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FROM THE EDITOR: LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

At first glance, with all the restrictions GMC had to put on our trip leaders, the outings they can still offer seem so limited. No large groups, no carpooling, keeping distance – where’s the fun? And yet, when we tried a paddle trip on our beloved Grafton Pond in July, it all fell into place: Boats and swimmers and picnickers spread out in and on the water and at the lunch island, and they had to come with their own cars anyway.

The pictures of memorable past outings in this newsletter were chosen with the new reality of "distancing" in mind.

BE WELL! –

Inge Treibitz



Before masks were required!



Jog your mind and memory – assign the following location names to the photos on pages 2 and 5!
Corinth, VT; Grafton, NH; Haverhill, NH; Killington; Pike Hill, NH; Pomfret; St. Johnsbury; Wilmot, VT; Windsor.

"O" SECTION FALL ACTIVITIES, SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2020

Hunting Season VT: 10/1 – 12/15 Archery Deer
10/24 – 25 Youth & Novice Deer Weekend
 10/29 – 11/1 Muzzleloader Antlerless
11/14 – 11/29 Deer Rifle Season
 12/5 – 12/13 Deer Muzzleloader

NH: 9/15 - 12/15 Deer Archery
10/24 – 25 Youth Deer Weekend
 10/31 – 11/10 Deer Muzzleloader
 11/11 – 12/6 **Deer Regular Firearms**

*** = 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

SAFETY: MASK REQUIRED FOR MEETING AT TRAIL HEADS AND FOR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Date	Subject	Description	Location
Sept 1 Tues.	Hike ***	Hazen Trail, out-and-back. Small ups and downs. 2 - 3 miles. Easy, easy on the knees ***. Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Wilder, VT
Sept 2 Wed	Paddle	Grafton Pond: Very scenic; no power boats above 5 mph. Miles of nooks and crannies. Paddle, picnic, swim. Bring lunch. 4 - 6 mi. Easy - moderate. PFD required. Leader: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Grafton, NH
Sept 8 Tues.	Hike	Long Trail from U.S. Rt. 4 near Sherburne Pass to recently rebuilt Tucker Johnson Shelter. Lunch, then return. 2.8 mi., 370' elev. gain. Moderate. Leader: Dick Andrews 802-885-3201	Killington, VT
Sept 11 Fri	Hike	Blueberry Mtn (2662'). Out and back. 5.2 mi round trip, 1300' elevation gain. Fabulous views from ledges. Moderate. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Glencliff, NH
Sept 12 Sat	Hike	Bald Top (1776'). Cross-Rivendell Trail from Blood Brook Rd. to summit & return. Views (to Franconia Ridge, if clear). 3.8 mi, ~1000' elevation gain. Moderate. Leader: Tom McCleary 802-295-7592	Fairlee, VT
Sept 14 Mon	Bike Ride	Sugar River Rail Trail, NH. Claremont to Newport, out & back. 2 railroad covered bridges and river views. Flat. Easy. Some sandy sections. Hybrid bike required. 18 miles. ATVs are permitted but have not been a problem. Claremont in-town section adds 2 miles. Leader: Duncan Love 802-226-7697 duncanlove4024@yahoo.com	Claremont, NH
Sept 15 Tues	Hike ***	Hurricane Forest loop. Some ups and downs. 2 - 3 miles. Easy, easy on the knees ***. Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	White River Jct, VT
Sept 16 Wed	Bike	Buffalo Rd (Wentworth, NH) to Quincey Bog (Rumney, NH) for lunch and back. About 18 mi. total; some dirt. Hybrid bike needed. Easy - Moderate. Leader: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Wentworth, NH
Sept. 21 Mon	Hike	Wright's Mountain (1882'). Network of trails, many named for the people involved in developing the area. Cabin/lookout at summit with views of VT; return with a view of NH. Side trip to Devil's Den possible if group wants. Moderate; 3+ hours. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Bradford, VT
Sept 23 Wed	Bike	Northern Rail Trail: between Grafton Center & Lebanon, NH, out-and-back. 19.7 mi. one-way; go as far as you wish before turning around. Lots of views from bridges. Moderate, gravel, hybrid bike needed. Leaders: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Lebanon, NH
Sept 25 Fri	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') via Brownsville Tr. Old quarry, observation tower w/360 degree views. 6.4 mi, 2400' elev. gain. Moderate to Strenuous, moderate pace. Leader: Dick Andrews 802-885-3201	Windsor, VT
Sept 27 Sun	Hike	Mt. Tom (4051'), one of NH's 4000-Footers. Out-and-back from Crawford Notch: Avalon Trail, A-Z Trail, Mt Tom spur. 5.8 mi, 2250'. Moderate - Strenuous. Leader: Susan Ogden- work Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770; Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428; susanstarchild58@gmail.com	Crawford Notch, NH
Sept. 28 Mon	Hike & Bike	Townhouse Trail, from Strafford Village to height-of-land along Rte. 132 at O'Neil Rd. Exceptional views along ridgeline. 4.5 mi, 800' elevation gain. Then bike back to cars, mostly downhill and flattish, all paved, ~ 5 mi. Moderate. Leader: Tom McCleary 802-295-7592	Strafford, VT
Sept 29 Tues	Walk ***	Stowe Bike Path. Almost flat. 2 - 3 miles. Easy, easy on the knees ***. Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Stowe, VT
Oct 3 Sat	Bike	Cornish Loop: Start and finish close to Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge; ~20 miles on roads; some moderate hills up and a long one down. Leaders: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Cornish, NH
Oct 5 Mon	Hike	"Machu Picchu" of the Upper Valley: Extensive, well-preserved farm foundations hidden just off the Appalachian Tr. About 4 mi, 650' elev. gain. Undemanding footing but some steep grades. Leader: Dick Andrews 802-885-3201	Pomfret, VT
Oct 9 Fri	Hike	Echo Mtn Loop: From parking at Lake Morey on Cross Rivendell and Echo Mountain Trails over Eagle's Bluff, then down to lake. Road walk back to cars. 4 mi, 720' elev gain; some steep parts. Moderate. Leaders: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Fairlee, VT
Oct 11 Sun	Hike	Morey Mtn., UV Land Trust's newly conserved property. Great view down CT River Valley. Little work for a lot of reward. 4 mi, 840' elevation gain, one steep pitch. Leaders: Kathy Astruckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311	Fairlee, VT
Oct 12 Mon	Hike	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (formerly Columbus Day) Great Brook Trail. Easy uphill hike to Devil's Half Acre Pond. Pretty pond, loons, cascades along the way. Out & back, 3 mi. Morgan Hill Loop option adds 0.8 mi. Easy to Moderate. Leader: Duncan Love 802-226-7697 duncanlove4024@yahoo.com	Elkins, NH

Oct 13 Tues	Hike ***	Gile Mtn. Leaf Peeping. Long, slow climb up. 2 miles. Easy, easy on the knees ***. Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Norwich, VT
Oct 17 Sat	Hike	Loop in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam Recreation Area. Narrow, uneven trails with lots of ups and downs. 4 - 5 miles; moderate. Leader: Inge & Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129	Thetford, VT
Oct 20 Tues	Hike	Happy Hill Shelter loop. Mostly Appalachian Tr. & Tucker Tr, but some woods road & gravel road. Lunch at an attractive historic shelter under majestic pines. 650' elev. gain. Moderate. Leader: Dick Andrews 802-885-3201	Norwich, VT
Oct 23 Fri	Hike	Quechee Section 5 loop. Different tree types, a stream, foundation, ponds, stonewalls, ledges and blowdowns. Interpretive signs: info on geology, area's early inhabitants, remnants of settlements. Moderate; 2 - 3 hours. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Quechee, VT
Oct. 24 Sat	Hike	Burnt Rock Mtn. (3168') via Hedgehog brook trail. Nice views. Some rock scrambles. 5.2 miles, 2010' elev. gain. Strenuous. Leader: Susan Ogden- work Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770; Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428; susanstarchild58@gmail.com	Fayston, VT
Oct 26 Mon	Hike	Moose Mtn South Ridge Trail (NOT the summit). From the former Moose Mtn. Lodge parking. Incredible views, possibly including Mt. Washington; great view over Mascoma Lake at turn-around point. 7.0 mi, 1200' elevation gain, but all short, mild ups and downs, NO steep (mostly gentle ridgeline). Moderate. Leaders: Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Etna, NH
Oct 27 Tues	Hike ***	From top of Mt. Ascutney Auto Rd to mountain summit. Hike along the top on uneven trail with some ups & downs. 2 miles. Easy, easy on the knees ***. Fee for auto road. Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Brownsville , VT
Nov 2 Mon	Hike	Ballard Trail: Gentle wooded trail with many seasonal creeks flowing into Charles Brown Brook. From former Norwich "pool" to "Grand Canyon of Norwich" and return. Moderate, 2+ hours. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Norwich, VT
Nov. 7 Sat	Hike	Mt. Cube loop (2909') from downtown Quinttown, up Jacobs Brook Rd., N. on A.T./Kodak Tr. to Mt. Cube S. Peak. Optional out-and-back side trip to N. Peak. Down Cross-Rivendell Tr. to Baker Rd & path back to Quinttown. 8.5 mi, 2000' elev. gain. Views from Eastman Ledges & both peaks. Moderate-Strenuous. Leader: Tom Kahl 207-692-7495	Orford, NH
Nov 9 Mon	Hike	Brookmead Conservation Area, wooded trails with views of rural countryside; climbing into forest. Side trip to an interesting cabin on the property. The trip can be extended by walking Parcel 5 if group wants. Moderate difficulty; 1.5 - 2 hours. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Norwich, VT
Nov 10 Tues	Walk ***	Northern Rail Trail Extension from Lebanon to West Lebanon & return; 3 miles flat & paved. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Lebanon, NH
Nov 14 Sat	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') via Windsor Tr. Historic shelter part way up, observation tower with 360 degree views at top. 5.4 mi, 2520' elev. gain. Moderate to strenuous, moderate pace. Hunters avoid steep terrain. Will take mountain road if trail is icy. Leader: Dick Andrews 802-885-3201	Windsor, VT
Nov 16 Mon	Hike	Carriage Trails at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park— along brook, to cabin, around The Pogue, to South Peak with view of Woodstock; return via paths behind the mansion. (No Hunting area.) Moderate; 3 hours. Leader: Iris Berezin 802-295-2294	Woodstock, VT
Nov 21 Sat	Hike	Spruce Mtn (3037'). Great views from fire tower at summit. 4.4 miles, 1180' elev. gain. Moderate. Leader: Susan Ogden- work Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770; Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428; susanstarchild58@gmail.com	Plainfield, VT
Nov 22 Sun	Dirt Road Walk	Campbell Flats loop: Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. 6.7 mi, mostly dirt roads. Moderate, several steep sections. Leaders: Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Thetford, VT
Nov 24 Tues	Walk ***	Quechee Gorge to Dewey's Pond & return. 2 - 3 miles, almost flat. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Leader: Inge Brown 802-280-8017	Quechee, VT
Nov 28 Sat	Hike	Smith Pond Shaker Forest. Upper Valley Land Trust trails. Remnants of Shakers' old dam & canal system, Big & Little Dog Falls, Smith Pond. 6.5 mi. loop, ~ 1000' elev. gain. Moderate with a couple of steep areas. Leader: Tom Kahl, 207-692-7495	Enfield, NH





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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