architecturally-rare, and historically-significant Schell Memorial Bridge across the beautiful Connecticut River in the storied town of Northfield, Massachusetts, and to restore the bridge as a critical trail link in the evolving biking, hiking, and recreational activity scene in the Massachusetts/New Hampshire/Vermont area.*

**F**riends of Schell Bridge was formed as a non-profit corporation following the May 2, 2004, Northfield town approval of an engineering study by Smith College to evaluate rehabilitating the bridge for recreational use.

Friends of Schell Bridge has raised funds necessary for the study, and expects to play a major role in raising funds needed for any subsequent restoration and maintenance.

Preliminary indications from the study indicate the bridge can be restored for hiking, biking, and similar recreational activity.

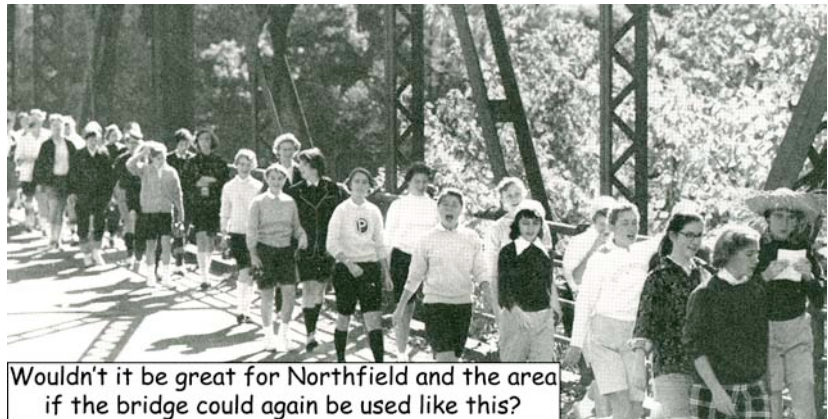
Check out the great Schell Bridge website, with lots of history and news, at the web address above.

Also, consider joining the Schell Bridge online discussion and email listserv group by sending an email note to [schell-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:schell-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

For more information call one of the phone numbers listed above, or email Marie Ferré, Friends of Schell Bridge Chair, at [esrie@crocker.com](mailto:esrie@crocker.com) or Maureen Spaulding, Friends of Schell Bridge Vice Chair, at [mospaulding@comcast.net](mailto:mospaulding@comcast.net).

**Significant events to date for the bridge and Northfield include:**

- 1903 - Schell Bridge completed and put into service in 1904
- 1934 - First American Youth Hostel established in Schell Chateau
- 1936 - Schell survives great flood; many CT river bridges do not
- 1963 - Northfield's famous Schell Chateau demolished
- 1977 - The historic Northfield Inn demolished
- 1977 - MA DPW develops plan to renovate Schell Bridge
- 1985 - Schell Bridge closed
- 1987 - Decision made to demolish Schell Bridge
- 1997 - Schell Bridge demolition contracted, then withdrawn
- 2003 - Schell Bridge in the Preservation Massachusetts, Inc. 2003 list of the 10 most endangered places in MA
- 2004 - Northfield town meeting approves the Smith College rehabilitation study of Schell Bridge
- 2004 - Friends of Schell Bridge (FSB) formed
- 2005 - FSB submits Schell to Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation for its 2005 list of 11 most endangered places nationally
- 2005 - Tri-state trail seminar (March 19), FSB a sponsor



Wouldn't it be great for Northfield and the area if the bridge could again be used like this?

If you would like to support the Friends of Schell Bridge and its mission, please become a member by completing the form below and sending it, with check for selected level, to the address above.

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