

March – May 2024

Bring water and a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for weather changes. Snowshoes or grippers may be needed for winter hikes. Distances are round trip and approximate, as are elevation gains. Hike leader has discretion to refuse anyone who is not adequately prepared. If you are sick or have any symptoms, please stay home and join us next time.

March 16, Saturday – Mystery Hike, Poultney area

Weather and conditions will determine our destination – if the snow is deep enough it will be a moderate snowshoe through some lovely forest. If muddy, a walk on one of our gorgeous dirt roads in the Poultney/Tinmouth/Wells area. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

March 23, Saturday – Lye Brook Falls, Manchester

On old railroad grades and woods roads, the trail travels up a steady gradual slope to Lye Brook Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Vermont. Snowshoes or micro spikes might be needed. Or, trail may be wet and muddy. 4 miles, moderate. Drivers may request masks for carpooling. Call leader for meeting time and place. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

April 13, Saturday – Killington Section Annual Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Rutland Free Library Fox Room

All are welcome to join us for a short business meeting and election of officers, snacks and socializing. It's a great way to meet folks who share an interest in outdoor recreation, and learn about our work protecting and maintaining Vermont's Long Trail. Bring snacks to share if you'd like, and pick up a copy of our spring hike schedule!

April 20, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Lowell Lake State Park, Londonderry

We'll hike a 3.5 mile, mostly flat trail around the lake, past a Revolutionary War-era cemetery, through stands of large white pines, with scenic views of the lake and wetlands. Call leaders for meeting place and time. Drivers may request masks for carpooling. **Larry Walter & Viv Bebee, 802-353-3976**

April 27, Saturday – Emerald Lake Vista Trail, Dorset

Views west to the Taconics, a big vernal pool, old stone walls and a beautiful stand of evergreens in the Emerald Lake State Forest. 2.4 miles, moderate, total climb 500 ft., dry footing even this early. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Herb Ogden, 802-293-2510 hogden@vermontel.net**

May 4, Saturday – Low-Elevation Long Trail Clean-up, Shrewsbury, Cuttingsville, Wallingford

Join us for our annual day of clean-up and maintenance, preparing the Long Trail for the hiking season. We will clear waterbars, trim brush and cut blowdowns on the lower-elevation stretches. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and lunch, tools will be provided. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855 or Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

May 11, Saturday – Mount St. Catherine, Poultney

Hike the Lewis Deane Preserve loop to the top of Mount St. Catherine for views of the lake and Taconic ridge. The Preserve requires that dogs be leashed and cleaned up after. 2 miles, moderate, elevation gain 577 ft. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

May 18, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Tamarack Notch to McLaughlin Falls, Mendon

We'll hike a wood road from the site of a campground built in the 1930s by the CCC, pausing to read interpretive signs, past a small family cemetery and down to the falls. Approximately 3 miles, moderate, with one steep pitch. We'll be spotting cars, drivers may request masks for the ride. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**



