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## **UVO WEBSITE** up and running with **new features!**

When Peter Hope died, we did not only lose a good friend and trip leader, we also lost our web master, and access to the UVO website. Heinz Trebitz, with the help of a professional web designer, worked for several months to create a new, user-friendly and improved UVO website: Please take a look and let Heinz know what he can do to make it even better. To access the website on your browser, copy and paste

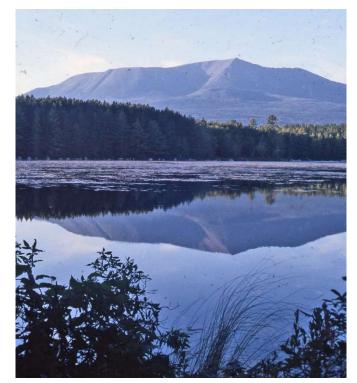
## https://uppervalleygmc.org

You will not only find the latest issue of the **Footnotes**, but have access to previous newsletters back to 2012.

Under "Calendar" our website shows the GMC Google calendar with trips scheduled for all GMC Sections.

The page "Our Section" lists who is in charge of each stretch for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail between Norwich and Killington. Eventually we will complete this page with maps and AT access points.

**Photos** were inserted in several pages, and we encourage you to send trip pictures to *Heinz* for later inclusion.



#### A TRIP TO KATAHDIN?

How would you like to go to Baxter State Park in Maine and get a look at (and maybe climb) the great Katahdin? Now you can.

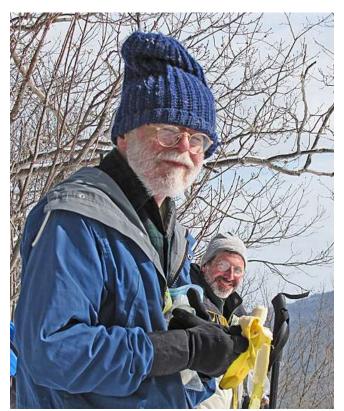
Patrick O'Neill has done the groundwork for you, snagging a group tent site reservation for four nights this August (27-31) at the Bear Brook Campground. Space is limited to ten participants.

Please contact *Patrick* at pmhoneill@gmail.com or call him at 802-291-3208 to inquire further.

Photo: Heinz Trebitz

## **Peter Hope 25 August 1935 – 30 March 2023**

(a very personal remembering)



Peter Hope and his wife Caroline MacDougall joined the O-Section in the fall of 2004. We knew that he had worked as a medical doctor in private practice in earlier years, and that he was a very active member of the AMC. We soon found his love of mountains and hiking extended now to UVO's outdoor activities: His first scheduled hike led us up Cannon Mountain, and from then on his name was on the leaders' list at least two times every month. He led trips in the Green and White Mountains and the Adirondacks, many of them 4000 footers. In times of inclement weather he took us to conservation areas in the Grantham area, or on extended road walks. Peter was always cheerful and smiling and willing to share his knowledge of nature with his hiking partners. He was holding a full-time job with the US Postal service right up to last September, yet this did not keep him from being ready and in time for his UVO scheduled adventures. They got shorter and closer to home during later years: One group photo with him was taken on July 10, 2022, during a beautiful figure-eight hike in Grantham's Brookside Park area. Two months later, Peter's first stroke cancelled out a number of further trips he had planned.

Peter's "Limmer" hiking boots and peaked woolen cap, his impish smile and cheerfulness are one side of our memory of him. Yet we also frequently observed another one: A certain stubbornness made it hard for him to adapt to necessary changes in plans, were it for reasons of weather or a participant's health problems. Adjusting the length and difficulty of his outings according to his own age limits was not on his agenda. Peter did not like to turn around and would rather use a shortcut than go back the same way – and these shortcuts often turned out to be bushwhacks. They happened so frequently that we told Peter we would have a bushwhack-memorial-party for him after his death. We did! On May 10, we walked the Grantham Brookside Park trails in his memory.

Inge and Heinz Trebitz

## **Reports from Trails and Shelters Coordinators**

**Nick Krembs:** I haven't heard if the Forest Service is going to have any crews working this summer on our trail stretches. Lorne Currier has signed up a school and teacher in Rutland to adopt the AT segment from Sherburne Pass Trail down to Kent Pond through Gifford Woods St Park. He's excited about it and it might be a good story about teaching stewardship with the sustainability of a committed teacher and a school program.

**Bob Hagen:** Trail and shelter adopters have taken advantage of the break in April showers to get out in the woods, take care of business and report on what still needs to be done. Debbie Marcus led the first section workday April 29 on the Cloudland Road to Route 12 piece. At least nine blowdowns were sliced up and removed from the trail. Some drainage problems were addressed and a random assortment of limbs were cast aside. A productive day. Adopters will continue to go out in coming weeks.

We may need another workday for Japanese Knotweed control at the AT crossing with Rte 12 in Woodstock. Look out for future announcements.

## "O" SECTION SUMMER ACTIVITIES, JUNE - AUGUST 2023

\*\*\* = 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!

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June 3 Sat	Hike	National Trails Day! Section 5 loop, Quechee, VT. Different tree types, a stream, foundation, stonewalls, ledges. Interpretive signs: info on geology, area's early inhabitants, remnants of settlements. 3 hours. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
June 5 Mon	Hike	"Machu Picchu" of the Upper Valley, Pomfret VT. Impressive & well-preserved farm foundations hidden near the Appalachian Trail. 2.4 mi, 435' elevation gain. Undemanding footing, but some steep grades. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
June 6 Tues	Hike ***	Norwich, VT. In back of Montshire Museum of Science, smooth gravel path, beautiful views of meandering CT River around islands & coves. Museum fee for trail use. 1.5 mi. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
June 9 Fri	Hike	Wright's Mtn (1882'), Bradford, VT. Network of trails, many named for the people involved in developing the area. Cabin/lookout at summit with views of VT; return with view of NH. Side trip to Devil's Den possible if group wants. 5+ mi. Moderate; hilly.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
June 10 Sat	Hike	Mt. Tremont (3371'), Bartlett, NH. On NH "52 w/ a View" list. Brook, cascades, a few rough sections; steep & rough w/ many switchbacks to ridge top. View at ledgy summit. 5.6 mi, 2550' climb.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
June 12 Mon	Hike	Killington Peak (4235'). Out & back on Bucklin Tr from Brewers Corner, Mendon, VT. Great view from summit! 7.2 mi, 2500' climb. Mod – Strenuous, esp. for final steep scramble (0.2 mi) to summit). Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428 RAIN DATE: Tues. 6/13.	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gm ail.com
June 13 Tues	Walk ***	Stowe, VT Rec Path. Paved, flat. 2 miles. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
June 13 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning meetingg for Fall (Sept – Nov) outings. 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, because it works so well. Call or email Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us. <a href="mailto:kabh@myfairpoint.net">kabh@myfairpoint.net</a>	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
June 17 Sat	GMC 113th Annual Meeting	Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Hosted by GMC's Sterling, Laraway, & Northern Frontier sections. Find out what the main club is doing. Celebrate last year's successes; hear plans for the upcoming hiking season. Go on a hike. Always a fun event. For more info & to register, go to <a href="https://www.greenmountainclub.org/members/annual-meeting/">https://www.greenmountainclub.org/members/annual-meeting/</a>	GMC HQ 802-244-7037
June 17 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. VT-12 to Woodstock Stage Rd. 2.2 mi, 700' up, 700' down. Likely hiking southbound to avoid steep initial uphill. Moderate. Limit 12. To register: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890 mcclearytom54@gmail.
June18 Sun	Hike	Fathers Day on Black Mtn (2830'), East Haverhill, NH. Chippewa Tr. Steep, with many incredible views, especially summit view toward Moosilauke. Tipping Rock. Side trip to historic lime kilns. 3.8 mi, 1550' climb. Some very steep sections. Moderate - Strenuous.	com Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
June 20 Tues	Hike	Camels Hump (4083') West Loop from Huntington, VT: Forest City Tr & LT to summit; return on Burrows Tr. Montclair Glen Lodge, beautiful 360° views, some rock scrambling. 5.8 mi, 2400' climb. Strenuous. <a href="mailto:kpmhoneill@gmail.com">kpmhoneill@gmail.com</a>	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
June 21 Wed	Bike Ride	First Day of Summer on a section of the Lamoille Rail Trail that was just opened this spring, from Hardwick to Joe's Pond in West Danville, VT. $\sim$ 20 mi; details or maps not yet available, but we hope the stretch is as gentle and beautiful as the part that we know.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 23 Fri	Hike	Mt. Martha (3563') & Owl's Head (3248', i.e. NOT the NH 4,000-Footer), Carroll, NH. Cherry Mtn Trail & Martha's Mile. Views from both summits; unique, amazing view of Presidentials. 5.4 mi, 2450' climb. Steady uphill to Mt. Martha; very short but steep rock scramble the last tiny bit to Owl's Head. Moderate - Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
June 24 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Woodstock Stage Rd. to Pomfret Rd. 2.8mi, 450' up, 700' down going southbound. Easy footing, but some steep sections. Limit 12. To register: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
June 27 Tues	Hike	Franconia Ridge w/o the crowds! Skookumchuck Tr, Franconia, NH. Out-&-back. Views into Pemigewasset Wilderness! 8.6 mi, 3000' climb. Moderate - Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 1 Sat	Hike + Swim + Ice Cream	A.T. to Wachipauka Pond, Warren NH (south from NH 25), Swim in beautiful pond & return, then dip in stream across the street on A.T. at the end of hike. Ice cream at Hatchland Farms, North Haverhill, NH. 4 mi, 1100' climb. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 8 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Pomfret Rd. to Cloudland Rd. Hiking southbound to avoid greater climb. 2.3 mi, 400' up, 700' down. Steady up, views at top! Easy - Moderate. Limit 12. To register: <a href="www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Debbie Marcus 978-578-4198 debbie.marcus57@gm ail.com

July 9 Sun	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150'), Weathersfield VT, via Weathersfield Trail. Cascades on the way, observation tower on the summit. 5.8 mi., 2360' elevation gain. Moderate to Strenuous. <a href="mailto:kpmhoneill@gmail.com">kpmhoneill@gmail.com</a>	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
July 10 Mon	Hike	Pico Peak (3957'), Town of Killington, VT. "Loop" up Sherburne Pass Trail, down Long/Appalachian Tr. Views, lovely forest, Churchill Scott Shelter. 7.7 mi, 2000' elev. gain. Strenuous. Very short car spot. <a href="mailto:pmrobertson50@gmail.com">pmrobertson50@gmail.com</a>	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
July 11 Tues	Hike ***	Hazen Trail, Wilder, VT. Out-and-back, very small ups & downs. ~ 2 miles. Leisurely, slow pace. Easy – Moderate. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 12 Wed	Bike Ride	From Wentworth, NH on Buffalo Rd. to Rumney and Quincy Bog (lunch). Return the same way or via Rte. 25. ~ 18 mi. round trip. Option on return trip: Steep hike up Rattlesnake Mountain. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 14 Fri	Hike + Swim	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Bette Davis history, gorgeous falls, pool for taking a dip! 5 mi, 1200' climb. Moderate, gradual, steady elev. gain. Footing can be rough, but there's nothing steep.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 15 Sat	Hike	Lollipop loop on the shoulder of Moose Mtn, Etna, NH, on trails of the former Moose Mtn. Lodge (now Hanover Conservancy's Shumway Forest). (This trip does NOT go to summit.) Pasture Rd. Tr, Stone Wall Tr, etc. ~ 4 mi. Easy – Moderate. Not much elevation gain, but rough trail.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
July 17 Mon	Hike	Mt. Abraham (4006') & Mt. Lincoln, Lincoln, VT. Long Tr north from Lincoln Gap Rd. Part of Monroe Skyline. Rare alpine zone plants, great views, old plane crash site, lookout platform on Mt. Abe. 6.8 mi, 1700' climb. Moderate – Strenuous. <a href="mailto:pmrobertson50@gmail.com">pmrobertson50@gmail.com</a>	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
July 18 Tues	Road Walk	On Canaan Turnpike beyond Dartmouth Skiway, Lyme, NH. Out and back on paved & dirt road, slightly uphill at first. $1-2$ miles. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 20 Thurs	Paddle	Canoe or kayak on Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH. Very scenic, no power boats above 5 mph. Shoreline w/ miles of nooks & crannies. Paddle, picnic, swim. Bring lunch. PDF required.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 21 Fri	Hike	Mts. Starr King (3907') & Waumbek (4006'), Jefferson, NH. Out & back on Starr King & Kilkenny Ridge Trails. 2 nice views from old cabin site & just beyond Waumbek summit. 7.4 mi, 2800' climb. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 22 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Cloudland Rd. to Joe Ranger Rd; Thistle Hill Shelter. Field with view at end. 3.8 mi, 900' up, 950' down. Moderate. Limit 12. To register: <a href="www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 25 Tues	Hike	Mt. Mansfield (4395'), Underhill, VT. Loop up Laura Cowles Tr. (steep & sheltered on a hot day), LT to Chin (VT's highest point); return via Sunset Ridge Tr. Amazing views (360° from summit), Cantilever Rock. Very steep, rock scrambles, very exposed on summit ridge. 6.4 mi, 2600' climb. Strenuous. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
July 25 Tues	Walk ***	Northern Rail Trail, Enfield, NH. From Mascoma Lake to Mascoma Dam & return (or car spot) Gravel surface, flat. $1-2$ miles. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 28 Fri	Hike + Swim	Stratton Pond, Stratton, VT. Stratton Pond Shelter, new Stratton View Shelter & newly rerouted trail around pond. $\sim 9$ mi, 600' climb. Long distance but very little elevation change. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 29 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Joe Ranger Rd to VT-14/White River (W. Htfd, VT). 3.9 mi, 300' up, 1200' down, steep at end. Hilltop pastures/views, old red pine plantation, cellar holes. Starts up steep sidehill w/ tricky rock ledge. Moderate. Limit 12. To register: <a href="www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Bill Corson 908-903-0702 billcorson59@gmail.co m
July 31 Mon	Hike	Jackson (4052')-Pierce (4310') Loop (both on the NH 4000-Footer list), Beans Grant, NH. From Crawford Notch. Great views! 8.5 mi, 2900' climb. Strenuous. Rain date 8/1. Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gm ail.com
Aug 1 Tues	Hike ***	White River Jct, VT. Explore unknown forested area opposite White River Toyota on Sykes. Ave. Hilly, old woods roads, slightly uneven footing. ~1 mile. Easy – Moderate. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 4-5 Fri – Sat	Backpack (overnight)	For beginners or seasoned veterans alike! A.T., N. Bridgewater, VT. Spot cars at VT-12; start hike on Green Gate Rd. <u>Day 1</u> : Side trail to A.T. north; spur trail to Winturri Shelter. 2.3 mi, ~ 500' elev. gain, ~ 700' descent, fairly steep. Tent sites, shelter, fire ring. Relax, have dinner, campfire, (weather permitting). <u>Day 2</u> : A.T. north to VT-12. 3.8 mi, 500' climb, 1300' gradual descent. (Option to spot a car at Perkins Rd woods road 1.5 mi from Winturri Shelter.) Contact leader for possible loan of gear.	Debbie Marcus 978-578-4198 debbie.marcus57@gm ail.com
Aug 7 Mon	Hike	Blueberry Mtn (2662'), Glencliff, NH. Out and back. 5.2 mi round trip, 1300' climb. Fabulous views from ledges. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294

Aug 8 Tues	Walk/Hike ***	Ottauquechee River Trail, (east) Woodstock, VT. Flat, smooth. ~ 1 mile loop. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 11 Fri	Hike (+ swim)	Scenic Griffith Lake & Peru Peak Shelter, Peru VT. From the north via Old Job Tr. (a pleasant old woods road, though wet in spots) along beautiful Lake Brook, & Long Trail. 8.2 mi, 650' climb. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Aug 12 Sat	Hike	Mt. Peg, Woodstock, VT. View at summit. 2 miles. Moderate due to climb & uneven footing.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Aug 14 Mon	Hike	Camels Hump (4083'). East Loop fom Duxbury, VT: Monroe Tr, Dean Tr, LT North; return on Monroe Tr. Fabulous views; exposed alpine zone. 7.4 mi, 2583' climb. Some rock scrambling. Strenuous. Cell phone (Call or text msg; NO voicemail.): 802-356-0428 RAIN DATE: Tues, 8/15.	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gm ail.com
Aug 15 Tues	Road Walk	Kendall Station Road, Norwich, VT. Off of US-5 along the Connecticut River. Out- and-back. Paved, smooth, flat. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 16 Wed	Bike Ride	Cornish, NH Loop. Park & start at Cornish Wildlife Mgmt Area on Rte 12A just N. of Windsor- Cornish covered bridge. 20 mi. and 8 right-hand turns take you through lovely Plainfield & Cornish countryside; long downhill back to starting point. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 19 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Tigertown Rd to Happy Hill Rd. Tucker Tr. & A.T. Happy Hill Shelter. Hiking southbound to avoid greater elev. gain. 4.6 mi, 700' up, 1400' down. Moderate. Limit 12. To register: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357 pmrobertson50@gmail. com
Aug 19 Sat	Long Trail Day Hike	Peru, VT. From end of USFS 58, Griffith Lake Trail to N. end of Griffith Lake; Long Trail south along lake, past Peru Peak Shelter, over Peru & Styles Peaks (view) to Mad Tom Notch. 7.6 mi, 1,500' climb. Moderate. Short car spot.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Aug 20 Sun	Paddle + Swim	Lake Tarleton, Piermont, NH. 334 acre clear lake, will circumnavigate the lake. Swimming possible. Public boat launch. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Aug 21 Mon	Hike	French's Ledges, Plainfield, NH. Start at Plainfield Elem Schl. 2-3 hour meander through woods; short scramble to top of ledges and beautiful view. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 22 Tues	Hike	Mt. Garfield (4500'), NH via Garfield Tr. Magnificent views. 10.0 mi, 3100' climb. Mostly moderate climb, not steep till near the top. Moderate-Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Aug 22 Tues	Road Walk ***	Tigertown Road, West Hartford, VT. From top to bottom, all downhill. Dirt road at top; mostly paved. ~ 1+ mile. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Car spot.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 25 Fri	Hike	Marsh-Billings Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, Woodstock, VT. Carriage rds & hiking trls. Start at Belvedere (near the mansion), by mother-in-law house to Upper Meadow Trl, Precipice & Billings Trls, Mt Tom Rd to South Peak (view), or may opt to take Precipice Trl all the way to South Peak. Return on Faulkner Trail. Moderate (steady climb on hiking trails to South Peak). ~ 3 – 4 hours.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 26 Sat	A.T. Hike w/ NPS Ranger	Explore A.T. & landscape history with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park Ranger. Happy Hill Rd to Elm St, Norwich, VT. 4.1 mi, 400' up, 600' down. Mostly gentle, with steeper down at end. Limit 12; Easy – Moderate. To register: <a href="www.nps.gov/mabi">www.nps.gov/mabi</a> click "Guided Appalachian Trails Hikes" tile on the front page. \$1 reg. fee.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Aug 27- 31	Baxter State Park / Katahdin	Baxter State Park, near Millinocket, Maine. Hike options TBD, but will include summiting Katahdin for those interested. A group tent site for four nights is reserved at Bear Brook Campground. A limited number of spots is available. Contact <a href="mailto:kpmhoneill@gmail.com">kpmhoneill@gmail.com</a> to express interest or inquire further.	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Aug 28 Mon	Hike	Butterfield Pond, Wilmot NH. Lollipop loop to pond, around pond, return. Short side trail to old mill site. 2.0 mi., 400 ft. climb. Short but some rough footing. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Aug 29 Tues	Hike ***	Mill Road Trail, Enfield, NH. Parallel to rail trail. Fairly flat. $1-2$ miles. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Maybe car spot.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

### A Beetlebung Tree? What is that?

Fitting for Arbor Day, Dick Andrews took us to a Black Gum Swamp, way down south, close to the Mass. border. Hidden deep inside the J.Maynard Miller Town Forest of Vernon are stands of Tupelos, rare in Vermont because they are at the northern edge of their normal range. The trees, some over 400 years old, have a twiggy, twisted look. Wind, snow, ice and fire have shaped them over time. The dark brown bark is deeply furrowed and knobby. The trees tower above a deep layer of peat and a vibrant green forest floor covered in sphagnum mosses.

And the strange name? On Martha's Vineyard, in Massachusetts, this tupelo species is called "beetlebung", perhaps for its use in making the mallet known as a beetle, used for hammering bungs (stoppers) into barrels.

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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 "UVO" 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 "UVO" 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. Rick Dugan/Membership. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP							
I (we)wish to join the Upper Valley Ottauquechee Secti	on of the Green Moun	tain Club.					
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Dues per year are \$45 for adults and \$60 for familie	es .						