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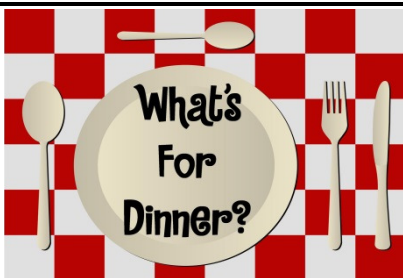
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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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SLIDE SHOW & POT LUCK

- WHEN? FRIDAY, March 18
- WHERE? TALL TIMBERS CLUBHOUSE
RT.4 – QUECHEE, VT
- BRING? POT LUCK DISH
BEVERAGE
EATING UTENSILS
- TRAVEL PICTURES
(Call Heinz Trebitz at
802-785-2129 to coordinate)
- OUTDOOR GEAR
To sell or swap

COME TO THE TAYLOR SERIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 6:30 PM
MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH

Neil VanDyke, Search and Rescue
Coordinator for the Vermont Department
of Public Safety,

will show pictures and talk about
“SEARCH AND RESCUE IN VERMONT”

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB / OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL JAMES P. TAYLOR WINTER SERIES—2016

Your life may depend on SAR

Search and
Rescue in
Vermont



Neil Van Dyke SAR Coordinator
for the Vermont
Department of
Public Safety

See how
it's done
& who
does it



Refreshments Friday—April 22—6:30pm
Admission: **FREE**

INFORMATION? call 802-785-2129
Montshire Museum
Norwich, VT



TRIPS BEFORE AND AFTER THE NEW YEAR – A mixed bag of reports. Skis? Snowshoes? Creepers? Just Boots? All of the above? – Ice skates?

On the Dec.26 trip through the Podunk Pond Wildlife Management area of South Strafford the decision was easy: Absolutely no snow. 14 people enjoyed the beautiful hike and stopped at the remote pond for lunch. Mike Hebb, creator of the Stafford Town Trails, bushwhacked us to an old stone bridge deep in the woods, probably giving access to a farm house long forgotten. While the outings to Parcel 5 in Norwich and Bridal Veil Falls in Franconia had to be cancelled because of bad weather, our New Year's Eve road walk from Marcia and Bob's place in North Thetford ended with a roaring bon fire in their backyard.

13 participants showed up on Jan. 2 to traverse Moose Mtn. on the AT, from Three Mile Rd. to Goose Pond Rd. It looked like a gloomy day, but the sun broke out just when we reached the south summit. We emerged into a wonderland of ice-glittering trees and wonderful views far out into the lowlands. After lunch at the cabin some of us switched from creepers to snowshoes, but it made no difference: hiking in crusty snow is an uneven affair.

A day later, the view from Whitcomb Hill on the Cross-town trail in Strafford was not sun-filled, yet layers of dark clouds turned it into a worthwhile lunch spot. This time the 14 hikers did not even bother with snowshoes. Creepers provided enough traction on the well-marked trail.

While reports of good ice skating on Lake Fairlee trickled in, we cancelled the trip to Owl's Head on Jan.9 because of logging activity in that area. We switched to Plan B, a loop hike over Flagpole Hill on the Rivendell Trail, with an extension along some snowmobile routes. Again, the 9 participants did fine with just creepers.



This Winter, or...

A Patch of old Snow (by Robert Frost)

There's a patch of old snow in the corner
That I should have guessed
Was a blow away paper the rain
Had brought to rest

It is speckled with grime
Small print overspread it
The news of the day I have forgotten
If I ever read it.

"O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 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!
Please try to call no later than 6 p.m. the eve before outings; leaders sometimes need to plan complicated car shuttles!

BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Mar 1 Tues	X-C Ski	An O-Section backcountry tradition: Tunbridge to Strafford, VT, with option to South Strafford. 6 or 8 miles. Hilly but beautiful. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Mar 1 Tues	Snowshoe, X-C or Hike	Northern Rail Trail, starting in Enfield, NH & heading towards Mascoma High School. 1.5 hr. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 3 Thurs	Snowshoe or Hike	Cossingham Road Farm Trail, Norwich, VT. Loop designed by John Morton. Very hilly with great view at end. ~ 3 hrs. Moderate. cathie@cbredpath.com	Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862
Mar 5 Sat	Snowshoe	Century-old Norcross Quarry on Mt. Ascutney, some old machinery survives. Nice view. 2.2 mi, 670' elevation gain. Brief steep section at start, otherwise easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Mar 6 Sun	X-C Ski	"Bolton Tours & Après Ski" at the Bolton Valley Nordic Center, hosted by GMC, CTA and Vermont Land Trust. Trail pass and Gourmet ticket needed. RSVP required,	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 8 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Around Lake Pineo in Quechee, VT. About 1 hour. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 12 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Hawk Hill, East Barnard, VT. 270 degree views of Barnard and Pomfret from the top of Hawk Hill. About 4 mi. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Mar 13 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Celebrate Daylight Saving Time on conserved land off Goodfellow Rd, Hanover, NH. Ups & downs; limited views; highlight: walk along Slade Brook. About 3 hrs., mod.	Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862
Mar 15 Tues	X-C *** or Snowshoe	Hanover, NH golf course. Fairly flat. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 15 Tues	Snowshoe	Loop on Balch Hill, Hanover, NH. Views. 2 – 3 miles, with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Mar 18 Fri	Pot Luck & Slide show	Mud Season Social at Tall Timbers Clubhouse, Quechee, VT. 5:30 p.m. Bring pot-luck dish, beverage, eating utensils, travel slides, & outdoor gear to sell or swap.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 19 Sat	Ski, Hike or Snowshoe	Explore late winter trails at Hartford, VT Town Forest & Hurricane Wildlife Refuge. Footgear based on conditions. 4-5 mi, a few hundred ft elev. gain. Easy-Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Mar 20 Sun	X-C Ski	Celebrate the Vernal Equinox by back-country skiing on Chittenden Brook Trail, Rochester, VT. Long uphill, long downhill. Ca. 5 miles. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 22 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting for Summer (June - August) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Lynne Miller's home. Call Kathy Astruckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Mar 26 Sat	Walk w/ UVLT	2 Wildlife Mgmt Areas & Upp Valley Land Trust project Smith Pond Shaker Forest. Enfield, NH. 7 mi, 2400' elev gain. Difficult. Trails & bushwhack. Rain date 3/27.	Jason Berard jason.berard@uvlt.org
Mar 29 Tues	Dirt Road Walk ***	Norwich and Thetford, VT area. Kerwin Hill Road, Pattrell Road, Route 132. About 2.5 miles, all plowed dirt roads. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 2 Sat	Snowshoe	Styles Peak (3394') in Peru Peak Wilderness, near Peru, VT. Via Long Trail from Mad Tom Notch Rd. 3.2 mi, 1365' elevation gain. Moderate	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Apr 3 Sun	Road Walk	Afternoon walk, paved road around Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT. 6 mi, easy. End in time for Rivendell Trails Assn Ann Mtg. Dinner & Auction, 4 p.m., Hulbert Outdoor Center.	Patty Spencer 802-333-3571
Apr 5 Tues	Walk	Explore Wilder Dam area along Connecticut River. 2 miles, half paved road, half dirt road. Flat. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 7 Thurs	Dirt Road Walk	Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam Recreation Area, Thetford, VT. A little over 6 miles. Scenic. Moderate. cathie@cbredpath.com	Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862
Apr 9 Sat	Snowshoe or Spikes	Mt. Ascutney (3150') by unplowed mountain road. Views. 7.4 mi, 2250' elev. gain. Moderate. Optional summit adds 1.4 mi and 400' ascent.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201

Apr 12 Tues	Hike ***	Mill Road Trail, Lebanon, NH. 2.5 mile loop, returning on Northern Rail Trail. Flat terrain. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 16 Sat	Hike / Road Walk	Town of Hartford Forest/Hurricane Hill Refuge, Kings Highway & Reservoir Road. 3.3 mi. Easy.	Tom McCLeary 802-295-7592
Apr 17 Sun	Snowshoe or Spikes	Afternoon walk up unplowed mountain road to CCC-era picnic pavilion. Nice views. 3.9 mi, 1220' elevation gain. Grade steady, not steep	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Apr 19 Tues	Hike	Mt. Tom / King Farm area, Woodstock, VT. Loop, with views. ~ 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 20 Wed	Moonlight hike	Thetford, VT area. About 4 miles. Moderate.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Apr 22 Fri	Taylor Series Lecture	“Search and Rescue in Vermont” – slides & talk by Neil VanDyke, Search & Rescue Coordinator for VT. Dept. of Public Safety. 6:30 pm, Montshire Museum Norwich VT	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 23 Sat	Bike Ride	Along the Connecticut River. About 25 miles. Easy - Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Apr 24 Sun	Hike	Climb Athens Dome East (1250') from Cambridgeport, VT. Ridge, outlook w/ views, brook. 3.5 mi, ~1150' elev. gain. Some steep parts & rock scrambles. Mod-Stren.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 26 Tues	Bike Ride	Cornish-Plainfield, NH area. About 20 miles. Easy, with some moderate hills.	Patty Spencer 802-333-3571
Apr 30 Sat	Hike ***	Kidder Brk Tr & Philbrick-Cricenti Bog, New London, NH. 2 mi on Brook trail with waterfalls. Then short drive to 1 mi walk w/sundew & picher plants, floating peat bog. Lunch at Peter Christian's Tavern after. Total 3 mi. Easy. *** Rain date 5/1.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
May 1 Sun	Road Walk	Plymouth, VT. From Coolidge historic site, through portion of state park. Short car spot. 4-5 miles, hilly. Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
May 3 Tues	Hike ***	Colette Trail, Enfield, NH. Along a lovely brook with waterfalls, quiet stretches, and wetlands. ~ 3 mi, fairly level. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 7 Sat	Hike	Wright's Mtn (1822'), Bradford, VT. Loop including Devil's Den and viewpoint. 4 - 5 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy - Moderate.	Nick Krembs 802-649-1048
May 8 Sun	Hike with Sierra Club	Mother's Day climb of North Pack Monadnock (2276'), Greenfield, NH. Loop fr E. on Ted's, Carolyn's, & Cliff Trails. Outstanding views. 5.9 mi, 1350' elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 10 Tues	Hike ***	Lowell Lake, Londonderry VT. Loop in attractive state park with Revolutionary War-era cemetery. 3.3 mi, 250' elevation gain. Easy. ***	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
May 14 Sat	Bike Ride	Randolph/Northfield, VT loop. 1 incremental, somewhat long hill early, then easy w/ short hills & flat to finish. State forest & scenic, rural Americana. 30 mi, paved. Mod.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
May 15 Sun	Bike Ride	Woodstock-Pomfret-West Hartford, VT loop. 25 miles, all paved. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
May 17 Tues	Hike	Bald Top (1776'), Fairlee, VT. Cross-Rivendell Tr fr Blood Brk Rd to Lake Morey boat launch. 5.2 m, ~ 1000' elev. gain. Views (to Franconia Ridge, if clear). Car spot. Mod.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
May 19 Thurs	Hike	Farnum Hill, Lebanon, NH. Town Forest. 3 miles. Easy.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
May 21 Sat	Work Day	Give back to the trail on our section of AT, somewhere between Cloudland Rd. & CT River. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water. Possible reblazing; materials provided.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
May 22 Sun	Hike	Explore Ashuelot Headwaters Forest, Lempster, NH. Climb Silver Mtn (2160'), good views; visit lovely Sand & Long Ponds. 3 - 4 mi, ~700' elev. gain. Easy - Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 24 Tues	Hike	Loop on Boston Lot trails starting from Old Pine Tree Cemetery Road in Lebanon, NH. Visit to the Tipping Rock. 4 – 5 miles. Moderate.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
May 29 Sun	Hike	Loop hike on Stone House House Farm Trails in Lyme, NH. Open fields and woods, steep ascent to outlook. 3-4 miles.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129

May 30 Mon	Hike	Memorial Day climb of Burnt Rock Mtn (3168'), North Fayston, VT. Hedgehog Brook & Long Trails. Good views. 5.2 mi, 1950' elevation gain. Moderate - Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 31 Tues	Hike	The Pinnacle, Windmill Hill, Westminster West, VT. Loop hike to summit. Great views of Taconics & Stratton Mtn. 3.4 mi, 450' elev. gain. Easy-Mod. Rain date 6/1.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697

Notes from the January O-Section Planning Meeting:

Since all O-Section officers usually come to the Planning Meetings, themes of general interest are often discussed before trips and events are planned. Here are some of the recent subjects:

Our three **Trails & Shelters Coordinators** will schedule a **workday** for each of the 15-mile AT stretches that they are in charge of.

The first one, possibly for re-blazing, will take place on May 21, somewhere between Cloudland Road and Norwich.

Webmaster Peter Hope is encouraging trip leaders to send him **outings reports** and pictures, so he can post them on the O-Section website, gmc-o-section.org.

Peter's email is phope@worldpath.net.

Outings Chairperson Kathy Astrauckas

has been in touch with Jo Anne Dolan, the special events coordinator for Marsh Billings National Historical Park. They have determined seven Saturdays for this summer, when volunteers from the O-Section and from the **National Park** will jointly lead short hikes on the AT between Woodstock and Norwich. Our leaders will be determined at the next planning meeting on March 22.



New Years Bonfire at Marcia & Bob's Place

Photo: Heinz Trebitz



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susan Cloke
Lisa Rogak
Brett & Angela Ladeau

Think Winter and Snow

Union Village Dam: Beaver's Work

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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