

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.**

NOTE: Hike details may change at the last minute due to various unexpected conditions – always a good idea to confirm with hike leader in case of changes.

DECEMBER 2018-MARCH 2019

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. The driving distance is approximately 2 hours, so if weather conditions are poor, we will reschedule this hike for another time. The view and the lean-to are worth the distance.

December 8, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Mystery Hike

No leader. Just meet at the Park and decide on a destination.

Happy Holidays to All!

January 5, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland, 10:00 a.m. Shrewsbury Town Offices

Shrewsbury Trails, Shrewsbury

Gerry & Chryl Martin 492-2244

Hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. Traction devices may be helpful. Moderate, 3-5 miles.

January 12, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Long Trail, Route 4, Mendon

Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee 775-3855

We will hike to the newly-constructed Tucker-Johnson shelter, with option of continuing on to Deer Leap. Moderate, 3-5 miles.

January 19, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Buckner Preserve, West Haven

Herb Ogden 293-2510

Depending on snow or its absence, this could be an easy hike or moderate snowshoe or a moderate x-country ski tour. We'll go from the Old Galick Farm on easy grades about two miles north on recently brush-hogged farm lanes to a Lake Champlain overlook. We'll then return either by the same route or one with a bit more of up and down.

January 26, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Rutland, 10:30 a.m. Shrewsbury Town Offices

Shrewsbury Snowshoe, Shrewsbury

Barry & Barb Griffith 492-3573

Conditions permitting, we'll snowshoe approximately 3 miles.

February 2, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Notch Road Loop, Mendon

Sandy Bragg 492-2143

We'll head east from the end of the maintained section of Notch Road, crossing North Fork of the Cold River Road, then follow the river south before heading over a north-south version of Notch Road (labeled Northam Road on some maps) and return. Snowshoes or traction devices may be needed. Moderate, about 4 miles.

February 10, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Black Mountain Ponds, New York State

Allison Henry 779-4404

Snowshoe to a chain of scenic, backcountry ponds. Moderate, 4-5 miles.

February 17, Sunday, 10:20 a.m. Rutland, 11:00 a.m. East Poultney Green

Snowshoe Trek, East Poultney

Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109

Destination to be determined by conditions. Call leader for details.

February 23, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Snake Mountain, Addison

Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee 775-3855

Hike on old woods road and trails to top of the north-south running ridge with beautiful views of Addison County farms below, Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks in the distance. Moderate, 3.6 miles with approximately 950 feet of elevation gain.

March 2, Saturday

Winter Trails Day, Londonderry

GMC Headquarters (802) 244-7037

See your *Long Trail News* for details about this annual event. It's a great chance to try out equipment, meet folks from other sections and drink hot cocoa! Details can also be found at www.geenmountainclub.org.