



# FOOTNOTES



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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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## MUD SEASON SOCIAL POTLUCK and PICTURES

(Guest appearance: Dr.Schlitz)

WHEN: Friday, April 5 – 5:30 pm  
WHERE: Tall Timbers Clubhouse,  
RT.4 - Quechee, VT

BRING: Potluck Dish, drinks and utensils  
Outdoor gear to sell or give away

DIRECTIONS: I 89 to Quechee/Woodstock exit.  
Take Rt.4 west for 2 miles to Hathaway Rd.on left  
(across from antique mall). Follow it and turn right  
onto Tall Timbers Drive. The clubhouse and parking  
is on the left after 0.1 miles.



Photo: Heinz Treibitz

## Taylor Series Presentation April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB / OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION  
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL JAMES P. TAYLOR WINTER SERIES – 2018/2019

### VERMONT'S ORIGINAL RAIL TO TRAIL

Presented by Preston Bristow  
of Woodstock VT  
Co-founder and Past President  
of the Upper Valley Ottawaquechee  
Section of the  
Green Mountain Club.

How the Railroad Robber Barons assisted unwittingly in the building of the Vermont Long Trail

Refreshments: Friday – April 26 – 6:30pm Admission: **FREE**

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

Designed & printed by Inge Brown, Williston, VT

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### Taylor Series Trivia:

**Educational Presentation Series** instituted by the Green Mountain Club in 1992 – in honor of *James P. Taylor* and his vision and work to establish Vermont's Long Trail, preceding the AT;  
**27 years of slideshows and talks** so far, covering varying topics each year, hosted by different sections of the GMC;  
**Presentations organized by the UVO-Section** for the last 23 years. The colorful and imaginative posters were designed by *Inge Brown*.

## WHITE ON WHITE – A TRIP REPORT

End of November 2018, and lots of unexpected snow. Kathy A. invited the usual suspects to an unscheduled snowshoe trip on the A.T. in the Killington area; from Rt.4 up to Maine Junction, then going north and down to Gifford Woods. “It may turn out to be an adventure!”

It did – but a fun one. Eight people showed up. The parking lot at the Kent Pond fishing access was not plowed. Neither was the Catamount one on Rt.4. Some driving back and forth until we had cars on both ends of the planned trip and could start hiking. Nobody had been on the trail, which meant for us taking turns to break it and jump over lots of small not-yet frozen brooks. At first we could follow the paw-print blue signs for the Catamount Trail, but once they turned off we had to go by memory from summer hikes. White blazes just don't show up very well on snow-covered tree trunks! “Could you brush that one off a bit?” “Don't you think we have to go higher (or lower, or more to the right...)”? “Do you recall that ditch?” “Would we find the Maine Junction if we just bushwhacked in a straight line?” According to Dick A.'s carry-on technology, it took us 77 minutes for that first mile to the point where A.T. and Long Trail part ways.



Report and Photo by *Inge Trebitz*

The snow got deeper; in places up to two feet. Low overhanging trees showered us with white clouds. Yet the trail was easier to find from there on, and we had time to constantly marvel at the winter wonderland around us. But in between, when we got off track again, we just wondered whose bright idea it was to use WHITE blazes on the A.T.! Well, we didn't get lost and made it down to Gifford Woods by early afternoon. A great adventure!



## WINTER HIKES BELOW THE DAM:

### *Colette Trail in Enfield, NH*

(conserved in 2004 through UVLT)  
follows the mostly undeveloped  
Bicknell Brook

Long is gone  
The man-made dam  
freeing the water  
to play its icy wonders.

December outing led by *Tom Kahl*  
Photo by *Dave Newbury*

## "O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 2019

\*\*\* = 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 outing; leaders sometimes need to plan complicated car shuttles!

BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Mar 2 Sat	Snowshoe	GMC's 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ann. Winter Trls Day. 8:30 – 5. Guided grp hikes, winter skills wkshps, snowshoe demos, kids' activ, campfire, après party, raffle. Flood Brook School, 91 VT Rt 11, Londonderry, VT. <a href="https://www.greenmountainclub.org/winter-trails-day">https://www.greenmountainclub.org/winter-trails-day</a>	GMC Hdqtrs 802-244-7037
Mar 2 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 <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>
Mar 3 Sun	X-C Ski w/ Catamount Trail Assn.	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.	Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Mar 5 Tues	Snowshoe w/NEK Sect.	Town Meeting Day (Vote!). Several points of interest along Old Charleston Rd, Piermont, NH, including remote Manning Monumt. 5 - 7 mi, on mostly mod. terrain.	Kevin Williamson 802-222-5951 <a href="mailto:overmtn@charter.net">overmtn@charter.net</a>
Mar 7 Thurs	X-C Ski	X-C ski in Lyme, NH area. Moderate. Cell 603-359-7243	Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862
Mar 9 Sat	X-C Ski or Road Walk	X-C ski from N. Thetford, VT to Isabel's Café for lunch (Dutch treat). 3 mi ea way, flat. Can spot a car for those who want 1-way. If snow not suitable, will substitute a dirt road walk in Lyme.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Mar 10 Sun	Snowshoe or Spike	Afternoon trip; welcome Daylight Saving Time! Century-old Norcross Quarry on Mt. Ascutney, some old machinery survives; nice view. 2.2 mi., 670' elev gain. Steep start, then easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Mar 12 Tues	Road Walk ***	Hartford, VT. Up hill on Reservoir Road next to Hurricane Forest, big views. 1mile up & 1 mile down. Mostly paved w/ a little dirt. Easy, Easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 12 Tues	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT. On trails and carriage roads. 4 – 5 mi, starting on Prosper Rd.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Mar 16 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Farnum Hill Preserve, Lebanon, NH. ~ 5 mi. Moderate.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Mar 17 Sun	Snowshoe or Walk ***	St. Patrick's Day on Northern Rail Trail, Enfield to Lebanon, NH. Mostly along Mascoma Lake shoreline. Pretty winter lake views. 7.5 mi. Flat. Easy. *** Car spot. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a> (Email contact preferred)	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Mar 19 Tues	Snowshoe or hike	Last day of Winter! Loop on Brookmead Conservation Area, Norwich, VT. 3+ miles, ~ 1000' elevation gain. Moderate.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
Mar 19 Tues	<b>PLANNING MEETING</b>	Planning Meeting for Summer (June - August) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Inge Brown's home. Call Kathy Astraukas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 23 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Cross-Town Trail, Strafford, VT. Section from Old City Falls Rd. to Justin Morrill Homestead. Nice view. 6 mi. 860' elevation gain, 1860' descent. Moderate.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
Mar 24 Sun	Snowshoe	Stratton Mtn. (3936'), Stratton VT. Fire tower, views, nice trail. AT & LT conceived on summit. 7.2 mi. (0.6 mi. on road), 1600' elevation gain. Moderate - Strenuous.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Mar 26 Tues	Snowshoe	Oliverian Trails, Pike, NH. Uphill hike, downhill return, ~ 5.5 mi. Great views to Black Mtn, Sugarloaf, Moosilauke. A cabin at top. Moderate. Cell 603-359-7243	Cathie Redpath 802-649-3862
Mar 26 Tues	Dirt Road Walk ***	Upper Turnpike Road & Needham Road, Norwich, VT. Scenic, bucolic 2.2-mile dirt road loop. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Mar 30 Sat	Spike or Snowshoe	Avoid mud on paved Mt. Ascutney (3150') road, no cars, views; to summit if dry trail. 7.4 mi, 2250' elevation gain. Summit trail adds 1.4 mi & 400' elev gain. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Mar 30 Sat	Snowshoe or Spike	Killington, VT. River Rd loop: Pretty wetlands shoreline tr, A.T. to Thundering Falls & boardwalk; road walk completes loop. 4 mi. Easy (flat with descent to falls). <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a> (Email preferred.)	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Mar 31 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., Hubert Outdoor Center.	Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311

Apr 2 Tues	Hike ***	Albert Schweitzer Trail near DHMC. Attractive little loop hike, fairly flat but with roots underfoot, in the woods next to the hospital. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 5 Fri	<b>Mud Season Social</b>	Pot luck (BYO plate & utensils, too), good company & some pictures from past year's activities. Bring outdoor gear to sell, swap or donate. 5:30 pm at Tall Timbers Clubhouse, Quechee, VT.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 6 Sat	Dirt Road Walk	Taftsville, VT loop. Hillside Rd, cov. bridge, Ottauquechee River, Sugarbush Farm (see & taste late season sugaring). 6 or 7 mi. depending on group pref. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Apr 7 Sun	Road Walk	Thetford, VT area. 4 - 5 miles. Gravel road, a little paved road, woods road, field. Mostly gentle. Shorter option possible. Easy – Moderate.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Apr 9 Tues	Hike ***	Norwich Nature Area loop, Norwich, VT. 1 loop = 1 mile, 2 loops = 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 13 Sat	Road Walk	Bridgewater area, scenic vistas. About 6 miles. Moderate hills. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Apr 14 Sun	Hike ***	Easy afternoon loop, Hanover, NH. From Kendal Riverfront Park past Kendal & Storrs Pond; thru interesting Rinker-Steele Nat. Area. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred ft. elevation gain. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 16 Tues	Road Walk ***	Neal Road, Hartford, VT. Paved road, out and back. Great views. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 20 Sat	Hike	Black Gum Swamp, Vernon VT. Rare stand of southern trees (aka tupelos) survived the Ice Age. About 3 mi, moderate hills. Easy.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Apr 23 Tues	Hike ***	Mill Road Trail loop, Lebanon, NH. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Apr 26 Fri	<b>Taylor Series</b>	"Vermont's Original Rail to Trail: The Long Trail and Logging Railroads" Talk & slide show by Preston Bristow, one of O-Section's founders. 6:30 pm, Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 27 Sat	<b>Work Day</b>	Give back to the trail on our section of AT, somewhere between Chateauguay & Cloudland Rds. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water. Possible reblazing; materials provided. (Rain/snow/mud date Sat. May 4)	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Apr 27 Sat	Hike	Moosalamoo Nat Rec Area, Brandon, VT. Falls of Lana to Silver Lake. Leicester Hollow Tr, Minnie Baker Tr. Early wldflwrs, unique mossy ledges, nice stream. 7.1 mi, 1100' elev. gain. Mod. Short car spot. Rain date Sun. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Apr 28 Sun	Bike Ride	Start the cycling season on Northern Rail Trail from Riverside in Lebanon, NH to Mascoma Lake & Enfield & back. 10-12 miles. Level surface, hybrid or mtn. bike.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>
Apr 28 Sun	Hike ***	Easy afternoon climb of Lyme Pinnacle, Lyme, NH. Thru field & forest to open summit w/ old chimney & great views. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elev. gain. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Apr 30 Tues	Hike ***	Hazen Trail from Wilder to outlook and back. About 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 4 Sat	Bike Ride	South Royalton to Chelsea, VT. Out and back. Beautifully scenic. Downhill all the way back! 26 miles round trip. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
May 5 Sun	Dirt Road Walk	On USFS-67 (off of VT-125) to Sucker Brk trlhead. 7.6 mi. May cont. to Sucker Brk Shelter (adds 1.8 mi RT) if desired & trail dry enough. Easy terrain, mod. dist. Nice spring warm-up. Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428 <a href="mailto:susanstarchild58@gmail.com">susanstarchild58@gmail.com</a>	Susan Ogden- work Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770
May 5 Sun	Hike ***	Easy afternoon climb on Signal Hill, Lebanon, NH. Through fields & woods. Views. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 7 Tues	Bike Ride ***	River Road to Quechee Country Club. 7 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 11 Sat	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 12 Sun	Mother's Day Hike	Honoring mothers on Deer Leap, Killington, VT; pub lunch after. Steep up from Inn at Long Trail to Deer Leap, down back side to Maine Jct; LT/A.T. SB to Rte. 4. 3.3 mi, 700' elevation gain. Moderate. Short car spot.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988

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**May 2019 Outings Schedule - continued from page - 4 - (insert)**

May 14 Tues	Hike ***	Goodwin Park Exercise Trail Loop, Lebanon, NH. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 18 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
May 19 Sun	Hike ***	Easy afternoon climb of Bog Mtn (1787'), Wilmot, NH. Great views fr open ledges. 2.2 mi, 600' elev. gain. Possible 1 mi. fairly level extension to lovely Kimpton Brk. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 19 Sun	Bike Ride	From Windsor, VT across Windsor-Cornish covered bridge (longest in North America) to Plainfield & Cornish Flats, NH & back. ~ 20 miles; some hills. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
May 21 Tues	Hike ***	Storrs Pond Ring Trail loop, Hanover, NH. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
May 23 Thurs	Birding Hike ***	Early a.m. on Colette Trail, Enfield, NH. Lollipop loop, much along beautiful stream. 4.2 mi. Gentle pace with lots of time to look and listen for birds. Easy. ***	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
May 25 Sat	<b>Hike &amp; Picnic</b>	Join Ascutney Trails Assn. for annual picnic atop Mt. Ascutney (3150'). Approx. 5 mi. Moderate - Strenuous. Call leader for details. <b>Short option</b> fr. pkg @ top of auto rd: 1.8 mi round trip, 200' elev. gain, mod. terrain, led by Inge Brown 802-280-8017.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
May 26 Sun	<b>Work Day</b>	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 802-649-1048
May 27 Mon	Hike	Memorial Day on trail around lovely Eastman Lake, Grantham, NH. 5 mi, essentially level but rough in spots. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
May 28 Tues	Dirt Road Walk ***	Canaan Turnpike, Lyme Center, NH. Out and back from Dartmouth Skiway. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
5/31-6/2 Fri -Sun	GMC Annual Meeting	GMC's 109 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Windridge Tennis & Sports Camps, 1215 Roxbury Rd, Roxbury, VT. Hosted by Montpelier Section. Meeting, hikes, trail maintenance, dinner, entertainment, workshops. <a href="http://www.greenmountainclub.org">www.greenmountainclub.org</a>	GMC Headqtrs 802-244-7037

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**WINTER HIKES  
BEHIND THE DAM:**

*Along the  
Ompompanoosuc  
in Thetford, VT*

The Army Corps of Engineers built a 1,100 ft. earthen dam in 1950 to reduce flood damage downstream in the Connecticut River valley. Christmas 2018, after snow and extended rain, the "Pompy" was allowed to back up behind the dam. Heavy frost set in, and when the water was released again, the ice stayed.

**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 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