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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

O-SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the O-Section will be held on **Friday, October 30, at Damon Hall in Hartland, Vt.**

Directions: Take I 91 to exit #9. Go north On Rt. 5 to Hartland Five Corners. Damon Hall is The brick building right across from the intersection of Rts. 5 and 12.

Schedule: We will begin the evening with Social hour at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck dinner at 6:30 will be shared with members of the Hartland Winter Trails Association.

POT-LUCK DINNER

Please bring dishes according to the alphabet, and Provide your own plates, silverware and glasses.

- A – F Appetizers or dessert
- G – M Main course
- N – Z Salad

ELECTIONS

After dinner, the meeting will start with the yearly reports of the chairpersons, followed by the election to our section positions.

PRESENT OFFICE HOLDERS:

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| President | <i>Inge Brown</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Heinz Trebitz</i> |
| Treasurer/Membership | <i>Patty Spencer</i> |
| Outings | <i>Kathy Astrauckas</i> |
| Trails and Shelters | <i>Lee Eastman (resgd)</i> |
| Newsletter | <i>Inge Trebitz</i> |
| GMC Section Director | <i>Dick Ruben</i> |
| Nominating Committee | <i>Heinz Trebitz</i> |

If you are interested in a section position or would like to suggest someone else, please call Heinz Trebitz at 802-785-2129 or e-mail him at ih63@wavecomm.com.

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O-Section AT Responsibilities and Trails and Shelters Maintenance

In 2012 the O-Section took over the AT maintenance from the Dartmouth Outings Club, covering the stretch from Ledyard Bridge at the Connecticut to Rte. 12 in Woodstock, doubling our trail responsibility to 46 miles. The expanded task called for new managing concepts: with the help of the main club we assigned 2 mile (average) trail segments to individual adopters.

Lee Eastman, our Trails and Shelters Maintenance Coordinator, took charge of assessing trail. He arranged for O-Section volunteers or GMC Waterbury trail crews to help with larger projects or chain saw work that could not be handled by the respective adopter. A big job, indeed, and Lee spent lots of time on coordinating jobs and going out himself to quickly take care of a new trail emergency. For example, he helped *Inge Brown* with a weed trimmer to clear the prolific growth under the Thundering Falls board walk, putting in many hours of work.

When Lee had to resign his job due to back problems (he had a successful operation since), *Inge Brown* assembled a task force to look at our trail maintenance experience during the last three years, and see where we can improve.

Here is our new trail maintenance concept: We've divided our AT section into three equal, about 15 miles stretches, assigning them to new coordinators as follows:

- Ledyard Bridge to Cloudland Rd:
Bob Hagen Tel. 802-785-4311; e-mail kabh@myfairpoint.net
- Cloudland Rd to Chateaugay Rd:
Heinz Trebitz Tel. 802-785-2129; e-mail iht63@wavecomm.com
- Chateaugay Rd to New Maine Junction at Willard Gap (Killington):
Nick Krembs Tel. 902-649-1048; e-mail nick.krembs@gmail.com

We are still using adopters (altogether 24) for routine trail and shelters maintenance. We encourage adopters to contact us if they need help or assistance keeping up with basic maintenance if a planned vacation or illness keeps you off the trail temporarily.

Based on own observations and reports from club members and adopters, Trail Coordinators will assess the need for trail work beyond routine

maintenance by the adopters. If necessary, they will contact club volunteers for help with chain saws and other equipment, and/or secure trail crew help from headquarters.

Trail Coordinators will communicate with GMC trail management (Dave Hardy and the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator).

Trail Coordinators will receive and handle adopter reports and inform O-Sec leadership and members on trail conditions and work done during the year.

As in the past, the O-Section will schedule two or three hike/workdays per year to keep members familiar with the trail, and do specific trail projects as identified by the Trail Coordinators.

We hope that these new arrangements will improve our trail maintenance while keeping the Trail Coordinators' job at a manageable level.

Heinz Trebitz



Our next generation of trail adopters

Photo: Marie Hanson

"O" SECTION FALL ACTIVITIES, SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2015

Hunting Season	VT: 10/3 - 25 Bow & Arrow Deer 11/7 - 8 Youth Deer Wkend 11/14 - 29 Deer Rifle Season	NH: 9/14-12/14 10/24 - 25 10/31 - 11/11	Deer Archery 11/11 - 12/6 Youth Deer Wkend Deer Muzzleloader
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Deer Reg. Firearms

*** Easy on the knees BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Sept 1 Tues	Paddle & Walk ***	2 for 1: Paddle on CT River (2 miles), then walk (1 mile loop) & swim in Norwich, VT. Then paddle back (2 more miles). Lunch at the dock. 3 - 4 hours. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Sept 5 Sat	Bike Ride	Fairlee / West Fairlee loop on Bloodbrook and Middlebrook Rd. in hilly Lake Fairlee area. 18 miles; hybrid bike recommended.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sept 6 Sun	Hike	Appalachian Trails & Tales: Join a Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger to explore A.T. & history that shaped this landscape near Woodstock, VT. 2 - 3 mi. Mod. 10 am - 1 pm.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Sept 6 Sun	Hike w/ ADK	Noonmark Mtn (3556'), St. Huberts, NY Outstanding views of Great Range. 6.6 mi, 2000' elevation gain. Moderate - Strenuous. Joint hike with ADK Mtn. Club.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 7 Mon	Labor Day Hike	Hike to remote Griffith Lake, Peru VT, from south via woods road, and Peru Peak Shelter on LT / AT. 5.3 mi., 480' elevation gain. Easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Sept 8 Tues	Hike ***	Pitcher Hill (1310'), Springfield, NH. Good views from ledges. < 1 mile, 350' elevation gain. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 12 Sat	Hike	From Taylor Valley Road in Vershire to the views of Flagpole Hill (2200') and back. An easy gentle roundtrip of 2.4 mi with a mix of woods roads and new trails	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sept 13 Sun	Bike Ride	Tour de Taste Pedaling Picnic sponsored by Upper Valley Trails Alliance. Join GMC group of cyclists. 6 mi. w/ Inge Brown; 30 mi. w/ Dick Ruben; other opt. on your own. Pre-registration required: www.uvtrails.org Dick Ruben 802-333-3707	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Sept 15 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Bike from Cloudland Farm, Pomfret to Taftsville, VT. 8 miles (4 miles downhill, 4 miles flat.) All dirt; hybrid or mountain bike needed. Easy. *** (car spotting.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Sept 19 Sat	Hike or Trail Run	Rivendell Ramble, W Fairlee, VT. 3.6-mi hike over Sunday Mtn, or 3 mi. or 6.6 mi. trail run. Rivendell Tr. fund raiser (sugg. \$15/person or \$30/family). Free meal after. Support local trails with O-Section team. More info: www.crossrivendelltrail.org	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Sept 20 Sun	Hike	Carter Dome (4812'), Jackson, NH. From Carter Notch Road via Wildcat Brook Trail to Carter Hut, then up Carter Dome and Mt. Hight. Views!!! 12 mi, 3500' elevation gain. Several stream crossings. Very Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 22 Tues	Walk ***	Day before Autumnal Equinox on trails at King Arthur Flour Co., Norwich, VT. Less than 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Sept 26 Sat	Volunteer Apprec. Picnic	GMC volunteers (in any and all capacities), come celebrate GMCers' hard work and dedication. 3 - 5 pm at GMC Headquarters in Waterbury Ctr., VT. RSVP for food planning: jmontagne@greenmountainclub.org	Jenny Montagne 802-241-8324
Sept 26 Sat	Hike w/ UVLT	Podunk area along A.T. Conserved land, including a recent large forest fire area, Two ancient cemeteries, cellar holes, etc. 5 mi. Moderate. Rain date Sun. 9/27.	Jason Berard jason.berard@uvlt.org
Sept 27 Sun	Hike	Equinox Preserve, Manchester, VT. Explore lower slopes of preserved woodland, on different but all lovely trails. Views. 4 - 6 mi, a few hundred feet elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 29 Tues	Hike/Walk ***	Thundering Falls loop, Killington, VT. Fr. River Road on accessible boardwalk to falls, south on AT to Thundering Brook Rd, return on dirt road. About 1.2 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 3 Sat	Hike	Loop fr. Lake Fairlee, VT boat launch. Cross-Rivendell & Echo Mtn.Trls, Eagles Bluff (views!). Return on paved lake rd. 4 mi, 720' elev gain; some steep parts. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 4 Sun	Hike	Appalachian Trails & Tales: Join a Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger to explore A.T. & history that shaped this landscape near Woodstock, VT. 2 - 3 mi. Mod. 10 am - 1 pm.	Pat Nowlan 802-578-3980
Oct 6 Tues	Walk ***	Starr Hill (740'), Lebanon, NH. Easy walk in natural area behind APD (Alice Peck Day Hospital). 1 - 2 miles. with some ups and downs. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

Oct 10 Sat	Bike Ride	South Royalton to Chelsea, out and back. Beautifully scenic. Lunch in Chelsea. Downhill all the way back! 26 miles round trip. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Oct 11 Sun	Hike with Killington Section	Camels Hump (4083') Traverse. Monroe Tr & LT up, down LT, scenic Bamforth Ridge to Duxbury Rd. 9.3 mi. Views!!! fr open ledges. Strenuous. Short car spot. Visit new bridge over Winooski River, time permitting. Co-ldr Terri Wilson 334-787-2426 or pcpioneer84@gmail.com	Debbie.marcus57@gmail.com 978-578-4198
Oct 11 Sun	Cider Hike	3 - 4 mile hike in the vicinity of the Trebitz home, followed by cider pressing and tasting, and taking some home! Hike is moderate, cider pressing is work!	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 12 Mon	Columbus Day Hike	Ice Gulch, Randolph, NH. Rugged beautiful boulder-filled gorge (comp. to Mahoosuc Notch). 6.6 mi loop, 1150' elevation gain, much rock scrambling. Very Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Oct 13 Tues	Eve. Hike w/ UVLT	New Moon Galusha Hill evening hike (stargazing opportunity if clear sky). 360° views including Franconia Ridge. 4 mi. Moderate. Rain/cloud date 10/14 or 10/15.	Jason Berard jason.berard@uvlt.org
Oct 17 Sat	Hike	Peaked Mtn., Piermont, NH. Steep, rough, unmarked trail to viewpoint. 2 - 3 mi. round trip, 650' elevation gain.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 18 Sun	Hike with ADK	Split Rock Mtn, Westport, NY. Loop to North Ridge, with good views down to Lake Champlain. 6 mi, a few hundred ft. elev. gain. Moderate. Joint hike w/ ADK club.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Oct 20 Tues	Bike Ride ***	From Ricker Pond Campground in Groton State Forest (Groton, VT) to South Ryegate on rail trail. 9 miles, some rough ground. Easy ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 20 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning mtg for Winter (Dec - Feb) outings. 7 p.m. at home of Dick Ruben. Contact Kathy A. ahead with ideas if you can't come 802-785-4311 kabh@myfairpointnet	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Oct 24 Sat	Trail Maint. Workshop	Waterbars, blazes, brushing, & blowdowns. Basics of trail clearing; tend to A.T.'s 3 R's: roots, rocks & erosion. Shortest lecture ever, then small groups to do late fall trail work, followed by cookout over campfire. gmc@greenmountainclub.org	Jenny Montagne 802-241-8324
Oct 25 Sun	Hike	On the Rivendell Trail from Parker Road in Vershire, VT to Westshire Elementary School on Rt.113. 5.2 miles with some very steep hills, but nice views. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 27 Tues	Walk ***	West Hartford, VT. Off of Route 14 in Tigertown Road / Quimby Mtn.Road area. 4 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 30 Fri	ANNUAL MEETING	Annual Ottauquechee Section (members and guests) Meeting and Potluck Dinner. Damon Hall, Hartland, VT. 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. See details on front page.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 31 Sat	Hike	Okemo Mtn (3343'), via Healdville Trail. Back side of mountain. Fire tower, 360° views. 6 mi, 1950' elevation gain. Steep but not rough. Moderate.	Pat Nowlan 802-578-3980
Nov 1 Sun	Work Day	Mourn the end of Daylight Saving Time by helping out on the trail. Work parties will be organized based on work that needs doing.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Nov 3 Tues	Walk ***	Walk, then vote! Northern Rail Trail along Mascoma Lake, from Ice House Road to Shaker Bridge and back. 4.4 mi. round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Nov 7 Sat	Hike with UVLT	Cornish, NH from CT River to Cornish Town Forest, from historic Balloch's Crossing. 4 mi. Moderate. Rain date Sun. 11/8.	Jason Berard jason.berard@uvlt.org
Nov 8 Sun	Dirt Road Walk	Quintown Rd, Orford, NH. Thompson Woodlands to Pickerel Ponds. ~ 6 mi, 600' elevation gain; maybe a little off road on trails to bog and pond. Steep. Moderate. Wear blaze orange (youth deer hunting weekend).	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Nov 10 Tues	Walk ***	River parks, Lebanon, NH. Explore several small preserves along Connecticut River. 1 - 2 mi. total, with little elevation gain. Easy -- it's a walk in the park(s)! ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Nov 11 Wed	Hike	Veteran's Day on Paul's Ledges, Athens, VT. Explore more of these attractive trails on Windmill Ridge. Good views. 5.7 mi, ~1000' elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Nov 14 Sat	Walk ***	Paved Toonerville Trail (multi-use, 1800s trolley line) along Black River from CT River to Springfield, VT and back. 5 - 6 mi., flat. No hunters. Easy. ***	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Nov 15 Sun	Dirt Road/ Trail Walk	Lyme, NH loop from Lyme Green. Market St, Washburn and Preston Hill Road., Shoestrap and River Road, Lower Grant Brook Trail. 6.5 miles, moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129

Nov 17 Tues	Hike	Cross-Rivendell Trail from Middlebrook Road to West Fairlee via Southworth Park. 2 mi, 400' elevation gain. Moderate. Car shuttle.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Nov 21 Sat	Road Walk	Lovely, bucolic Dogford Road from cemetery in Etna to Hanover Center, NH. 4.7 mi, all paved, some hills. Moderate. Short car spot.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Nov 22 Sun	Hike	Black Gum Swamp, Vernon VT. Rare stand of southern trees (aka tupelos) survived the Ice Age. About 3 mi, moderate hills. Easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Nov 24 Tues	Walk/Hike	Woods and roads, in Thetford or Strafford, VT area. Approx. 4 – 5 mi. Easy to Moderate.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Nov 28 Sat	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') by gated paved road, views. 7.4 mi, 2250' ascent. Moderate. Optional summit adds 1.4 mi and 400' ascent. Few deer, poor hunting.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Nov 29 Sun	Road Walk	Thetford, VT. Campbell Flats loop: Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. Approx. 6 mi, mostly dirt roads. Moderate (some steep sections).	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311



Trail Magic at Thundering Falls Board Walk - NOBO meets LOBO

Photo: Heinz Trebitz

REFLECTIONS ON A LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEM

“Driving to and from an Outing should not take more time than the event itself”.

If you follow that self-imposed rule, exploring local trails makes a lot of sense.

We recently chose to hike again on different sections of the Rivendell Trail, a real treasure of 38 miles between Flagpole Hill (2200') in VT and Mt. Cube in NH. It snakes its way along roads and skid trails, up steep hills to inviting view points, traverses overgrown clear cuts and rocky ridges, and winds through long stretches of very lonesome woods.

Since it also crosses several country roads, you can do roundtrip hikes as short as 1.2 or 6.6 miles. With car spotting, longer linear options are possible.

Trying to follow the sometimes elusive blue

blazes, and kicking and clipping branches out of the way, we soon realized that maintaining a marked trail is at least as difficult as creating it. A major storm or a change in property lines can alter the planned course considerably. While clearing help is always needed, even using a trail contributes to its maintenance.

See for yourself! We have scheduled five trips on the Rivendell Trail:

- Sept.12 Flagpole Hill
- Sept 19 Sunday Mountain
- Oct. 3 Rivendell and Echo Mountain Trail
- Oct. 25 Parker Road to West Fairlee
- Nov.17 Middlebrook Road to West Fairlee

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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. Jenny Montagne. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

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