

**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: Hike details may change at the last minute due to various unexpected conditions – always a good idea to call the hike leader to confirm details.**

**SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2018**

**September 8, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**White Rocks Lookout, Wallingford**

**Sandy Bragg 492-2143**

A steady climb on the Long/Appalachian Trail to a view and add a few rocks to the “garden” if you like. Optional extra walk to the ice caves. Some steep grades. Moderate, 4 miles.

**September 15, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.**

**West Hill Cairns, Rochester**

**Larry Walter 775-3855**

Over 100 large, enigmatic stone cairns dot the hillside of the old 19<sup>th</sup> century Smith Farm on West Hill in Rochester (and more than another 100 exist in two other clusters along the same ridge/road). Green Mountain National Forest archaeologists, Dave Lacy (retired) and Andrew Triplett (current) will guide us on a mostly off-trail hike through an area with a high concentration of these structures. They will provide some background and a short history of various research into the character of the structures – and will welcome your fresh ideas as to what they are. Sturdy hiking/walking shoes and long pants are advisable given the slope, rockiness under foot and occasional bushwhacking involved. Moderate, 2 mile loop.

**September 22, Saturday**

**GMC Volunteer Appreciation Day, GMC Headquarters Waterbury Center**

Let the main club show its appreciation for all the work you do – participating in trail maintenance, filling board positions, leading hikes, paddles, bike rides, etc. – and meet folks from other sections for a cookout. See your Long Trail News for details, or visit: [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org).

**September 23, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Family Hiking Day – Little Rock Pond, South Wallingford**

**Cindy Taylor-Miller 446-2288**

Families are encouraged to come for this trail-wide event. We’ll hike the AT/LT to the Pond, with an Optional walk around the perimeter. Check out one of our Long Trail shelters and enjoy a day in the woods with the kids. Easy, 4 miles.

**September 29, Saturday (rain date Sunday), 9:30 a.m. Rutland or 10:00 a.m. Shrewsbury Town Office (Cold River Road)**

**Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury**

**Barb & Barry Griffith 492-3573**

Ascend the Black Swamp Trail to the summit for beautiful views. Some steep climbing and 1,300 feet elevation gain. Moderate, 4.5 miles.

**October 6, Saturday (rain date Sunday), 8:30 a.m., Cuttingsville Post Office (Route 103)**

**Marble Mystery Tour, Cuttingsville**

**For clarification:**

**Peter Grace 492-3529**

Marble remains from inside out,  
Fall colors, no need to shout.  
Walk uphill to share a lunch,  
Walk down to lose the munch.

**October 14, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Dorset Trails, Dorset**

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

Within a two to three-mile radius, there are four trail heads to choose from. Larry and Vivian will be scouting out the trails in September to decide which one or ones to do in October. Depending on the trails chosen, there will be views, stone structures and/or quarries to see. Please contact them shortly before the hike to get details regarding terrain and distance.

**October 21, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Rattlesnake Cliffs, Salisbury**

**Allison Henry 779-4404**

Climb up a rocky trail from Branbury State Park past Falls of Lana for a spectacular view of Lake Dunmore and the Champlain Valley. Difficult, 4.5 miles.

**October 28, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Silver Lake, Leicester**

**Sue Thomas 773-2185**

A short hike down to the Lake for a picnic on the shore. Bring a deck of cards or collect fire wood and cook on the grill. Optional hike around the Lake or to a scenic vista. Then we'll follow a forest road back to the cars. Easy to moderate, 4-5.7 miles.

**November 3, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**"Put the Trail to Bed" Work Party LT/AT**

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

Join us for our last-of-the-season work party. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Tools will be provided.

**November 10, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Coy Hill, Middletown Springs**

**Gerry & Chryl Martin 492-2244**

A safe hunting season walk on dirt roads with nice views, interesting old houses and alpacas. Moderate, approximately 5 miles.

**November 18, Sunday, 1:00 p.m.**

**Annual Fall Potluck Lunch, Godnick Center, Deer Street, Rutland City**

**Sue Thomas 773-2185**

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting for our annual hunting season tradition. All are welcome. It's a great way to get to know the Killington Section! Following the meal, we'll have a slide presentation and maybe a short walk.

**December 1, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.**

**The Pinnacle, Westminster**

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

Loop trail to a ridge top and eventual summit of the Pinnacle with lean-to and beautiful views. The peak is 1,683 feet high, but the elevation gain for this hike is 643 feet. Moderate, 3.9 miles.

### **THURSDAY HIKE SCHEDULE**

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of hikes for those who wish to enjoy their outings at a less strenuous pace. The hikes typically cover two to four miles, involve limited to moderate elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Meet on **Thursdays at 9 am** at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to car pool. We return in early to mid-afternoon. Call hike leaders if you have questions. All are welcome.

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| <b>Sept. 6</b>  | <b>Rattlesnake Cliffs Trail, Leicester</b>                                      | <b>Bob Perkins 773-0184</b>   |
|                 | Moderate hike offers spectacular views of Lake Dunmore, Adirondacks. No snakes! |                               |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | <b>North Springfield Dam, North Springfield</b>                                 | <b>Renee Warren 747-4466</b>  |
|                 | Traverse meadow and forest terrain with reservoir and river overlook. Moderate. |                               |
| <b>Oct. 4</b>   | <b>Jim Foti Memorial Hike, East Middlebury</b>                                  | <b>Bob Perkins 773-0184</b>   |
|                 | Hike along the wooded logging Oakridge Trail. Moderate.                         |                               |
| <b>Oct. 18</b>  | <b>Trail Around Middlebury, Middlebury/Weybridge</b>                            | <b>Edith Kellogg 775-1246</b> |
|                 | Leader will select an interesting section of the TAM. Moderate.                 |                               |