

# NOTES



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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

May 31 is the registration deadline for the  
**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB'S 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**  
**At the Stratton Mountain Resort – Stratton, Vermont**

**Hosted by the Bennington, Brattleboro, Connecticut, Manchester, and Worcester Sections.**

Information about the schedule of events, accomodation and outings can be found in the spring edition of the Long Trail News or on the GMC website ([www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org))

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**SAT., JUNE 1 -  
NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

This year, the O-Section Board has offered our members help to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance for any work project on their list.

John Taylor, UVTA Trail Programs Director, suggested that we join a work session for construction of a 4,000 foot reroute of the northern end of the Hazen Trail (which now runs from the Montshire Museum to Wilder). We would work together with members of the Norwich Trails Committee. The reroute has been flagged.

If you are interested in helping, please meet at 8:00 a.m. on June 1 at Montshire Road in Norwich. Bring gloves, drinking water, lunch and your preferred trail tool: lopper, grubbing hoe, handsaw, or garden rake.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL**

who helped make this year's Taylor Series successful by setting up, taking down and bringing in goodies. With about ninety people attending, we needed all the help we could get!  
*Heinz and Inge Trebitz*

## SPRING EXPLORATIONS

At the end of April, Marcia Dunning took a group of people to the old Pike Hill Copper Mine in the Corinth area of Vermont. Rather than crawling around in the **ice cave** (right), the group enjoyed lunch and the balmy weather at the top of Pike Hill.

The two coppermines at this location (Eureka and Union) operated on and off from 1847 to 1919. They produced some 9.1 million lbs of copper and scattered 20,000 tons of mine tailings below the hill.

Talk about leaving no trace!

Photo: MarciaDunning



In early May, Peter Hope led a hike from Pisgah State Park (NH) to the Connecticut River. The trail is part of the Wantastiquet-Monadnock Greenway project. One of the visions for this trail is to eventually hook it up with the LT/AT in southern Vermont.

Photo: Inge Trebitz



## "O" SECTION SUMMER ACTIVITIES, JUNE - AUGUST 2013

		BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY	
Jun 1	Hike	Celebrate <b>National Trails Day!</b> In conjunction with Upper Valley Trails Alliance we will help in relocating the Hazen Trail. See front page of <i>Footnotes</i> for more info.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sat			
Jun 2	Hike	LT section hike: Brandon Gap (Rte 73) to Middlebury Gap (Rte 125). 9.9 mi, 1200' elev. gain; steep climb to Mt. Horrid & Ridgeline. Views. Strenuous. Group limit 8.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 4	Hike	Half-Mile Pond, Enfield, NH. Skirt Smith Pond, then over hill to lovely isolated ½-Mile Pond. ~ 4 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy - Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 4	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning meeting for Fall (Sept. - Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. at the home of Diane & Tom Russell. Call Kathy Astraukas (802-785-4311) ahead with ideas if you can't join us.	Diane/Tom Russell 802-457-2898
Jun 7 - 9	<b>GMC Ann. Meeting</b>	GMC's 103rd Annual Meeting, Stratton Mtn. Resort, VT. Hosted by Bennington, Brattleboro, Connecticut, Manchester and Worcester sections; volunteers appreciated. Details in Spring Long Trail News & <a href="http://www.greenmountainclub.org">http://www.greenmountainclub.org</a>	GMC Headqtrs 802-244-7037
Fri - Sun			
Jun 9	Bike Ride	Wilder to Thetford, VT via Rte. 5, return via River Rd. & Rte. 10 thru Lyme & Hanover, NH. Mid-p.m. ride. Approx. 30 mi. Hilly but no steep climbs, moderate due to distance.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Jun 11	Hike	White Rocks, Wallingford, VT. From picnic area, explore trails to Ice Beds and to White Rocks Cliff. 5 mi, 1430' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 15-16	Backpack	Long Trail: Brandon Gap (Rte 73) to Sherburne Pass (Rte. 4). 19.8 mi: 1st day 7.2 mi, 1000' up, camp by David Logan shelter; 2nd day 12.6 mi, 2000' up. Stren. Grp limit 8.	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sat - Sun			
Jun 18	Bike Ride ***	Groton State Forest section of Montpelier-Wells River Rail Trail (part of Cross VT Trail). ~ 15 mi, starting w/ picnic on Owl's Head. Hybrid or mtn. bike needed. Easy ***.	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
Jun 21	Moonlight Hike	Moonlight on Cross-Rivendell Trail in Vershire, VT, to Patterson Mtn. open summit. 1.2 mi, steady up (& down). Bring refreshments to eat at leader's home after. Mod.	Eleanor Zue 802-685-3182
Jun 22	Class 6 Road Walk	Orford (NH) Heritage Trail Hike: From Grimes Hill Rd. off Rte 10 to Rte 25A, near Thomson's Sugar House. 5 miles, 680' elevation gain. Moderate.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Jun 23	Hike	Smarts Mtn. (3240'), Orford, NH. Out & back on Lambert Ridge Tr. (A.T.) Lovely views from ledges & from obs. tower at summit. 7.2 mi, 2600' elev. gain. Mod-Stren.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 25	Hike	Long Trail, south end. Semi-loop, up Broad Brk. Tr to Seth Warner shelter, down via LT, A.T., & Pine Cobble Tr. 10.3 mi, ~2000' elev. gain. Strenuous. Easy car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 29	Hike	Big Deer Mtn (1992') in Groton State Forest, from New Discovery Campground. 3.4 mi, 500' elevation gain. Summit view. May see lady slippers. Easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Sat			
Jun 30	Hike & Bike	Hike on A.T. from Stage Road to Cloudland Road in Pomfret, VT. Hike: 4 mi, 1100' elev. gain. (Ice cream stop) Mtn/hybrid bike (dirt rds) back to cars, ~ 6 mi. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 803-333-3707
Jun 30			
July 2	Bike & Hike	Bike Buffalo Rd (Wentworth, NH) to Quincy Bog (Rumney) & back (18 mi). Moderate. Option: Stop & climb Rattlesnake Mtn. (1594', ~.2 hrs. rnd trip), then continue biking.	I & H Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 2			
July 6	Hike	Cross Town Trail in Strafford, Vt; from Alger Brook Road over Whitcomb Hill (1859') to Rt.132; 3.2 mi; 300' elev.gain, 1,000' down. Great views from summit.	I & H Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 6			
July 7	Walk ***	Northern Rail Trail along Mascoma Lake, from Ice House Road to Shaker Bridge and back. 4.4 mi. round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
July 7			
July 8-12	Paddling	Upper Connecticut River from Canaan, VT / West Stewartstown, NH. Camping along the way. Group size limited. Call early for information.	Dick Ruben 803-333-3707
July 8-12			
July 9	Hike	Belvidere Mtn (3360'), Eden Mills, VT. Loop via Frank Post, Long & Forester's Trails. Outstanding views from observation tower. 7.9 mi, ~2100' elevation gain. Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 9			
July 13	Hike	Stratton Mtn (3936') via I.P. road and Long Trail. Fire tower, fabulous views. 6.6 mi, 1600' elevation gain. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
July 13			

July 14 Sun	Bike Ride	Bridport to Vergennes, VT along Lake Champlain. About 25 miles, all paved, with car spot; 50 mile option also available. Easy to moderate; strenuous if 50 miles.	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
July 16 Tues	Paddle ***	Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH. Very scenic; no power boats above 5 mph. Miles of nooks & crannies. Paddle, picnic, swim. Bring lunch. 4 - 6 mi, Easy - Mod. PFD required. ***	Harry Temple 802-738-8405
July 20 Sat	Bike Ride	From Norwich, VT, over the hills to Union Village Dam; back via Rte. 132 and Rte 5. Long uphill climbs north; easy hills on return. Approx. 20 mi. Moderate - Strenuous.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
July 21 Sun	Paddle	Paddle on Connecticut River, followed by pot luck meal at leader's home. Swimming. Easy or Moderate.	Dick Ruben 803-333-3707
July 23 Tues	Hike + H2O sports	Cross-Rivendell Tr, W. Fairlee, VT. Westshire School to King Rd. 2 - 2.5 hrs, ~3 mi. Easy - Mod. Then lunch at Jane's on Lake Fairlee (her treat!) & swimming/boating..	Jane Bayley Brown 802-333-4541
July 23-24 Tues-Wed	Fly-Fishing	Fly-fishing trip on a blue ribbon trout stream. Overnight in a motel. GMC members only. .	Dick Ruben 803-333-3707
July 27-28 Sat - Sun	Backpack	Long Trail fr Middlebury Gap (Rte 125) to Lincoln Gap. 17.3 mi: 1st day 6.9 mi, 1800' up, camp by Emily Proctor Shelter; 2nd day 10.4 mi., 2000' up. Stren. Group limit 8.	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 30 Tues	Hike	Quechee Gorge area. ~ 3 miles. Easy.	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
July 30 Tues	Hike	Long Trail from Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap, over Mts. Abraham (4006') and Ellen (4083'). Many great views! 11.6 mi, ~2200' elevation gain. Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 3 Sat	Bike Ride	South Royalton to Chelsea, out and back. Downhill all the way back! 26 miles round trip. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 803-333-3707
Aug 4 Sun	Hike	Mt. Garfield (4500') via Garfield Trl & Garfield Ridge Trl. 10 mi, 2500' elev. gain. Stren. Classic foliage hike to spectacular White Mtns summit. <a href="mailto:debbie.marcus57@gmail.com">debbie.marcus57@gmail.com</a>	Debbie Marcus 802-457-9047
Aug 6 Tues	Hike	Whiteface (3714') & Morse (3486') Mtns, Morristown, VT. Loop via Beaver Meadow, Whiteface, Long, Chilcoat Trls. Views fr outlooks. 9.7 mi, ~2000' elev. gain. Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 11 Sun	Hike	Hike to Heron Rookery in Fairlee Town Forest. 5 - 6 mi, 3 hrs. Then, after hike, ice cream at Whippi Dip in Fairlee. Easy - Moderate. No dogs.	Jane Brown 802-333-4541
Aug 13 Tues	Bike Ride	Burlington area, either over Causeway with bike ferry to South Hero (30 mi), or bike path from Colchester (16 mi.). Bring lunch; swimming for both. Easy.	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
Aug 17 Sat	Moonlight Paddle	Potluck supper at leader's home, followed by moonlight paddle down CT River from North Thetford to Hewes Brook (Lyme, NH). 5 - 6 mi, Easy- Mod. Rain date Aug. 18.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Aug 18 Sun	Hike	Mt. Moosilauke (4802'), up on Snapper Trail (3.4 mi, 2400' elev. gain), down on long but less steep Asquam Ridge Trail (5.5 mi). Strenuous.	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 20 Tues	Hike	Mt. Monadnock (3159'), Jaffrey, NH. Loop from south, many great views en route & at summit (miles above treeline). ~6 mi, 1670' elev. gain. Moderate - Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 24 Sat	Bike Ride	Norwich to Thetford Center, VT via Union Village Dam recreation area, up Thetford Hill; return on Rte. 5 South. About 30 miles. Strenuous.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Aug 25 Sun	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3,150 ft.) Bicentennial Trail, past logging camp remains to summit observation tower. Shortest route up; steep. 4.4 mi., 2,200' elev. gain. Mod - Stren.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Aug 27 Tues	Walk ***	West Hartford off Route 14 in Tigertown Rd/Quimby Mtn. Rd. area. 4 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-296-5777
Aug 27 Tues	Hike	Mt. Greylock (3491'), Adams, MA. Loop, leader's choice of route. Great views! ~8 mi, ~2700' elevation gain. Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

\*\*\* = Easy on the knees.

## SPRING WALK-THRU ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, MAY 11 - HOW DID IT GO?

**HISTORY:** In years past, when the O-Section maintained only 22 miles of the Appalachian Trail, we used to take care of it by scheduling four workdays between May and October.

In 2012 the O-Section was asked to take over the former DOC section of the AT from Rt.14 to Norwich, extending our responsibilities to 45 miles. At the same time the GMC wanted us to switch to a system of adopters, who take care of short pieces of the trail at their own time. They are supposed to report to the Director of Trail Programs at GMC and to the O-Section Trails and Shelter chairperson about the condition of the trail and any help they would need.

**GOAL FOR 2013:** By scheduling a walk-thru in spring, we hoped to cover as much of our 45 miles of the AT as possible in one day, to learn more about the lay of the land and also to find out about possible problems, before the hiking season starts in earnest.

**PLANNING:** Lee Eastman, our Trails and Shelter Chairperson, prepared individual worksheets for short pieces of the trail, averaging 4-5 miles, with convenient access points. He also offered two meeting places for the walk-thru day, one in White River Junction for the section from Norwich to Rt.12, one in Woodstock for the stretch from Rt.12 to Killington. Participants could choose where and how far to walk.

**OUTCOME:** Not many people showed up for the walk-thru, maybe because it was also Mother's Day weekend, maybe in regards of the rather dismal weather predictions. Nevertheless, most of the 45 miles were covered or promised to be done in the following days!

The reports showed that some stretches were in very good shape, while others needed clipping, blazing, and quite a bit of chain saw work. The respective adopters possibly did not get around to checking on their section, or they do not have a license for operating a chainsaw. But there again, the work needed will hopefully be accomplished before the end of May.

**IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:** while some of us enjoy working with a group of friends, the present experience suggests that we may be more efficient in taking care of problem areas by working in smaller groups as the need comes up.

*Lee Eastman/Inge Trebitz*

Spring Walk-thru on the AT  
Photo: Inge Trebitz

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Jane Ashley*

*Amber & Kurt Boland*

*Steven Brown*

*Michael & Susan Epstein*

*Carol & Randy Fiertz*

*Annette Kennedy*

*Fleanor Zue*



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***AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB***

**Who are we?** Founded in 1910, the Green Mountain Club was established "to make the mountains of Vermont play larger roles in the lives of people". To meet that goal, the club constructed the 272-mile Long Trail (LT). The GMC is responsible for developing policies and programs aimed at preservation, maintenance, and proper use of hiking trails for the benefit of the people of Vermont.

**What is the Ottauquechee Section?** Our section, one of 14 chapters of the GMC, is located in and around the Upper Valley. We schedule activities all year round for those who enjoy the outdoors, including hikes, bike trips, canoe outings, cross country skiing and snow shoe hikes. The "O" Section is responsible for the maintenance of 46 miles of Appalachian Trail (AT) between Maine Junction at Willard Pass near Killington and the Connecticut River at Norwich, VT, including four trail shelters.

**We invite you to join!** If you wish to participate in our activities, meet friendly, outdoors loving people and contribute to the maintenance and quality of Vermont's hiking trail system, the Ottauquechee Section welcomes you.. Through the quarterly GMC Long Trail News and the "O"Section Footnotes you will get information about section and main club activities and issues of interest. For more information, call Patty Spencer at 802-333-3571.

For membership, fill out the application below and send to Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677, att. Joe Sikowitz. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

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***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP***

I (we)wish to join the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club.

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues per year are \$ 45.- for adults and \$ 60.- for families