

June – August 2023

Bring water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Distances are round trip and approximate, as are elevation gains. Hike leader has discretion to refuse anyone who is not adequately prepared. Call the hike leader for meeting place and time, and if you are unable to go, please let the leader know ASAP so that someone else can take your place if space is limited. If you are sick or have any symptoms, please stay home and join us next time.

June 3, Saturday – Upper Elevation Work Day, Killington

Join us as we ready the Long/Appalachian Trail for the summer hiking season. We'll clear brush and water bars, paint blazes and cut blowdowns on the upper elevation stretches of trail. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, lunch, water and bug spray, tools will be provided. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855** or **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

June 11, Sunday – Old Job Trail to Griffith Lake, Mount Tabor

Great for those working on Side-to-Side certification. 7 miles, moderate. Vaccination recommended for carpool. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

June 17, Saturday – Green Mountain Club Annual meeting, Craftsbury

Held this year at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and sponsored by the Laraway, Sterling and Northern Frontier sections, it's a great opportunity to meet folks from the other sections, get updates on GMC's activities and projects around the state, and join in on some hikes after the business meeting. For information on registration, lodging and additional activities, see your Long Trail News or visit greenmountainclub.org/annual-meeting.

June 18, Sunday – Taconic Mountains Ramble State Park, Hubbardton

Mt Zion Major, Mt. Zion Minor and Moot Point, a Japanese garden, pretty woods and good views. 2 miles, moderate, with 300' total climb. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed in the park. Covid vaccination strongly recommended. **Herb Ogden, 802-293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net**

June 24, Saturday – Farr Peak, Chittenden

We'll hike up the ridge on a snowmobile trail, then along the Long Trail for a bit, bushwhacking the final ½ mile to the summit for a view to the east. 5 miles, difficult, 1300 feet total elevation gain. Vaccination recommended for carpooling. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855** or **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

July 2, Sunday – Cooley Glen Trail, Lincoln

Great for those working on Side-to-Side certification. 7 miles, difficult at a moderate pace. Option to continue on to Mt. Grant if the group wants. Early start, must call the leader by 12 noon the day before to sign up. Vaccination recommended for carpool. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

July 8, Saturday – Paddle or Hike Lowell Lake State Park, Londonderry

This can be a leisurely paddle, a walk around the lake or a combination, which will be decided closer to the date. Lowell Lake offers a varied shoreline, islands (including one with picnic tables), grassy areas with picnic tables and some marshy areas. The 3.5 mile Lake Trail circles the lake using a footpath, snowmobile trail, multi-use path and town road. The trail is relatively flat, and parts can be shared with bicycles and horses. We may even get to take a swim. Dogs must be leashed in the park. Masks and vaccination required for carpooling. **Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, 802-353-3976**

August 6, Sunday – Kent Pond Loop, Killington

Join us for a hike on an especially scenic stretch of the Appalachian Trail, along the shore of the pond and passing by several beautiful waterfalls and huge boulders. We may catch a glimpse of the resident loon family if we're lucky! Mostly easy to moderate, with some climbing, approximately 5 miles, with options to do less. After the hike you are welcome to stay for a swim. Vaccination recommended if you carpool. **Sue Thomas 802-773-2185**

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August 19, Saturday – Long Trail Day

This club-wide celebration of the Long Trail features events and guided hikes around the state. Each club Section will be planning their own activities, which could be fund-raising hikes, information tables or handing out snacks to backpackers at local trailheads. See your Long Trail News for information, or visit greenmountainclub.org. To find out how to volunteer or participate locally, contact **Wayne Krevetski, 802-282-2237**.

August 26, Saturday – Taconic Crest Trail, New York, Vermont & Massachusetts

We'll hike from NY 2 north to NY 346 passing through all three states. We'll see some good east and west views and the Snow Hole, and we just might find the marker of the southwest corner of Vermont. 8.1 miles, moderate, 1300' total climb. Covid vaccination strongly recommended. **Herb Ogden, 802-293-2510, hogden@vermontel.net**

Thursday Hikes for Seniors

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Dept. sponsors a series of hikes at a less strenuous pace for seniors. Hikes typically cover 2-4 miles, involve limited to moderate elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Bring water and a lunch, wear sturdy footwear, and be prepared for Vermont weather. Bring bug spray, and guard against ticks by wearing long sleeves and pants. **Meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center on Deer Street to carpool.** We return in early to mid-afternoon. For further details, call hike leader. All are welcome. NOTE: Hikes are subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions. (....and please, no dogs.) **All hikers will need to complete a 2023 Godnick membership form prior to hiking with the Thursday group if they have not yet done so this year.**

May 18 – West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland

Enjoy spring birds and new green shoots as we walk the 3.7-mile road loop around the Audubon-designated important birding area. Easy. **Renee Warren, 802-747-4466**

June 1 – Sherburne Trails, Killington

Bike trail loop from Rte. 100 to the back of Kent Pond (1+ mile) then 1-mile loop on the south side of Kent Pond by the boat access. **Lyn Drigert, 802-775-7038**

June 15 – Esqua Bog & Quechee Gorge, Hartland & Quechee

(Easy) This preserve contains a diverse array of bog and fen plants: Labrador tea, cotton grass, pitcher plants, showy lady slippers, larches and buckbean, which can be viewed along a boardwalk. In addition there is a ½ mile loop trail that circles the bog. We will then travel to Quechee to do all or part of the Quechee Gorge State Park Trail (Easy), a flat and scenic out-and-back walk at Ottauquechee Dam and waterfalls. **Wanda Oczechowski, 802-770-0365**

June 29 – Glen Lake, Bomoseen

Walk along the shore of Glen Lake, then climb to a view of the lake below. Moderate 3-mile round trip. **Edith Kellogg, 802-775-1246**

