



# FOOTNOTES



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OTTAQUECHEE SECTION

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

NO MICRO SPIKES, NO SNOWSHOES,  
NO SKIS! JUST WALK IN FOR OUR

## MUD SEASON SOCIAL



### SLIDE SHOW & POT LUCK

WHEN? FRIDAY, MARCH 24  
WHERE? TALL TIMBERS CLUBHOUSE  
RT.4 – QUECHEE, VT

BRING? POT LUCK DISH  
BEVERAGE  
EATING UTENSILS

TRAVEL PICTURES

OUTDOOR GEAR  
To sell or swap

#### Directions:

Take IS 89 to Quechee/Woodstock Exit and follow Rte 4 West 2 miles to Hathaway Road on left (across from antique mall. Take Hathaway Road to reach Tall Timbers Drive after 1/2 mile. Turn right. The Clubhouse and parking is on the left after 0.1 miles.

## COME TO THE TAYLOR SERIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30 PM  
MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH

### 'TRAIL MAGIC'

THE GRANDMA GATEWOOD STORY

A FILM ABOUT THE FIRST WOMAN  
TO HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN 1955,  
and DISCUSSION ABOUT THE  
O-SECTION A.T. ACTIVITIES TODAY.



## O-SECTION WINTER SCHEDULE ... DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS



Photo: Dick Andrews

PLAN B



Photo: Dick Andrews

PLAN A

### NAME CHANGE COMMITTEE

The **Name Change Committee**, made up of *Iris Berezin*-chair, *Kathy Astrauckas*, *Peter Hope*, *Nick Krembs*, *Lynne Miller* and *Heinz Trebitz*, was formed following the last Annual Meeting, with the charge to “Consider the advisability of a change to the name of the Section, taking into account any comments from Section members, and to report its findings at the next annual meeting of the Section; and, if the committee judges a change might be beneficial, to propose one or more new names at the next annual meeting of the Section”.

The **early direction** of the committee has been to explore ways of **improving our visibility** rather than focusing specifically on the name of the Section. To that end we have identified and started a number of activities:

- Communicating with GMC headquarters about improving their website.
- Optimizing our website and our website search engine.
- Collecting demographic information about our membership.
- Expanding our use of social media (Facebook).
- Posting outings on the Upper Valley Listserv, in neighboring towns and the UV Daily; Using email lists to post outings.
- Contacting weekly newspapers in local towns about how to post outing.
- Exploring the possibility of identifying our section of the Appalachian Trail using signs bearing our name.
- Collecting information from outing leaders regarding how non-members found out about the outing.



Please contact Iris at [irisberezin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:irisberezin@myfairpoint.net) if you have other ideas or expertise that you would like to share with the committee.

## "O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 2017

\*\*\* = 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 evening before outings; leaders sometimes need to plan complicated car shuttles!

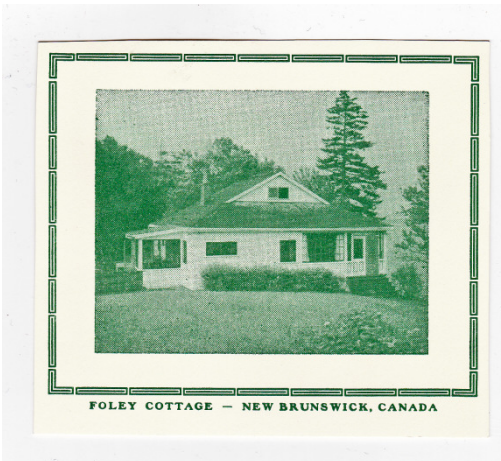
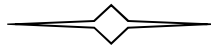
BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

ANY WINTER Tues/Wed	Snowshoe	Open invitation to hike Duncan's snowshoe trail at his house, Cavendish, VT, any Tue.or Wed. for the rest of the winter season. All levels of difficulty possible, 400' elev. gain. Great views of Okemo, more if clear. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Mar 4 Sat	Snowshoe	VerShare Snowshoe-a-thon community fundraiser. (\$15 – 20 suggested donation). Through woods & fields from Vershire Ctr, VT. Super food stop on way up to free lunch at the Mountain School. Great fun! 2 mi. uphill, go at your own pace. Mod.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Mar 4 Sat	X-C Ski	Zealand Notch (NH) offers spectacular backcountry skiing & scenery. Mod. grades to AMC Hut on unplowed road, trail, and old logging railroad bed. 14 mi, Mod - Stren.	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Mar 4 Sat	GMC Winter Fest	<b>GMC's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Trails Day</b> , Long Trail Brewing, Bridgewater Corners, VT. Guided hikes, workshops, gear demos & more. Free! More info: <a href="https://www.greenmountainclub.org/winter-trails-day/">https://www.greenmountainclub.org/winter-trails-day/</a>	GMC Hdqtrs 802-244-7037
Mar 7 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Marshland Farms, Quechee, VT. Groomed X-C trails. Trail fee. All levels, all distances; Inge does flat and Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 11 Sat	Snowshoe	Hawk Hill, East Barnard, VT. 300 <sup>o</sup> views. Wildlife tracking. About 5 miles. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Mar 11 Sat	Moonlight Snowshoe w/ UVLT	UVLT's Mountain View Farm Conserv. Area, Orford, NH. 2 mi, 250' elev. gain. Rain date 3/12. More info: <a href="http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/">http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/</a> or to register, phone or email <a href="mailto:contactus@uvlt.org">contactus@uvlt.org</a>	UppValleyLandTrust <a href="tel:6036436626">603) 643-6626</a>
Mar 12 Sun	X-C and/or Snowshoe	Start Daylight Saving Time on Blueberry Mtn (2625'), Pike, NH. fr. western trailhead, ski &/or snowshoe, based on conditions. 3 - 4 mi rnd trip, 1450' elev. gain. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 14 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 14 Tues	X-C *** or Snowshoe	Cross-country ski or snowshoe (or walk, if no snow) around Lake Pineo in Quechee, VT. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
<b>Mar 14 Tues</b>	<b>PLANNING MEETING</b>	Planning Meeting for Summer (June - August) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Dick Ruben's home. Call Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Mar 18 Sat	Snowshoe	Crane Mtn, on shoulder of Mt. Cardigan, to Alexandria, NH. West Ridge, South Ridge, & Skyland Trls. 5.6 mi, 1150' elev. gain, 1800' descent. Moderate. Car spot.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
Mar 19 Sun	X-C Ski	Ski in to Ravine Lodge, then backcountry on Merrill Ski Loop on the shoulder of Mt. Moosilauke. <u>Climbing skins required!</u> Total ~ 8.5 miles, 1500' elev.gain. Mod - Stren.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Mar 21 Tues	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Spring, Ski or snowshoe on Stonehouse Farm Trails in Lyme, NH; Length and difficulty depending on conditions. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 24 Fri	Mud Season <b>Social</b>	No micro spikes, skis or snowshoes - just walk in to enjoy a great pot luck, good company & some pictures from last year's activities. 5:30 pm at Tall Timbers Clubhouse, Quechee, VT.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 25 Sat	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Chittenden Brook Trail. Back-country ski or snowshoe (depends on cond) fr. Brandon Mtn Rd/VT-73. 4.6 mi, 560' elev. gain. Out-and-back or return on FR 45. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 26 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	A.T. north from NH-25C. Over Mt. Mist (2220'), lunch & turn around at lovely view overlooking Wachipauka Pond. 5.2 miles, 1100' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Mar 28 Tues	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Trescott Lands, Hanover, NH. Along gated Pease Road, past historic sites. 2 miles, fairly level. Easy walk. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 1 Sat	Road Walk	Thetford, VT. Campbell Flats loop: Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. Approx. 6 mi, mostly dirt roads. Moderate with several steep sections.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Apr 2 Sun	Hike	Eagles Bluff, above Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT. ~ 2 mi, easy- mod. End in time for Rivendell Trails Association Annual Meeting. Dinner (free for members, inexpensive for others) and Auction, 4 p.m., Hulbert Outdoor Center.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707

Apr 4 Tues	Road Walk ***	Wright Reservoir Road, White River Jct, VT. 3 miles round trip from Upper Valley Aquatic Center to Hurricane Drive. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 8 Sat	Snowshoe or Spikes	Mt. Ascutney (3150') by unplowed mountain road. Views. 7.4 mi, 2250' elevation gain. Moderate. Optional summit adds 1.4 mi and 400' ascent.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Apr 9 Sun	Hike	Lyme Hill area, Lyme, NH. 3.3 – 4.5 mi, depending on conditions (shorter if wetter). Old cemetery, lovely brook, vernal pool; possibly wetland and viewpoint.	Kathy Astruckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Apr 11 Tues	Walk ***	Mill Road Trail, Lebanon and Enfield, NH. 2.6 mile loop of abandoned road from Riverside Drive to the junction of Routes 4 and 4A. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 15 Sat	Hike	Trails at Webb Forest in New London, NH, by Pleasant Lake. 2 – 3 hours. Moderate. Dog friendly. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Apr 16 Sun	Hike	A.T. from Three Mile Road to Trescott Road, Etna, NH. 4 mi, mostly gently downhill. Moderate. Car spot.	Kathy Astruckas 802-785-4311
Apr 18 Tues	Walk/Hike ***	Pine Point and South Esker, Hanover, NH. River views, pine forest. 1 – 2 miles, with several short, steep hills. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 19 Wed	Hike	Great Brk Tr to Upper Cascades, Elkins, NH. Spectacular falls over long steep ledge. Devil's Half Acre Pond (beaver dam). Option: loop on Morgan Hill & Dura Crocket Trls during return. Lunch at Peter Christians Tavern after. 3.2 mi; option adds 1-3/4 mi. Easy - Moderate. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Apr 21 Fri	<b>Taylor Series</b>	<b>"Trail Magic, The Grandma Gatewood Story"</b> , movie about the first woman to hike the Appalachian Trail in 1955, and discussion about O-Section A.T. activities today. 6:30 pm, Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 22 Sat	Trail Monitoring w/ UVLT	8:30 am–2:30 pm: New volunteer monitor training at UVLT's newest conservation area: Up on the Hill Conservation Area, 1100 acres in Charlestown, NH. Rain date 4/23. Space is limited. More info: <a href="http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/">http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/</a> or to register, phone or email <a href="mailto:contactus@uvlt.org">contactus@uvlt.org</a>	UppValleyLandTrust <a href="tel:6036436626">603) 643-6626</a>
Apr 23 Sun	Walk/Hike	Leaders' choice in Thetford / Vershire area.	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 25 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Plainfield, NH. River Road Loop. 12 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 29 Sat	Hike	Moosalamoo Nat Rec Area, Brandon, VT. Leicester Hollow Trail to Silver Lake. Loop, return on Chandler Ridge Tr. 11.8 mi, 1700' elev. gain. Moderate-Strenuous. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Apr 30 Sun	Hike	Moody Park, Claremont, NH. Explore woodland trails. 4 – 5 mi, some ups and downs. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 2 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Sterling Springs in Wilder to Wilder Dam loop. 5 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 6 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
May 7 Sun	Hike	Union Village Dam Recreation Area, Thetford, VT. Wildflowers, mud and views: We'll take whatever we find! 4 - 5 miles of hiking on trails. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
May 9 Tues	Hike ***	Hanover, NH. Along south side of Mink Brook from Route 10 to Route 120. Very picturesque. 2 miles round trip, a few ups and downs. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 13 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. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
May 14 Sun	Mother's Day Hike	Honoring our mothers w/ hike on LT/A.T. thru Maine Jct to Deer Leap in Killington, VT, followed by pub lunch. 3+ mi. Moderate. Short car spot. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
May 16 Tues	Paddle + Building	Paddle to Hubbard Island in Claremont, NH w/ UVLT; help build brand new CT River Paddlers Trail campsite! 3 mi paddle (1.5 mi each way). Rain date 5/17. More info: <a href="http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/">http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/</a> or to register, phone or email <a href="mailto:contactus@uvlt.org">contactus@uvlt.org</a>	UppValleyLandTrust <a href="tel:6036436626">603) 643-6626</a>

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May 16 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Northern Rail Trail, Enfield, NH. From Icehouse Road to Mascoma High School and return along Mascoma Lake and Mascoma River. 12 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 20 Sat	<b>Work Day</b>	Give back to the trail on our section of A.T., somewhere betw. Cloudland Rd. & CT River (or poss. Quimby Mtn, Killington Town). Bring work gloves, tools, lunch, water.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
May 21 Sun	Hike	Wright's Mtn, Bradford, VT. Loop climb, much of it on newer trails. Visit Devil's Den and Lookout. 4 mi, 900' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 23 Tues	Hike	Explore Mayor-Niles Forest, Etna, NH, on trails to viewpoints. 2+ miles, 400+ feet elevation gain. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 27 Sat	<b>Hike &amp; Picnic</b>	Join Ascutney Trails Assn. for annual picnic atop Mt. Ascutney (3150'). About. 7 mi. Moderate- Strenuous. Call leader for details. <b>Short option</b> from parking @ top of auto road: 1.8 mi round trip, 200' elevation gain, moderate terrain, led by Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
May 28 Sun	Hike	Mt. Crosby (2202') and Bald Knob (2035'), North Groton, NH (south of Rumney). Views. 4-mile loop, 1200' elevation gain, steep in places. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 29 Mon	Memorial Day Hike	Mt. Cube (2909'), Orfordville, NH. A.T. fr Quinttown Rd; Cross-Rivendell Tr to Baker Rd. Views from Eastman Ledges, South & North Peaks. 5.2 mi, 2000' elev. gain. Moderate. Car spot.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
May 30 Tues	Hike ***	Lebanon, NH, Old Pine Tree Cemetery Road area. Marvel at the numerous large glacial erratics along the way to Tipping Rock. 2 – 3 miles. Easy, ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017



**JULY DAYS AT A COTTAGE IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA?**

As mentioned in the last FOOTNOTES, Marcia Dunning has offered our members to join her for some summer days at her cottage in St. John, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Loch Lomond Lake. Costs would be for shared meals (no rental fee), the time frame July 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. As of now, there is still room at the cottage!

If you would like to know more details, please call Marcia at 802-333-4340.

**BOOTS TO BOATS – THE NEXT CHAPTER**

Last year's "Boots to Boats" collaboration with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park was so successful that the **program will be repeated** this summer and fall. The Ottauquechee Section will again co-lead short to moderate length hikes on the Appalachian Trail between Woodstock and Norwich with rangers from the National Park. These hikes are particularly good for beginners and families, because the pace is relaxed and will include stops at points of interest.

The Park Service plans to arrange a shuttle bus to and from the trailhead, eliminating the need to carpool. The section will also co-lead a beginner's trail maintenance outing with the National Park Service on the Appalachian Trail on Quimby Mountain in Killington.

Outings Coordinator Kathy Astrauckas will contact possible leaders soon to start scheduling the hikes. (Planning meeting for summer outings is March 14). So far the dates are: June 17; July 1, 15, 29; Aug. 12; Sept. 2, 16, 30. The program will culminate with a "Peak to Peak" event, probably on Oct. 14.

Feel free to contact Kathy before the planning meeting to secure your preferred dates and hikes.

*Dick Andrews/Kathy Astrauckas*

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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. Kristin McLane. 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