

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB: KILLINGTON SECTION OUTINGS ([www.gmckillington.org](http://www.gmckillington.org))**

Newcomers and nonmembers are welcome on our outings. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. This is Vermont! **Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from Main Street Park, near the east end of the fire station off Center Street in Rutland City.** Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Trips vary considerably in level of difficulty. Call hike leader if you have any questions. **HIKE LEADER HAS DISCRETION TO REFUSE ANYONE WHO IS NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED.**

**NOTE: For various reasons after this schedule is printed, hike details may change – please call hike leader to be certain of the details and to find out if the hike is appropriate for your pet.**

**MARCH 2020-JUNE 2020**

**March 15, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Spring (?) Mystery Hike – Destination Unknown**

**Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Well, it's been six weeks since Ground Hog Day and, according to Punxsutawney Phil, it should now be spring. I'll hope he is right, but will choose a destination based on conditions. I'll shoot for a moderate 4+/- miles.

**March 20-22, Friday-Sunday**

**Vermont Ruck, Church of our Saviour, Mission Farm Road, Killington**

A weekend event co-sponsored by the Killington Section and the Appalachian Long-Distance Hikers Association promoting outdoor activities, with guided hikes, workshops, slide presentations and alpine skiing. Registration fee required. All are invited for a spaghetti and meatball dinner, 5:00 pm Saturday, adults \$10, kids under 12 free (bring your own utensils and drinks. Then stay for the keynote speaker, Mike DeBonis, of the Green Mountain Club, "From the Green Mountains to Denali," free-will donation. For schedule updates and more information: [kkrevetski@hotmail.com](mailto:kkrevetski@hotmail.com) or call 802-779-1485.

**March 22, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., East Poultney Green**

**Fairgrounds West Trails, East Poultney**

**Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109**

Explore a trail network created by the Slate Valley Trails Association. And it's Maple Open House Weekend, so be sure to stop in at one of several nearby sugarhouses for a taste! Moderate with some climbing. Dogs must be under control and cleaned up after.

**March 29, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,**

**Spruce Peak, Manchester**

**Allison Henry 779-4404**

A moderate, 6-mile hike with an optional steep scramble to the summit. Microspikes will be needed.

**April 4, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland or 10:00 a.m. Cuttingsville Post Office, Route 103**

**Around Spring Lake, Cuttingsville**

**Gerry & Chryl Martin 492-2244**

We'll start at Minerva Hinchey shelter on the Long Trail and wind down around the Lake. Moderate, approximately 3 miles.

**April 18, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Late Season Ski Session**

**Sandy Bragg 492-2143**

Snowmobile trails close April 15<sup>th</sup>, but there is often plenty of snow for a late season outing, enjoying trails to ourselves. This outing will be open to skiers of all abilities – we'll choose the location based on skier ability (flat terrain for any beginners), as well as snow cover. Our goal is to ski on the trails for a couple of hours at most. If conditions don't allow for a ski, we'll hike the snowmobile trails instead.

**April 19, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Godnick Center, Deer Street, Rutland City**

**Killington Section Annual Meeting and Potluck**

**Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for a potluck meal, followed by a short meeting to update us on trail news and election of officers. All are welcome!

**April 26, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

**Woodford State Park, Woodford**

**Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee 775-3855**

We plan on hiking the Reservoir Trail, which is described on the Park's website as going through woodland and along the lakeside. We can also get in some extra walking by checking out camp sites. The Park lists the Reservoir Trail as an easy 2.7-mile loop. State Park rules require dogs to be on a leash at all times and cleaned up after (including the off season).

**May 2, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Black Mountain Loop, Dresden, New York**

**Allison Henry 779-4404**

Climb to spectacular views and then descend via a loop trail past several remote ponds. Trail may be very wet/muddy. Difficult, 7 miles.

**May 9, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Long Trail Spring Cleaning, Shrewsbury/Wallingford**

**Larry Walter 775-3855, Wayne 282-2237**

All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear water bars, trim brush and cut blowdowns on the lower-elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch/water. Tools will be provided. There's a chore for every ability!

**May 16, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Equinox Preserve, Manchester**

**Sue Thomas 773-2185**

We'll hike wooded trails on the slope of Mount Equinox and look for spring wildflowers, stopping for lunch on the grounds of the Southern Vermont Art Center. Dogs are welcome in the preserve, but must be under control and cleaned up after. Moderate, approximately 4-5 miles and 350' elevation gain.

**May 24, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Hike to a View, Ludlow**

**Jerry Parker 775-6208**

Hike a short, steep bit at the beginning and rewarded with a nice view in 2 directions. Moderate, 3 miles.

**May 30, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.**

**Quechee Gorge State Park, Quechee**

**Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee 775-3855**

We have not decided which area/areas of the Gorge that we will focus on. There are trails on both sides of Route 4, as well as a trail from the Gorge to VINS. Call leaders for final details. State Park rules require dogs to be on a leash at all times and cleaned up after. If we do choose the trail to VINS, this would not be an appropriate hike for dogs.

**June 6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Long Trail Spring Cleaning, Killington**

**Wayne Krevetski 282-2237, Larry Walter 775-3855**

Clear brush and water bars, paint blazes and cut blowdowns, readying the upper elevation stretches of the trail for the summer hiking season. Join us to preserve our local treasure, the Long/Appalachian Trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, lunch/water and bug spray. Tools will be provided.

**June 12-June 14, Friday-Sunday**

**Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting**

Hosted this year by the Sterling Section. See your *Long Trail News* for details or visit [greenmountainclub.org](http://greenmountainclub.org).