
DECEMBER 2021-FEBRUARY 2022

Bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Distances are round trip and are approximate, as are elevation gains. Hike leader has discretion to refuse anyone who is not adequately prepared or not in compliance with covid-19 guidelines. Proof of vaccination may be required and all hikes until further notice are by reservation only. If you reserve a space and are unable to go, please let the leader know **ASAP** so that someone else can take your place. You may be asked to provide contact information to the leader when you reserve your space.

GMC Covid-19 Guidelines

- Leaders must collect contact information for each participant prior to the hike.
- Limit group size to 10, by pre-registration
- If carpooling, masks should be worn and car windows open.
- Social distance while hiking and avoid congregating at trailheads.
- If you are sick or have any symptoms, stay home.
- Vaccination is strongly recommended, and hike leaders may require it.

**Note from the outings chair: This is the best info we have as of press time, but the situation remains fluid. Restrictions may ease or tighten as circumstances demand, so check with the hike leader if you have questions.*

**January 29, Saturday
Spring Lake Ranch Trails,
Cuttingsville**

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Spring Lake Ranch has a small network of skiable trails between Patch Hollow and Spring Lake. Depending on snow cover, we will cover most of them either as a cross country ski and snowshoe outing or as a hike. Distance between 2 and 4 miles; elevation gain about 400 feet. Lunch probably will be at Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Vaccination required.

**February 12, Saturday
Chapman Farm & Cemetery, Nature Conservancy**

Buckner Preserve, West Haven Herb Ogden 802-293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net

Depending on conditions, cross country ski, snowshoe or hike from the Galick Trailhead north along old roads to an abandoned farm and a cemetery that was rediscovered a couple years ago and restored in 2021 by the Vt. Old Cemeteries Association. Frequent views of Lake Champlain to the west and Bald Mountain to the east. 4.0 miles easy; elevation gain 200 feet. The Conservancy does not allow dogs. Vaccination required.

**February 26, Saturday
Slate Valley Trails, Poultney**

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We'll snowshoe or hike a 5-mile loop, with a scenic overlook and a pond. Moderate, with a few steep stretches. Vaccination required.