

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.

MARCH 2019-JUNE 2019

March 9, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Mendon Peak, Mendon

Sandy Bragg 492-2143

Snowshoe to the 3,840-foot summit for spectacular views. A strenuous climb with some bushwhacking, approximately 6 miles.

March 16, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Buckner Preserve, West Haven (rescheduled)

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 ups and downs. As this is a Nature Conservancy preserve, dogs are prohibited.

March 24, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Ira to Middletown Springs Road Walk

Larry Walter 775-3855

We will spot cars for this Class 4 dirt road walk beginning at the Ira Town office and ending at the Middletown Springs park across from the village store. Come prepared for snow, ice or mud. Moderate, 6 miles, with some climbing on the eastern flank of Herrick Mountain and Spruce Knob.

March 30, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Rutland, 10:00 a.m. Cuttingsville P.O. off Route 103

Bear Mountain, Wallingford

Gerry and Chryl Martin 492-2244

Follow the Long Trail/AT north over Bear Mountain to Spring Lake. Snowshoes or grippers may be needed. Moderate, 4 miles, with a few steep climbs and descents.

April 7, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Pharoh Lake Wilderness, Ticonderoga, NY

Allison Henry 779-4404

Exact route will be determined by conditions. There are several beautiful ponds to choose from. Moderate, 5-6 miles.

April 13, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Killington Section Annual Meeting

Sue Thomas 773-2185

We will meet at the Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland City for a potluck supper, followed by a short business meeting with a report from the Main Club and election of officers. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. All are welcome! A great introduction to local opportunities to hike and maintain the LT/AT.

April 20, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Return to Rum Street, West Woodstock

Sue Thomas 773-2185

Back by popular demand – explore a 19th century farm community where stone walls and cellar holes are all that remain, and hear excerpts from a diary kept by a teenager who lived there. Optional loop around a small reservoir. Moderate 2.5 - 3 miles.

April 27, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Merck Forest and Farmland Center, Rupert

Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee 775-3855

We have not decided which trails yet, but most likely a view will be available. We have also reserved the Barn Cabins for those of us who want to stay one or two nights. There are wood stoves in the Cabins and wood is provided. The Cabins are only a half mile from the Visitor Center, so we can unload our gear and enjoy our hike with a lighter load. If you would like to stay overnight, please call us to reserve a spot. There is no charge as this was a gift to Larry.

May 4, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (rain date, Sunday)

Boiling Spring, Chittenden

Barb and Barry Griffith 492-3573

Follow old wood roads through the New Boston area to find this unusual site where water bubbles up from the ground. Moderate, 7 miles.

May 11, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date, Sunday)

Long Trail Spring Cleaning

Larry Walter 775-3855, Wayne Krevetski 282-2237

All are welcome to help prepare the trail for the summer hiking season. Bring your gloves, water and lunch. Tools will be provided. Have fun while doing a good deed.

May 19, Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Rutland, 11:00 a.m. East Poultney Green

Haystack Mountain, Pawlet

Diane Bargiel 413-687-1109

Spectacular views of the Mettawee River Valley and the Taconic Range from the summit. Moderate 3 miles with some steep pitches. 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Sorry, no dogs are allowed at Nature Conservancy preserves.

May 31 – June 2, Friday through Sunday

Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting – Held this year at Windridge Tennis and Sports Camps in Roxbury. See your *Long Trail News* for details or visit www.greenmountainclub.org.

June 8, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (rain date, Sunday)

Upper Elevation Work Party

Wayne Krevetski 282-2237, Larry Walter 775-3855

Join us to do spring cleaning and maintenance on the higher stretches of the LT/AT. Bring work gloves, water and lunch. Tools will be provided.