

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB: KILLINGTON SECTION OUTINGS (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.**

DECEMBER 2017-MARCH 2018

December 10, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland or 10:00 a.m. Cuttingsville Post Office, Route 103
Patch Hollow Loop **Cindy Taylor Miller 446-2288**
Follow the AT/LT to Patch Hollow, snowshoes may be needed. Moderate, 5 miles.

December 17, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland or 10:00 a.m. Shrewsbury Town Office. Cold River Road
Shrewsbury Area **Barb and Barry Griffith 492-3573**
We'll see what Mother Nature has in store for us and choose a destination to fit. May need snowshoes.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January 6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
Birds Eye Conservation Initiative, Ira/Poultney **Sandy Bragg 492-2143**
Explore some of the newly acquired public land south of Bird Mountain. Moderate to difficult, 5 miles.

January 13, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland or 10:00 a.m. Cuttingsville Post Office, Route 103
Around Spring Lake, Cuttingsville **Gerry and Chryl Martin 492-2244**
Snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Moderate, 4-4.5 miles.

January 21, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Half Moon State Park, Hubbardton **Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee 775-3855**
We'll hike the Half Moon Shore Trail and/or the High Pond Trail. Easy to Moderate, 2-3 miles.

January 28, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Hike **Jerry Parker 775-6208**
Jerry has several destinations in mind and will decide which depending on weather conditions.

February 3, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Mount Tom, Woodstock **Sue Thomas 773-2185**
Snowshoe in Vermont's National Park to enjoy great views from the summit and explore the mysterious Pogue. Moderate, 3.5 miles.

February 10, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Hike
A hike? A snowshoe? A ski?? You decide. Come to the park with ideas.

February 17, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

West Haven Wandering

Herb Ogden 293-2510

Follow gently rolling field lanes and cross overgrown pastures through the Nature Conservancy's Buckner Preserve to an abandoned farm overlooking Lake Champlain. Round trip about 3 miles, with very little climbing. Optional visits to the easy to reach, but hard to find Adams Elbow Cemetery, the easier to reach, but even harder to find Stewart Cemetery and the very old Galick Cemetery. This is all in the part of Vermont reached by traveling WEST from NY into VT. Hike, cross country ski, or snowshoe depending on snow cover.

February 24, Saturday, 9:45 Rutland or 10:30 East Poultney Green (parking lot)

Poultney

Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109

East Poultney area snowshoe. Moderate to moderately difficult depending on conditions, 3-4 miles. Call leader to confirm details.

March 3, Saturday a 10:00 a.m.

Coolidge State Park, Plymouth

Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee 775-3855

A nice hike, with some climbing, through a mix of hardwood and conifer forest with a view of Mount Ascutney from the vista. Moderate, 3-4 miles.