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## SUMMER HAPPENINGS ON THE LONG TRAIL AND APPALACHIAN TRAIL.

**Our summer schedule** is filled with trip suggestions that range all over Vermont and New Hampshire.

However, **if your specific interest is the AT or LT**, we have a number of short hikes, some more demanding trips, and two special events on both of these long distance trails. Check the calendar for details!

**Boots to Boats - Hike with a Ranger:** These short rambles on the AT from the Woodstock/Pomfret area to Hartford are scheduled for June 18, July 2, July 16, Aug 6 and Aug 20, with two more to follow in September.

**Section hikes on the LT** will be led by Peter Hope on June 26, July 4 and July 31.

**Section hikes on the AT** between Rt.4 in Killington and Rt.12 in Woodstock will be led by Inge Trebitz on August 7, 14 and 21, with one more to follow in September.

**A workday** is scheduled for July 9 on the AT between Stony Brook and Cloudland Roads.

**Trail Magic Day** will be on July 30, when we surprise thru-hikers at road crossings with some spirit-lifting refreshments.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR A HIKE WITH CHILDREN?

Our **hikes with a ranger** (see above) are certainly a good way to introduce kids to the trail.

**Three easy Tuesday hikes** in the Woodstock area will be led by Juergen Ewert and his grandson on July 5, 19 and 26.

The **Thundering Falls** loop hike on the AT, planned by Inge Brown for Tues, August 23, is a fun trip.

**SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!**

## Putting the Boots in “Boots to Boats”

The National Park Service (NPS) is delighted to welcome Green Mountain Club volunteers as partners in our Boots to Boats Adventure, as we celebrate our Centennial in 2016.

The Boots-to-Boats trail connects Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, Vermont and Saint Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, New Hampshire via the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and the Connecticut River National Blueway.

NPS ranger Marie Hanson and Kathy Astrauckas of the GMC Ottauquechee Section have worked together to identify **seven short hikes along the AT** between Woodstock and Norwich, Vermont. The hikes vary in length and difficulty and are designed to offer people of various ages and fitness levels a chance to experience the National Scenic Trail on their doorsteps.

Details of the hikes will be published in the Boots to Boats Activity Guide, so people can tackle them by themselves if they wish. And GMC volunteers are teaming with NPS rangers to offer a guided hike along each section during the coming season. There will be **two a month from June to October** (yes, that’s eight - we’ll have one repeat). Each hike will include activities and stories designed to help people connect with the Trail.

### And what about the “Boats”?

**Sat., August 13, 11am-3pm, the National Park Service is holding the “Boots to Boats-River Splash!” at Kilowatt Park in Wilder, VT.**

You’re all invited to this free event: bring your families to try out a kayak, canoe, or paddleboard with certified guides, or enjoy games and activities on dry land.

*Julia Lynam, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP*



## "O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, JUNE - AUGUST 2016

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

Don't forget, if conditions don't seem good for scheduled outing, call leader for "Plan B": change in venue, mode of travel, or both!

BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Jun 4 Sat	Hike	Welch (2605') & Dickey (2734') Loop Trail, Waterville Valley, NH. Open summits and ledges, great views. 4.4 miles, 1800' elevation gain. Moderate with some steep parts.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 5 Sun	Hike	Loop of two small ADK peaks with excellent views of Great Range, Roostercomb and Snow Mts, from Keene Valley, NY. 6.7 mi, 2200' elevation gain. Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 7 Tues	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning mtg for Fall (Sept.-Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. at the Trebitz home. Come early to swim. Call Kathy Astraukas (802-785-4311) ahead with ideas if you can't join us.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 9 Thurs	Bike Ride	Mascoma Lake, NH. 23 miles (2 miles dirt, several miles rail trail). Easy.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Jun 10-12 Fri-Sun	Hike/ Meeting	GMC's 106 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT. Hosted by NEK Section. Featuring work hike Friday a.m., meeting, hikes and dinner Saturday, entertainment both eves. Info: <a href="http://www.greenmountainclub.org">www.greenmountainclub.org</a> / Long Trail News.	GMC Headqtrs 802-244-7037
Jun 12 Sun	Paddle	Goose Pond in Canaan, NH. Paddle from public boat launch / picnic area to the inlet and around pond. Swimming is also an option. PFD required.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Jun 14 Tues	Hike ***	Flag Day river front walk in Lebanon, NH. Mainly in Two Rivers and Riverside Parks. 1 – 2 mi, level. Easy. *** Short car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 14 Tues	Hike w/ UVLT	Hike w/ Upper Valley Land Trust to Smith Pond Shaker Forest, Enfield, NH, as part of UVLT annual meeting. Hike options @ <a href="http://uvlt.org">uvlt.org</a> Hike is free; fee for dinner.	Jason Berard <a href="mailto:Jason.berard@uvlt.org">Jason.berard@uvlt.org</a>
Jun 18 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, explore A.T. & landscape history. VT-12 to Woodstock Stage Rd. 1.5 mi, 700' elevation gain (steep initial climb). Easy – Mod.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jun 19 Sun	Father's Day Bike & Hike	Bike Buffalo Rd (Wentworth, NH) to Quincy Bog (Rumney, NH) for bog walk, lunch, ride back. ~ 18 mi. total; some dirt. Moderate. Option to also climb Rattlesnake Mtn.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 21 Tues	Hike ***	Ballard Trail, Wilder & Norwich, VT. 2 miles. Car spot. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 25 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
Jun 26 Sun	<i>LT Section Hike</i>	Gated road, new Little Pond Trail, south on LT to Porcupine Lookout (2851'), views, down to Woodford Hollow. ~8.5 mi. 600' up, 1300' down. Mod-Stren. Easy car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 28 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Burlington, VT Bike Path. Out and back, with swimming and ice cream. 12 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 30 Thurs	Bike Ride	Chester, Saxtons River, Grafton VT loop. Picture-perfect VT town, Grafton Cheese Factory. 27 mi, moderate with one steep walkable hill.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
July 2 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> Join w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park to explore A.T. & history that shaped this landscape. Woodstock Stage Rd. to Pomfret Rd. 2.2 mi, 300' elev. gain. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 3 Sun	Bike Ride	Loop from Post Mills, VT on VT-244, Bloodbrook & Middlebrook Roads. Long uphill (partly dirt), long downhill. 18 miles. Hybrid bike recommended.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 4 Mon	<i>LT Section Hike</i>	Laraway Loop: Class 4 Coddling Hollow Rd, LT north over Laraway Lookout (views!), Corliss Camp, Davis Neighborhood Trail. 8.5 mi, 1900' elevation gain. Mod – Stren.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 5 Tues	Hike ***	Quechee Gorge, "VT's Little Grand Canyon". Explore gorge's rocks and water holes; bring lunch and water shoes. ~ 2 mi, slightly down and up. Easy. ***	Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345
July 9 Sat	<b>Work Day</b>	Give back to the trail on our section of AT, somewhere betw. Stony Brk & Cloudland Rds. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water. Possible reblazing; materials provided.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 10 Sun	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') via Weathersfield Trail. Cascading waterfalls, overlooks, excellent view from observation tower. 5.6 mi, 2200' elevation gain. Mod – Stren.	Pat Nowlan 802-578-3980

July 12 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Plainfield, NH. River Road Loop. 12 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 13 Wed	Hike	Taftsville, VT trails. 5K multipurpose loops laid out by John Morton. Hilly. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 14 Thurs	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 16 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, explore A.T. & landscape history. Pomfret Rd. to Cloudland Rd. 1.8 mi, 700' elev. gain. Steady climb, views at top! Easy- Mod.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 17 Sun	Hike	Mt. Monadnock (3159'), Jaffrey, NH. Loop from east on lesser used trails. Outstanding views. ~ 6 mi, ~ 1900' elevation gain. Moderate – Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 19 Tues	Hike	White Mountains: East Pond Trail fom Kancamagus Hwy to Tripoli Rd. (Waterville Valley area), NH. 5 mi (+ 2 mi optional side loop to Little East Pond), 1340' elevation gain. Mod. Car spot. No dogs. Rain date 7/20.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
July 19 Tues	Hike ***	Eshqua Bog, Hartland, VT. Meet at leader's home, drive to bog, hike back, relax on deck or at Happy Valley Brook. ~ 4 mi. Easy; no significant elevation change. ***	Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345
July 23 Sat	Hike	Mt. Moosilauke (4802'). From Ravine Lodge up Gorge Boork Trail to open exposed summit, down Carriage Rd. and Snapper Trail. 7.2 mi, ~ 2400' elev. gain. Strenuous.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
July 24 Sun	Hike	Peak to Peak: Mt. Tom to Mt. Peg. Views of Woodstock & pastoral VT. Start at Green, up to Mt. Tom summit (Moderate); return across Green to Mt. Peg (Easy). 3.3 mi.	Pat Nowlan 802-578-3980
July 26 Tues	Hike	Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT. Prosper Rd. to Pogue, explore turtles, bring lunch for log cabin. 2 mi. w/ poss. extension to lookout point. Easy- Moderate, some up & down.	Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345
July 27 Wed	Hike	Trescott Lands and Oak Hill, Hanover, NH. Fr. Trescott Rd. to Storrs Pond area. 3 – 4 mi. with a few hills, mainly down. Easy. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 30 Sat	Bike Ride	Rail Trail in Woodsville / Bath / Lisbon, NH area. 12 - 18 mi, based on participants (also true for ice cream). Mountain or hybrid bike needed. Moderate (flat but rough).	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 31 Sun	<i>LT Section Hike</i>	Monroe Skyline. LT fr Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap, over Mts Abraham (4006') & Ellen (4083'). Excellent views. 11.5 mi, ~2400' elev. gain. Strenuous. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 2 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Groton State Forest, VT. On rail trail, 14 mi round trip out & back from Ricker Pond to Owl's Head. Walk up Owl's Head for lunch, 2 mi round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 3 Wed	Hike ***	Lower Slade Brook, Hanover, NH. Conserved area. Attractive woods and brook. 1 – 2 mi. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 6 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, local history. Cloudland Rd. to Joe Ranger Rd; Thistle Hill Shelter. 3.8 mi, 600' elev. gain. Field with view at end. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Aug 7 Sun	A.T. Sect. Hike	A.T. from US-4 near Pico resort, Kent Pond & Thundering Falls boardwalk to River Rd (Town of Killington, VT). 6 mi. 700' up, 1400' down. Moderate. Very short car spot.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 9 Tues	2 Short Hikes ***	1) Butterfield Pond, E. Springfield, NH. Idyllic pond, 1 mi. 2) Esther Currier Wildlife Managemt. Area at Low Plain, Elkins, NH. Beaver dam, bird watching blinds & active wildlife viewing form several vantage points. 2 mi. Easy. No dogs. Rain date 8/10.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Aug 13 Sat	Hike	Camels Hump (4083'). Loop fr Huntington (W) side: Forest City Tr, Montclair Glen Lodge, LT under steep "face" of Lion, Burrows Tr. 360° views! 6.5 mi, 2400' elevation gain. Mod – Stren.	Pat Nowlan 802-578-3980
Aug 14 Sun	A.T. Sect. Hike	A.T. from River Rd (Killington, VT) to Stony Brook Rd. (or reverse with key-swap). Stony Brook shelter. 5.5 mi, 1800' elev. gain. LIMITED TO 8 participants. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 16 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
Aug 20 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ NPS ranger; local history. Joe Ranger Rd to VT-14 / White River (W. Hartford, VT). 3.3 mi, 300' elevation gain, 1200' down, steep at end. Hilltop pastures with views, old red pine plantation, cellar holes. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707



Aug 21 Sun	A.T. Sect. Hike	A.T. from Stony Brook Rd. to Lookout Farm Rd. Lovely woods; nice view. 8 mi., 2200' elevation gain. Moderate – Strenuous.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 23 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
Aug 27 Sat	Paddle	Hartland Dam to Quechee Gorge. Bald eagle sighting poss. Lunch & swim on rocks at gorge. Small entrance fee, or use your Golden Age Pass. PFD required. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Aug 27 Sat	Mtn Bike Ride	Ride newly conserved mountain bike trails at Ascutney. Rides of different lengths and difficulty levels. Something for everyone. See <a href="http://UVLT.org">UVLT.org</a> for details.	Jason Berard <a href="mailto:jason.berard@uvlt.org">jason.berard@uvlt.org</a>
Aug 28 Sun	Hike	Carter Dome (4832') from Jackson, NH. Loop up Wildcat Riv. & Carter-Moriah Trails, down Perkins Notch. Outstanding views! 12.7 mi, ~3600' elev. gain. VERY Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 30 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Northern Rail Trail from Lebanon to Mascoma High School. 14 miles round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 31 Wed	Hike ***	Wooded trails at St Gaudens National Historical Park, Cornish, NH. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Fee, or National Park Pass needed. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

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**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**



At our last planning meeting, Ottauquechee (O-)Section President *Dick Andrews* mentioned the fact that our Section's name is not associated with our location in the Upper Valley.

Where *Montpelier* or *Northeast Kingdom* describe easily recognized areas, the name "*Ottauquechee*" does not reflect a defined locality for people not familiar with this part of Vermont. Besides – it is hard to spell and pronounce!

While most of the founders of our section then lived around Woodstock and close to the "O"- River, our members now are spread out from Springfield in the South to Newbury in the North, and on both sides of the Connecticut River. Should we change our name to reflect where our active members live, or stick to the trusted and familiar O"?

**What do you think? Do you have a better name? Please let us know!**

## OTTAUQUECHEE FOOTNOTES

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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.

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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