

ABINGTON
SPRING 2012

CATHEDRAL LEDGE
NORTH CONWAY, NH





IT WAS THERE, SO HE CLIMBED IT.

The Abington Spring 12 collection was inspired by a time when the mountains of New Hampshire were looked at as obstacles to avoid rather than challenges to conquer. It was inspired by the silhouettes, styles and materials of footwear similar to those they could have worn while on the mountain, and those they had on back at the lodge, planning their route to the top. But this season was inspired particularly by one man who inadvertently started a way of life and industry that hadn't existed yet.



Influenced by what guides hiked in around the early 1920s.

THE FLUME GORGE,
LINCOLN, NH



In 1849, a young well-to-do English gentleman by the name of Frederick Strickland was visiting America. While in Boston, he'd heard stories of the mountains of New Hampshire some miles north. This was a time when hiking these mountains was still a relatively young and uncommon endeavor. And late in October, it was unheard of.

THE FLUME GORGE
LINCOLN, NH



You see, Mr. Strickland was from an upbringing and culture that taught him he could do anything he wanted to do, and that man would always overcome nature. Never mind those who “knew better” and told him that climbing season for Mt. Washington had passed. Or that every 100 feet up the mountain was equivalent to travelling 10 miles toward Canada in terms of weather and temperature. No matter. Frederick was a man that would not be denied.

Classic ankle-height
hiking-inspired footwear
from a time when exploring
mountains was just beginning.



Inspired by what they put on back
at the lodge after a day of exploring
the New England trails.



RUSTIC LOG CABINS
LISBON, NH

He hired a few men to guide him to the summit, sitting more than 6,000 ft. higher than the city of Boston. Half way up, the deep snow became impassable for the horses. His guide decided it was futile to continue, and that the party should turn back. But Frederick wasn't about to stop now.

CANNON MOUNTAIN
FRANCONIA, NH



He was going to continue, and become the first man in recorded history to summit Mt. Washington in winter—which is exactly what he did. And shortly after, on his way down the other side, he became the first man to die on Mt. Washington.



Functional features like extra leather trim at the toe provides durability when boating and canoeing.



Patterned after what pre-industrial community workers developing their suddenly-popular resort towns would have worn.



THE COG RAILWAY
BRETTON WOODS, NH

His death didn't necessarily make big news. But it was big enough to spark interest from other likeminded men (and a few women). Today, the White Mountains and surrounding mountains in New Hampshire are among the most popular destinations in the Northeast, with adventure seekers and families alike coming to enjoy their grandeur and beauty. But to climbers, it's still not a place for the timid...or the overconfident.

THE FLUME GORGE
LINCOLN, NH

**THE ABINGTON
ALPINE OX HIKER**

LOWER, LIGHTER, SLEEKER SILHOUETTE

FULL-GRAIN, PREMIUM HORWEEN®
LEATHER UPPERS, LININGS

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TRADITIONAL MOCCASIN SILHOUETTE
ON A WEDGE SOLE

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LEATHER LACES

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ALL FABRIC UPPER FOR LIGHTWEIGHT
BREATHABILITY

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LEATHER TRIM FOR ADDED DURABILITY

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BREASTED HEEL

TRADITIONAL TIMBERLAND
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