



# FOOTNOTES



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**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON ONE OF THE O-SECTIONS OUTINGS AT THE  
GMC ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, AT THE HULBERT OUTDOOR CENTER. \***

**Leader:**

- #1 **Sawyer Mtn.:** Trail from nearby Avery Road to Summit (992') and back. Trail near I-89 is noisy. Rough, rock scramble; great view over Ct River from cliff. 3.2 miles. **Moderate.** *David Newbury*
- #2 **Echo Mtn.:** Trail from Lake Morey Boat Launch over Eagle's Bluff to Lake Rd. and back on road to start. Two viewpoints, short steep climbs. 2.2 miles. **Moderate.** *Inge Trebitz*
- #3 **Wright's Mtn.:** From Wright's Mtn. Road in Bradford to lookout and back. 1.6 miles. **Easy.** *Kevin Williamson*
- #4 **Bill Hill:** Loop from Tucker Hill Rd. in Thetford to top of hill and down to and along Ompompanoosuc River and waterfall. 3.0 miles. **Easy.** *Lynne Miller*
- #5 **Houghton Hill (1481'):** Mimi's Trail in Thetford from VT-113 to summit and back. Great views all around. 5.2 miles. **Easy to Moderate.** *Peter Hope*
- #6 **Flagpole Hill (2200'):** Cross-Rivendell-Trail from Taylor Valley Rd. in Vershire to viewpoint and back. 2.4 miles. **Easy.** *Heinz Trebitz*
- #7 **Bald Top (1776'):** Cross-Rivendell-Trail from Blood Brook Road to summit and back. Great views. 3.8 miles. **Moderate.** *Bob Hagen or Kathy Astrauckas*
- #8 **Holt's Ledge & Trapper John Shelter** on Appalachian Trail and back. 3.4 miles. **Moderate.** *Nick Krembs*
- #9 **Moose Mtn.** South Peak (2290') Etna, NH: Loop up on AT, down on Nat Thompson Trail. ~ 4 miles. **Moderate.** *Tom Kahl*
- #10 **Mt. Cube (2909')** Orford, NH: Cross-Rivendell-Trail from Baker road to summit and back. Steep rock scramble. Views. 4.0 miles. **Strenuous.** *Debbie Marcus*
- #11 **Black Mtn. (2830')** East Haverhill, NH: Chippewa Trail up and back. Steep. Great views. 3.6 miles. **Strenuous.** *Cathie Redpath*
- Bike Ride:** 25 mile loop from Lake Morey to Lyme and back. *Dick Ruben*
- Paddle:** Connecticut River from Orford, NH. *Tom McCleary*

\*Note: To participate you'll need to sign up at the Annual Meeting outings desk and join the group at the announced meeting place.



It's **trail work time** again, big and small!  
It takes adopters, the *Special Operations Team* and volunteers like you to keep the AT and other local trails open and ready for enjoyable hikes. And, of course, there are the thru hikers *Nobos* and *Sobos*, arriving soon.

Photo and story (below) by *Bob Hagen*

So here was an early season challenge right in rural Norwich. One 15" diameter poplar/birch took down another 12" poplar/birch and assorted white pine. Smack dab in the middle of the trail. This mess was blocking the trail since winter. Adopter Cathie Redpath and a loyal friend of the trail did some clever engineering and got rid of it before the hiking season goes into full swing. It took a few hours, but this segment of the AT in Norwich gets a lot of runner and day hiking use, so there are many grateful people.



*Europabruecke in Randa, Switzerland, near Zermatt. World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge.*

*Built in 2017  
Length: 1640'  
Elevation: 13000' above sea level*

*Use: to bridge a 2500' deep ravine, as part of a longdistance hiking trail in the Swiss Alps.*

*Trail description – length: 21 miles; elevation gain: 6200' up, 6000' down;  
duration: 2 days (14 hours); strenuous.*

**Don't worry, Kathy Austrackas and Bob Hagen** are not planning to take you

across a bridge like this. **Instead, they are offering short (1 to 2 nights), relatively easy backpacking trips** to some of the less-visited, less-challenging and quite lovely parts of New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest. The schedule is flexible, weather dependent. There is the possibility to borrow some equipment from the leaders. Contact Kathy Astrackas or Bob Hagen: 802-785-4311 or [kabh@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kabh@myfairpoint.net)

## "O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, JUNE - AUGUST 2018

\*\*\* = 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 1 – 3 Fri – Sun	<b>GMC Annual Meeting</b>	GMC's 108 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Hulbert Outdoor Center in Fairlee, VT. Hosted by Upper Valley – Ottauquechee Section. Work hike Fri. a.m.; meeting, hikes & dinner Sat. (entertainment both eves); Sun workshops (trail maintenance & Section Communications). <a href="http://www.greenmountainclub.org">www.greenmountainclub.org</a>	GMC Headqtrs 802-244-7037
Jun 9 Sat	Bike Ride	Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. From Joe's Pond Beach in West Danville, VT, gently downhill to St.Johnsbury. 18 miles. Hybrid bikes; car spot - please carpool if possible.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 12 Tues	Hike	Half Mile Pond, Enfield, NH. Hike to attractive backcountry pond in Wildlife Management Area. ~ 4 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy to Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 12 Tues	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning meeting for Fall (Sept.-Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. at the Trebitz home. Call Kathy Astrauckas (802-785-4311) before with date preferences if you can't join us.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 16 Sat	<b>Work Day</b>	Give back to the trail on our section of A.T., somewhere betw. Cloudland Rd. & CT River. Tools provided, or bring your own favorites. Bring work gloves, lunch, water.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jun 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. VT-12 to Woodstock Stage Rd. 2.2 mi, 700' elev. gain (steep initial climb). Mod. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-leaders Heinz & Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Jun 17 Sun	Hike	Father's Day on North (2310') & Middle (2539') Sugarloaf, Twin Mtn, NH. Sugarloaf Trail. Views! 3.4 mi, 800' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jun 19 Tues	Hike ***	Eshqua Bog, Hartland, VT. Orchids, lady's slippers, bog plants, cold-climate holdovers from last glacial period; 2-acre fen traversed by a boardwalk. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 23 Sat	Hike	Burnt Rock Mtn (3168'), North Fayston, VT. Out-and-back via Hedgehog Brook & Long Trails. Good views. 5.2 mi, ~2000' elevation gain. Moderate - Strenuous.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jun 24 Sun	Hike	Mt. Crosby (2222') and Bald Knob (2035') in Cockermonth Forest, Groton, NH. Good views from both peaks. 3 – 4 mi, ~1200' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jun 26 Tues	Hike	Stratton Mtn. (3936'), Stratton VT. Fire tower, views, nice trail. A.T. conceived on summit in 1909 by James Taylor. 6.6 mi., 1600' elevation gain. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Jun 26 Tues	Road Walk ***	Quimby Mtn /Tigertown Road in West Hartford, VT. Mainly downhill. 2 – 3 miles. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 30 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. *** Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-leader Angie Emerson 802-299-5866.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Jun 30 Sat	Hike	Lost Pond Bog (2720'), Big Branch Wilderness near Danby VT. Floating bog mat, pitcher plants etc. 7.5 mi: 6 mi Long Tr., 1.5 mi bushwhack. 1300' ascent. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
July 1 Sun	Hike	A.T. between Lookout Farm Road and Route 12 in Woodstock. Lots of ups and downs and some nice views. 5.8 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 3 Tues	Walk/Hike ***	Pine Park Trail, Hanover, NH. About 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 3 Tues	Bike Ride	From Wilder to Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, VT. Via Quechee Main St. and River Road, out and back. Completely avoids Route 4. 30 mi. Moderate.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
July 7 Sat	Hike	Mt Roosevelt (3528'), Breadloaf Wilderness near Granville, VT. Clark Brook and Long Trail, out & back. View near top. 6.8 mi, 2200' elev. gain. Mod. – Strenuous.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
July 8 Sun	Hike	A.T. between Lookout Farm Road and Chateauguay Road, Barnard/Bridgewater, VT area. Views from The Lookout. 4+ miles. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 10 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Plainfield, NH. River Road Loop. 12 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 14 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 14 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ Ranger	<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. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-leader Dick Andrews: 802-885-3201	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
July 15 Sun	Afternoon 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.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
July 17 Tues	Hike	Loop from Moose Mtn Lodge, Hanover, NH. Up past beaver pond, lovely woods, open ledges; down thru pastures with views. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy - Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 21 Sat	Hike (& swim)	Pondbagging: scenic Griffith Lake (swim poss.), lonesome Long Hole. Green Mtn. Nat. Forest, Peru VT. Old Job Tr & short bushwhack. 7.5 mi., 700' elev. gain. Mod/Stren.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
July 22 Sun	Hike	Loop to Smith Pond Shaker Forest, Enfield, NH. Fr NH-4A on new Upper Valley Land Trust trails. Nice pond, waterfalls, old canals. 5 – 6 mi, ~ 1000' elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 24 Tues	Hike	Pico Peak (3957'). "Loop" up Sherburne Pass Trail, down Long Trail. Views, lovely forest, Pico Camp, Churchill Scott Shelter. 7.7 mi, 2000' elevation gain. Strenuous. Very short car spot. After-hike meal/beverage at Inn at Long Trail.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
July 24 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Around Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT. Lovely scenery. 6 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 28 Sat	Bike Ride	Upper Valley Bike Route. White River Jct-Lebanon-Hanover-Norwich & back to Wilder on Rt. 5. ~ 15 mi. Moderate. Much on side roads, not major highways. Option: lunch/brew at local establishment after. All parking within walking distance of lunch so lunch is entirely optional.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
July 28 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ Ranger	<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. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-leader Nick Krembs 802-649-1048.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
July 29 Sun	Hike & Swim	Green Mtn. Trail- Little Rock Pond loop, Mt. Tabor, VT. See views from the mountain, swim in the pond! 7.0 mi, 1100' elevation gain. Moderate/Strenuous.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
July 31 Tues	Hike	Smarts Mtn (3240'), Orford, NH. Fr Mousley Brk Rd (Quinttown) up Daniel Doan Tr to summit. Good views fr. renovated fire tower. Then north down A.T. (J trail) to Jacobs Brook Rd. 7.5 mi with car drop or 9.5 mi as full loop. 2,000' elevation gain. Strenuous.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Aug 4 Sat	Hike	North (4761') & South (4902') Twin Mtns, White Mtn. Nat Forest. Out & back on Twin Trail & North Twin Spur. Views above treeline! 11.2 mi, 3700' elev. gain. Strenuous.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Aug 5 Sun	Hike	Bromley traverse. South on Long Trail from Mad Tom Notch, Peru, VT to VT-11. Views at top; Bromley Shelter. 5.5 mi, ~800' elevation gain. Moderate. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 7 Tues	Walk ***	From Quechee Gorge to Dewey's Pond, out-and-back. 3 miles. Swimming from rocks at bottom of gorge. Easy***. Meet at Visitor Center on Route 4.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 11 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ Ranger	<i>Boots to Boats</i> w/ NPS; local hist. Joe Ranger Rd to VT-14/White River (W. Htfd, VT). 3.3 mi, 300' elev. gain, 1200' down, steep at end. Hilltop pastures/views, old red pine plantation, cellar holes. Mod. Limit 12; reserve @ business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-ldr Tom McCleary 802-295-7592.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Aug 12 Sun	Hike	Franconia Ridge without the crowds! Skookumchuck Tr, Franconia, NH. Out-and-back. Views into Pemigewasset Wilderness! 8.6 mi, 3000' elev. gain. Strenuous.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Aug 14 Tues	Hike ***	Storrs Pond Ring Trail, Hanover, NH. 2 – 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 18 Sat	Hike	Mt. Potash (2700'), Albany, Intervale, NH fr Kancamagus. Nice forest, outlooks, views! One stream crossing, easily avoidable if necessary. 4.4 mi, 1400' elev. gain. Mod.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 25 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ Ranger	<i>Boots to Boats</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park. A.T. & landscape hist. Tigertown/ Podunk Rd south to Newton Lane. Happy Hill Shelter. 5 mi, 700' elev. gain, 1400' descent. Mod. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. UV-O-Sect. co-ldr Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Aug 26 Sun	Hike	Mt Tecumseh (4,003'). Traverse from Waterville Valley Ski Area & Mt Tecumseh Trail to Tripoli Rd. Views. 5.6 mi, 2,200' elevation gain. Moderate, rocky terrain.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>
Aug 28 Tues	Paddle,Swim & 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



**Trip Report and  
Pictures by *Duncan Love***

Another round for the **Leicester Hollow Trail** at Moosalamoo National Recreational Area. All new players this year. Same number being five. Two members from other sections(!) and our O-Section president. I was honored to lead this group. A unique hike with the hollow being the main attraction. Not often do you find this. I never have.

Less early spring plant life this year and some snow and ice but it was not a problem. Everything went well Those who did not attend missed another great hike with me.



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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES with VT DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

*Rebecca Harvey*, chair of GMC's Publication Committee, is a scientist working with DEC in monitoring the water quality of 10 lakes and ponds in Southern Vermont. Some of these are only accessible by skiing, hiking or paddling. Rebecca is looking for help with this acid-impacted pond monitoring project. Granted, the work sites are far from the usual O-Section's activity grounds, but it might be interesting to work with her and worth the long trip.

For more details, Rebecca can be contacted at [rebecca.harvey@vermont.gov](mailto:rebecca.harvey@vermont.gov) or 802-490-6147

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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 Vermont mountains play a larger part 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 Upper Valley 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 Upper Valley 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 Iris Berezin at 802-295-2294.

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 Upper Valley 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