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OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION
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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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



COME TO THE TAYLOR SERIES
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 6:30 PM
MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH
SUMMITING KILIMANJARO

**SLIDE SHOW AND TALK ABOUT TRAINING,
GEAR PREPARATION AND CLIMBING
TANZANIA'S 19,341' DORMANT VOLCANO**

by
JOSHUA POWERS and AMY DANIELS

SLIDE SHOW & POT LUCK

WHEN? FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH
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.



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB'S 108TH ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 – SUNDAY, JUNE 3
HULBERT OUTDOOR CENTER, FAIRLEE, VT
hosted by
UPPER VALLEY OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION

QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE EVENTS:

- Friday Morning:** Work hike
Afternoon: Board of Directors meeting
Evening: Welcoming reception
- Sat. Morning:** Bird walk/ Trail run
Annual Meeting for all GMC Sections
Afternoon: Outings
Evening: Dinner, Silent Auction
Speaker: Expedition to Ultima Thule
Bonfire and social
- Sunday Morning:** Trail Maintenance workshop

Hulbert Outdoor Center

Is a non-profit educational institution with year-round programs for adults, teens and children. The lakeside campus offers a dining hall in the Main House, a huge barn for concerts, dances and special events, a number of cabins, tent space, courts and fields for ball playing, hiking trails, a fire pit – We have exclusive use of the camp, so there is plenty of space for different activities.

Saturday Night Speaker Stephen Gorman

(Norwich, VT) focuses his work on understanding the connections between nature and humanity. Last winter he set off on a three week dogsled expedition over the sea ice with the Inughuit, or Polar Eskimos – the northernmost people in the world and one of the last true hunter-gatherer communities in Greenland.

OUTINGS OVERVIEW

The O-Section's Outings Committee has chosen a dozen interesting trips of various length and difficulty.

Of course, all of them will be led by
O-Section members:

Saturday's bird walk with
ornithologist George Clark;

Ten wonderful hikes with a view;

A bushwhack along the AT corridor to learn about
protecting the land from illegal uses;

A local cycle loop starting at Hulbert;

A paddle trip on the Connecticut River

If you have never attended a GMC Annual Meeting,
this is the perfect opportunity!

For complete details, refer to the Spring Edition
of the *2018 Long Trail News*, or visit
www.greenmountainclub.org
or call the Club at 802-244-7037.



Connecticut River from Sawyer Mountain

Photo: David Newbury



Bald Top in Vershire

Photo: Inge Trebitz

"O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 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!
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 3 Sat	Snowshoe	VerShare Snowshoe-a-thon community fundraiser. (\$15 - \$20 suggested donation). Through woods & fields from Vershire Ctr, VT. Great food stop on way up to free lunch at The Mtn. School. Great fun! 2 mi. uphill, go at your own pace. Moderate.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 ajaneway@gmail.com
Mar 4 Sun	X-C Ski	Ski in to Ravine Lodge, then backcountry Al Merrill Ski Loop on the shoulder of Mt. Moosilauke. Total ~ 8.5 miles, 1500' elev.gain. Climbing skins required. Mod - Stren.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Mar 6 Tues	Snowshoe ***	Town Meeting Day/ Voting, then hike (snowshoe!) in Norwich, VT. Tucker Tr & A.T. to Happy Hill Shelter. 10 – 11:30 a.m. 2 mi. round trip, 200' elev. gain. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 6 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting for Summer (June - August) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Tom Kahl's home. Call Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Mar 10 Sat	X-C Ski	In Lyme, NH area. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
Mar 11 Sun	Snowshoe	Daylight Saving Time! Loop to Hexacuba Shelter on Mt Cube, Orford, NH. Hiking & snowmobile trails; view from Eastman Ledges. 5.0 mi, over 1000' elev. gain. Mod.	Kevin Williamson 802-222-5951 overmtn@charter.net
Mar 13 Tues	Road Walk	4 – 5 miles in either Sharon, VT or Lyme, NH area, depending on road conditions.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Mar 17 Sat	Snowshoe	St. Patrick's Day on snow in Sharon, VT. New area, great views. ~ 5 mi. Moderate. (We'll use spikes if conditions don't require snowshoes.)	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
Mar 18 Sun	Snowshoe	Lovely trails in Norwich, VT. Loop connecting Parcel 5 & Brookmeade Conserv area to Ballard Tr. 6 mi, 500' elev. gain. Moderate. 10 a.m. start. Call leader for details.	nick.krembs@gmail.com 802-649-1048
Mar 20 Tues	Dirt Road Walk ***	First day of Spring! Hartford, VT on dirt roads up in the hills beyond Hurricane Forest. 10 – 11:30 a.m. ~ 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 24 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Hazen Trail, Wilder to Norwich & back. 4 mi, plus an extra out and back into woods near Rte. 5 pkg lot. A few nice views / little elev. gain. Easy – Mod, due to distance.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Mar 25 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 27 Tues	Walk ***	Dirt & paved roads. Starting at Norwich Park & Ride, up Hawk Pine Road. Loop of about 2 – 3 mi. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Easy, with initial somewhat uphill. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 31 Sat	Road Walk	Thetford, VT. Campbell Flats loop: Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. About 6 mi, mostly dirt roads. Moderate with several steep sections.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Apr 3 Tues	Hike ***	Balch Hill loop in Hanover, NH. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Interesting views. ~ 2 mi. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 6 Fri	Mud Season Social	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.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 7 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Cross-Vermont Trail, Wells River, VT. From Boltonville trailhead to Wells River, downhill. 4 miles, plus short nature loops connected to CVT. Car spot. Easy–Mod.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
Apr 8 Sun	Road Walk ***	Afternoon walk, paved rd around Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT. 6 mi. Easy ***. End in time for Rivendell Trail Assn. Ann. Mtg. Dinner & Auction, 4 p.m., Hulbert Outdoor Center.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Apr 10 Tues	Dirt Road Walk ***	From Hiker Parking near Dartmouth Skiway, up the hill (dirt road) for a mile or so and return. An invigorating walk! 10 – 11:30 a.m. ~ 2 – 3 mi. round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 14 Sat	Dirt Road Walk	Scenic dirt roads in Pomfret, VT. Galaxy Hill area. 6 miles; option for less distance. Easy to Moderate; some hills. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Apr 15 Sun	Hike ***	Taxes done? Even if not, it's Sunday; there's still time, so GO HIKING! 2 short, easy hikes along CT River, Hanover, NH. 3 – 4 mi, mostly level. Easy.*** Short car shuttle.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

Apr 17 Tues	Road Walk ***	An uphill trek up Neap Road in Hartford, VT (off Route 5), and downhill return. Great views. 2 mi. round trip. Car pool from UVAquatic Ctr. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 20 Fri	Taylor Series	Slide show and talk about climbing Kilimanjaro, by Joshua Powers (Hanover HS graduate, Prof. at Indiana State Univ.) 6:30 pm, Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 21 Sat	Hike/Spike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') by unplowed mountain road. Views. 7.4 mi, 2250' elev. gain. Moderate. Optional summit adds 1.4 mi & 400' ascent. May need microspikes.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Apr 22 Sun	Hike ***	Celebrate Earth Day on Lyme Pinnacle, Lyme, NH. 0.5 mi total distance, only a little climbing. Old chimney, great views over CT River & inland mountains. Easy.***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 24 Tues	Hike ***	Hazen Trail, Wilder, VT. Going as far as great view from above CT River, and return. 10 – 11:30 a.m. About 2 mi. round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 28 Sat	Hike	Moosalamoo Nat. Rec. Area, Brandon, VT. Falls of Lana, Silver Lake, Leicester Hollow Tr. Then grp can split. Short opt: end on Minnie Baker Tr. to car spot. 7 mi, 1200' elev. gain. Mod. Long opt: Return on Chandler Ridge to complete a loop. 11.8 mi, 1700' elev. gain. Mod-Stren. due to distance. Early wildflowers. Co-ldr Dick Andrews. Rain date 4/29. duncanlove4024@yahoo.com	Duncan Love 802-226-7697 (prefer email)
Apr 29 Sun	Hike	Spruce Mtn (3037'), Plainfield, Vt. Several lookouts with views, plus observation tower at summit. 4.5 mi, 1200' elevation gain (steady climb). Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
May 1 Tues	Hike	Trescott Lands, Hanover, NH. 4 mi. loop. Hilly but not steep. Some views but mostly in forest. No dogs unless they are on a leash for the ENTIRE hike!	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
May 5 Sat	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 6 Sun	Hike	Along lovely Slade Brook, Hanover, NH. Waterfalls. ~ 4 mi, downhill from Goodfellow Road to River Road. Moderate. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 8 Tues	Bike Ride ***	From Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Along River Road past Taftsville covered bridge, to Quechee Country Club. 8 – 10 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 12 Sat	Hike/Walk ***	New London Conserv. Comm. Trails: Lyon Brook Tr w/ Knight's Hill Nature Park (birding area). Lunch in town after. ~ 3 mi. Easy, easy on the knees. Short car spot. Rain date 5/13. duncanlove4024@yahoo.com	Duncan Love 802-226-7697 (prefer email)
May 13 Sun	Hike	Mother's Day on A.T. from Three Mile Road to Trescott Road, Etna, NH. 4 mi, mostly gently downhill. Easy - Moderate. Car spot.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
May 15 Tues	Bike Ride ***	Cycle on paved road around Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT. 10 – 11:30 a.m. 6 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 19 Sat	Walk-thru/ Work Day	On A.T. stretch from Killington to Stony Brook Rd. to clear blowdowns, open ditches, clip brush. Meet 9:30am at Kent Pond boat access on VT-100. Contact Nick ahead. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water.	nick.krembs@gmail.com 802-649-1048
May 20 Sun	Bike Ride	Barnard to Royalton area along Royalton Turnpike, beautiful country dirt roads. Hybrid or mountain bike suggested. 15-20 miles. Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
May 22 Tues	Hike	Rivendell Trail from Taylor Valley Road (Vershire, VT) to Flagpole Hill viewpoint (2200') and back. 2.4 mi. roundtrip. Easy.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
May 26 Sat	Hike & Picnic	Join Ascutney Trails Assn. for annual picnic atop Mt. Ascutney (3150'). About 7 mi. Moderate - Strenuous. Call leader for details. Short option from top of auto road: 1.8 mi round trip, 200' elev. gain, mod. terrain, led by Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
May 27 Sun	Hike	Cross-Rivendell Trail between Bloodbrook and Middlebrook Rd., Fairlee, VT. Quite a bit of Ups and Downs. Views. 3.8 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
May 28 Mon	Hike	Memorial day up to Bald Mtn, Franconia, NH, on side of Kinsman. Cabin site, waterfall, amazing views from open ledges. 4.6 mi, ~ 1400' elev. gain. Steady grade, not very steep. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 29 Tues	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

SpecOpsTeam

Over the past two years as Trails and Shelters Chair, I've noticed that the hard working adopters can't always take care of their segments alone, and even scheduled work days miss the whim of Mother Nature. Blame climate change or aging, but blowdowns seem bigger and more frequent, water bars more clogged, and bending down to clear the tread more time consuming.

My thought is to form a Special Operations Team that can be called on when reports from hikers or adopters identify problems. Experience tells me that one or two people and a few hours would suffice.

Please let me know if you would be interested in being a member of the SpecOpsTeam, and what kind of work you would feel comfortable doing, from chain saw operation (requires Forest Service certifications) to flicking branches off the trail. Phone call might be more efficient, but email would work.

See you on the trail!

Bob Hagen, Trails and Shelters Chair.

802-785-4311 kabh@myfairpoint.net



Not Yet! This tree is waiting for Bob's SpecOpsTeam

Photo by Inge Trebitz



August 2017

Blowdown on AT near Perkins Road, Bridgewater Township.

It took Heinz and Inge two and one half hours to clear the trail. The thru hiker reporting told us she actually saw the tree falling!

Photo by Inge Trebitz

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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.

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