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**Upper Valley OttawaQuechee Section of the Green
Mountain Club
48th Annual Meeting 7:00 pm, April 10, 2026
at the Thetford Community Center**

Welcome and Introductions

At 7:00 pm. President Debbie Marcus called the meeting to order and welcomed the 21 attendees. She introduced Lorne Currier, the Volunteer and Education Coordinator for the GMC and thanked him for making us all better stewards of the trail.

Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes printed in the June-August 2025 FOOTNOTES were approved.

UVO Bylaws Change

Debbie presented a bylaws amendment to adopt a fiscal year to match the Annual Meeting date.

Article IX-Fiscal Year

New Language approved during the meeting: "The fiscal year of the section shall begin on March 1."

Comments from Lorne Currier, Green Mountain Club, Volunteer and Education Coordinator

Lorne introduced himself and noted that this is his tenth summer working with the GMC. He supports over 800 regular GMC volunteers. He reported that GMC is currently in a strong financial position due to good planning and end-of-year fundraising. The new GMC visitor center was finished last year and is a great space for workshops and for welcoming the public. Recommendations from the recent GMC governance review will be voted on at the annual meeting in June and proposed changes can be found on the website. He reported on several trail projects that took place in 2025 as well as upcoming projects. Trail shelter and section adopters logged over 12,000 volunteer hours in 2025. The Club started a volunteer trail steward program

on Mt. Mansfield and has expanded it to Mt. Abraham. The Club has received funding to hire an additional land conservation coordinator. The Club has been building a GIS model to evaluate trail conditions in areas most subject to climate change.

Dick Andrews thanked Lorne for facilitating good communication to the Section and noted that the trail steward program may be a good way of bringing in new members.

Election of Officers: Annie Janeway, Nominations Chair, presented the following slate of officers:

President	– Debbie Marcus
Treasurer/Membership	– Iris Berezin
Outings	– Kathy Astrauckas
Trails and Shelters	– Bob Hagen
Newsletter	– Inge Trebitz
GMC Section Director	– Mark Harvey
Secretary	– Nancy McCann
Nominating Committee	– Annie Janeway

Motion to approve slate, Dick Andrews; second, Tom McCleary - all approved.

Reports – (highlights only – written reports were distributed at the meeting and are available through the Section Secretary).

President's Report – Debbie Marcus

Heartfelt thanks to all UVO Officers, outings leaders, and to Lorne for being the face of the GMC and for facilitating dramatic improvement in the training and education for trail and shelter adopters.

The Club's Governance Review Committee has listened to feedback regarding reduction in Section representation on the Board and has put off any Board-related changes until 2027. Section Presidents will continue to work toward construction of a Board model that effectively represents the Sections.

The project to determine how many UVO-designated members are “actively” engaged in club activities and outings continues. Leaders should make sure to forward lists of participants to Debbie.

Three spring trail workdays are coming up at the end of April and beginning of May. If you cannot make a specific date let Debbie or Bob know and you can help on other days.

GMC Long Trail Day will be Saturday September 19, 2026. Debbie is away that day but will lead a UVO Long Trail Day hike on 9/26 on the Appalachian Trail from Cloudland Road to Stage Road.

Section Director Report – Mark Harvey

Excerpts of Mark’s written report are as follows: The GMC has had its single best year of fundraising in twelve years and the Club is in excellent financial condition. The only area of concern is that there are about a thousand fewer members than one year ago. Discussions are ongoing regarding reductions in Board size, but decisions are delayed until 2027. The GMC approved a move to transfer the corridor management of the Kingdom Heritage Trail to the North Woods Stewardship Center. Finally, the Board voted to spend \$420,000 of the GMC endowment to purchase a house in southern Vermont for seasonal employees.

Outings Report - Kathy Astrauckas

The UVO Section has been busy this past year with a full schedule of hikes, walks, snowshoeing, microspiking, X_C skiing, bike rides and paddling. One hundred and sixty activities were listed from April 2025 through March 2026 with twenty-two volunteer leaders. The current list of outings is shorter than previously because many previous outings were short, easy road walks offered by Inge Brown, who sadly passed away in August. If you want to facilitate outings for active people for whom our regular hikes are no longer appropriate, feel free to continue the tradition by leading some easy walks yourself. We always welcome new leaders, for all types of outings.

If leaders change a date for an outing let Dick Andrews know and he will change it on the UVO calendar on the website.

Treasury and Membership - Iris Berezin

This is the first Treasurer’s Report that covers the new fiscal year, March 2025- February 2026. The Section had sixty-four fewer members than last year, which has affected revenue. There is a forty-two dollar decrease in our cash balance compared to last year. Every other month GMC hosts a meeting with sections membership coordinators. Other sections have shared recruitment efforts which is something we should be thinking about – personal outreach, tables at town meetings, farmers markets, etc.

The motion to decrease Section donations to local nonprofits to \$100 from \$200 failed.

Motion to continue Section donations at past level of \$200 was approved unanimously.

Dick noted that one way of supporting the Section is to donate directly to UVO Section.

Trails and Shelters - Bob Hagen

Bob entertainingly presented an explanation of trail volunteer jargon. UVO now manages 45 miles of trail which is split into three *stretches* of 15 miles each – see **map on Page -5-** of this Footnotes issue.. Each *stretch* has a coordinator. There are also volunteer trail adopters who take care of *segments* of the trail – each *segment* is about two miles. We now have thirty-three adopters. Adopters pay their first visit to their segment of trail or shelter in April and report to *stretch* coordinators (Bob Hagen, Debbie Marcus or Nick Krembs) so the coordinators can set priorities for workdays. Friends of the trail are hikers, walkers, local wanderers who report problems they happen to see in real time. It takes a hiking community to keep our 45 miles of trail open.

There are three upcoming trail workdays (April 25, May 9, and May 16). For more information check the summer Outings Schedule .

PROJECTS

GMC has set projects they will focus on this season.

There are no specific projects scheduled for our Section.

RESOURCES

We currently have 5 sawyers on staff, and we have four more people interested in the two-day certification course this spring. The Upper Valley Trails Alliance lends tools for trail work as well as advice and support. We are fortunate to have the support of the GMC staff, particularly Lorne Currier. The Section has agreed to purchase materials that the GMC cannot provide. John Morton of Morton Trails has generously provided us with rough sawn hemlock for projects. We need to continue to work to attract young people to our group.

Publicity - Inge & Heinz Trebitz

Heinz and Inge are moving to Wilder so future newsletters will be sent from their new address.

Old Business

Heinz unveiled a beautiful Vermont clock showing the Long Trail and the UVO section of the AT. The Clock was at Inge Brown’s house and has a list of the past Presidents of the UVO Section on the back. He proposed that the current Section President be the caretaker of the clock, and presented it to Debbie.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Dick Andrews moved; Annie Janeway, second - all approved.

"O" SECTION SUMMER ACTIVITIES, JUNE – AUGUST 2026

*** = Easy on the knees.

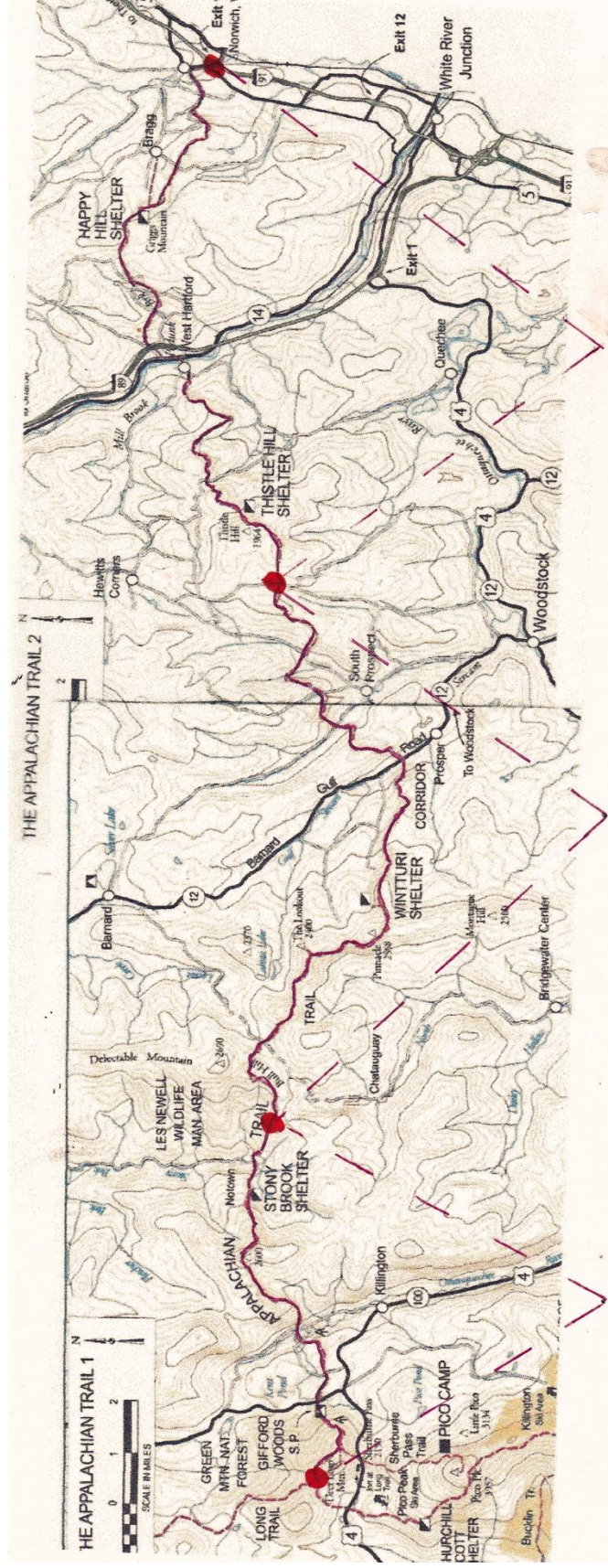
Don't forget, if conditions don't seem good for scheduled outing, call leader for "Plan B": change in venue, mode of travel, or both!

BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY.

Various Dates	BACKPACK	If you are interested in backpacking, I like to do leisurely, fairly low or moderate mileage days. I have lots of ideas and experience. I often go based on when the weather's good, but can also plan ahead if needed. kabh@myfairpoint.net	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Jun 6 Sat	Hike	Pico Peak (3957'), Killington Vermont. Out & back on Sherburne Pass Tr & Pico link. ~ 6 mi, 1900' climb. Pace will be moderate (2 to 1.5 mph) but steady. Moderate - Strenuous. russcann@yahoo.com	Russ Cannizzaro 919-576-6109 No calls after 8 pm
Jun 9 Tues	UVO Planning Meeting	UVO Quarterly Business & Planning mtg for Fall (Sept. – Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, because it works so well. Call or email Kathy Astrauckas ahead w/ ideas if you can't join us. kabh@myfairpoint.net	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Jun 12 Fri	Hike	Mts. Roosevelt (3528') & Wilson (3745'), near Granville, VT. Clark Brook Trail & Long Trail. Mostly in Breadloaf Wilderness. Sweeping views of Green Mtns from both summits. 8.4 mi, 2200' climb. Strenuous.	Mark Harvey 218-329-8877 rthundermtn@gmail.com
Jun 13 Sat	GMC Annual Meeting	Green Mountain Club's 116 th Annual Meeting at Club Headquarters in Waterbury Ctr, VT. Hear about GMC's progress over the last year & plans for the upcoming hiking season. Vote on proposed by-laws changes. Take a hike! Always fun. Info & registration: https://www.greenmountainclub.org/members/annual-meeting/	GMC HQ 802-244-7037
Jun 13 Sat	Hike	Lyme Pinnacle perimeter trail, Lyme, NH. ~ 4 miles. 360° view. Moderate. Joint hike with <i>Kendall at Hanover</i> community.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Jun 14 Sun	Hike	Flag Day on Wright's Mtn (1882'), Bradford, VT. Network of trails, many named for the people involved in developing the area. Cabin/lookout at summit w/ views of VT; return w/ view of NH. Side trip to Devil's Den possible if group wants. 5+ mi. Moderate; hilly.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jun 16 Tues	Hike	Black Mtn (2830'), East Haverhill, NH. Chippewa Tr. Steep, w/ many incredible views, esp. summit view toward Moosilauke. Tipping Rock. Side trip to historic lime kilns. Possibly lady's slippers. 3.8 mi, 1550' climb. Some very steep sections. Relaxed pace. Moderate - Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jun 20 Sat	Hike	Section 5 loop, Quechee, VT. Different tree types, a stream, foundation, stone walls, ledges. Interpretive signs: info on geology, area's early inhabitants, remnants of settlements. ~ 3 hours. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jun 22 Mon	Hike	Killington Peak (4235'), Killington, VT. Bucklin Tr from Brewers Corner, out & back. Great view fr summit! Historic CCC-era Cooper Lodge. 7.5 mi, 2450' climb. Mod – Strenuous, esp. for final steep scramble (0.2 mi) to summit. Will descend more gently from summit via a loop to top of gondola & across top of ski trails (more views!). Cell phone for texts only (NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
Jun 26 Fri	Hike	Mount Ethan Allen (3680'), Duxbury, VT. Out & back via the Monroe, Dean, Allis, & Long Trails. Views from Allis Trail & summit. 6.4 mi, 2400' climb. Strenuous. Register by 6/24 evening. g568hiker@outlook.com	Gerard Gagnon 603-540-2809
Jun 27 Sat	Hike	French's Ledges, Plainfield, NH. Start at Plainfield Elem Schl. 2 - 3 hour meander through woods; short scramble to top of ledges & beautiful view. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jun 29 Mon	Hike	Mountain View Farm Conservation Area, Stonehouse Mtn, Orford, NH. Exploratory hike on land conserved by Upper Valley Land Trust. +/-3 hours. Moderate.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Jun 30 Tues	Hike	A trip down Memory Lane: Two one-mile trips in Thetford: The short way up and down Houghton Hill (Mimi's Trail), which offers one of the best views in the area; then a loop around Zebedee Wetlands. Both short hikes start from Houghton Hill Road. ingetrebitz@gmail.com	Inge Trebitz
July 1 Wed	Hike/Swim/ Paddle options	A Day at Elmore State Park, Lake Elmore, VT. Options include hike with leader up Elmore Mtn (2608'): 4.4 mi RT & 1450' climb to fire tower w/ 360° views; return via Balanced Rock. And/or swimming at beach on Lake Elmore, paddle (bring your own boat or rent). Also visit the brand new old (legendary!) Elmore Store. Can reserve your own campsite if you want a longer visit. Cell phone for texts only (NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
July 7 Tues	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. Gradual, steady elev. gain. Footing can be a little rough, but there's nothing steep. Relaxed pace. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 10 Fri	Hike	Blueberry Mtn (2662'), Glencliff, NH. Out & back. 4 mi. round trip (5.2 mi. RT if the dirt road is closed), 1300' climb. Fabulous views from ledges. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294

July 11 Sat	Hike	Mt Ascutney (3,150'), Windsor VT. Out-&-back on Brownsville Trail. Summit observation tower, West Peak, & Castle Rock. 7 mi, 2,700' climb. Pace will be moderate (2 to 1.5 mph) but steady. Moderate - Strenuous. russcann@yahoo.com	Russ Cannizzaro 919-576-6109 No calls after 8 pm.
July 13 Mon	Hike	Ruth LeClair Trail, Gunnison Lake, NH. Exploratory 3-mile loop around lake. Gently winding path. Easy.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
July 14 Tues	Hike	Mt. Paugus (South Peak, 3198') in NH White Mtns. Trailhead near Wonalancet Village. Less traveled route in Sandwich Range Wilderness. In <i>52 With a View</i> . Fine views of Mt. Passaconaway, Whiteface, the Lakes Region. Kelley & Lawrence Trails & Old Mast Rd. 8.5 mi. loop, 2450' climb. Strenuous.	Mark Harvey 218-329-8877 rthundermtn@gmail.com
July 17 Fri	Hike	Mt. Eisenhower (4763'), in the Southern Presidentials, near Twin Mountain, NH. Out-& back on Edmands Path. Stunning views! 6.6 mi, 2750' climb. Strenuous. Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
July 18 Sat	Hike	Thetford, VT. Loop in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam (UVD) Rec. Area & Bill Hill, a local gem. ~ 4 mi. One steep hill. Partly along east branch of Ompompanoosuc River. Moderate. Joint hike with <i>Kendall at Hanover</i> community.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
July 21 Tues	Hike	Potash Mountain (2,691'), Waterville Valley, NH, via Downes Brook & Potash Trail. On <i>52 With a View</i> list. 4.4 mi, 1,450' climb. Moderate. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
July 24 Fri	Hike	Nancy Pond Trail, Hart's Location, NH. Gorgeous Nancy Cascade w/ beautiful pool at 2.4 mi, 1500' climb; Nancy Pond adds 1 mi & 700' steep/rough climb w/ switchbacks; Norcross Pond outlet w/ spectacular views of Mt. Bond, Twin Range, & Franconia Range adds 0.8 mi & only 50' climb. Total RT if we do all: 8.6 mi, 2300' climb. Rocky trail, crossing of Nancy Brook may be challenging. Relaxed pace. Moderate - Strenuous.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 28 Tues	Hike	Camel's Hump (4,083') from the east. Lollipop loop: Monroe & Dean Trails to ridge, follow rugged ridge on Long Trail N. to open summit (the only undeveloped peak over 4000' in VT; 360° views!) Descend N. along LT & Monroe Tr. 7.4 mi, 2,600' climb. Strenuous. pmrobertson50@gmail.com	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
July 31 Fri	Hike	West Hartford & Norwich, VT. Further rambling over hill & dale on the A.T. & its corridor. This time we'll venture along some new-to-us trails to a majestic view of Mt. Ascutney, a sugarhouse in the woods, & wander back home on the A.T. 5+ hours. Moderate. laurelael@yahoo.com	Laurelae Oehler 802-233-3706 or 802-295-5452
Aug 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, N. Haverhill, NH. 4 mi, 1100' climb. Relaxed pace. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Aug 4 Tues	Hike	Hedgehog Mountain (2,543'), Albany, NH, via UNH Trail. Views from East Ledges & Allen's Ledge Spur, high cliffs and scrambles. On <i>52 With a View</i> list. 4.8 mi, 1,400' climb. Challenging. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Aug 8 Sat	Hike	Brushwood Forest, Fairlee, VT. ~ 3 miles. Hills. Narrow trails. Easy – Moderate. Joint hike with <i>Kendall at Hanover</i> community.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Aug 11 Tues	Hike	Mt. Garfield (4500'), NH via Garfield Tr, out-&-back. Magnificent views. 10.0 mi, 3100' climb. Mostly moderate climb, steep, rocky scramble near the top. Strenuous. wajacks@hotmail.com	Wendy Jackson 203-297-5144
Aug 15 Sat	Hike	Mt Cardigan (3155') State Park, Orange NH. Various trails to summit: Cardigan, Firescrew, South Peak, Rimrock, & Orange Mtn. Excellent views. Very rocky terrain, some steep sections. 7 mi, 2,200' climb. Pace will be moderate (2 to 1.5 mph) but steady. Strenuous. russcann@yahoo.com	Russ Cannizzaro 919-576-6109 No calls after 8 pm.
Aug 21 Fri	Hike	Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock, VT. The narrower, steeper hiking trails in the park (as opposed to carriage roads). From Billings Farm pkg, Upper Meadow Trail behind Mansion, Precipice Trail to South Peak (to avoid steep portion of Precipice Trail can take Billings Tr to Mt Tom Rd to South Peak). Return to cars via Faulkner Trail. 4 mi. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 24 Mon	Hike	Strafford, VT. Exploratory hike: Fay Brook Road, Carpenter Hill, Town Meeting House Trail. +/-3 hours. Moderate. Car spot.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Aug 28 Fri	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. Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
Aug 30 Sun	Paddle + Swim	Lake Tarleton, Piermont, NH. 334-acre clear lake, will circumnavigate the lake. Swimming possible. Public boat launch. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Aug 31 Mon	Hike	From Lincoln Gap to Mt Grant (3623'): south on Long Trail & return. Good views west from Sunset Ledge (at 1.1 mi.) & south into Breadloaf Wilderness from Mt. Grant. 7.8 mi, 1700' climb. Moderate - Strenuous. pmrobertson50@gmail.com	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357

Maintained by the GMC UVO Section: 46 Miles of the AT between Norwich and Killington



Stretch 3

Halfway Saddle to Maine Junction
14.7 miles, 6 segments

Stretch 2

Cloudland Rd to Halfway Saddle
15.2 miles, 7 segments

Stretch 1

Norwich to Cloudland Rd
16.2 miles, 6 segments

Nomenclature: **Section** – that’s what we call the whole length of our AT maintenance; **Stretch** - 15 miles each of our Section under the responsibility of a maintenance coordinator; **Segment** – a 2 to 5 miles piece of trail adopted by one of our volunteers (adopters).

Adopters are expected to do trail maintenance on their **segment** at least 2 to 3 times a year.

In addition, there are 3 general **workdays** in spring or early summer to handle larger maintenance jobs. We are always grateful for volunteers to join the crew. The work can be hard but it’s fun – being outside, and meeting other section members. There is also an special task squad of section members trained and certified in handling chainsaws. Mother nature provides plenty opportunities to clean up blowdowns and improve trail grading.

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 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 the 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, attRick Dugan/Membership. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I (we)wish to join the 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