

**September – November 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.

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**August 29, Thursday – Smokey House Volunteer Day, Danby**

Smokey House, a nonprofit working to advance sustainable agriculture and forestry, has been hosting the GMC's southern trail crew for several seasons. To show its appreciation, the club encourages members to volunteer at the farm for a day. 9 a.m. til mid-afternoon, but shorter time commitments are welcome. The work will be outdoors, dress for farming and landscaping. RSVP to [nbates@greenmountainclub.org](mailto:nbates@greenmountainclub.org).

**September 7, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Rattlesnake Cliffs, Salisbury**

Climb to a scenic overlook with views of Lake Dunmore, Silver Lake, and on a clear day the Adirondacks. We'll pass by Falls of Lana as well. Option to take a detour to look at historic inscriptions on the rocks. 4.2 miles, moderate with some steep climbing, ca. 920 ft. elevation gain. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

**September 21, Saturday – Long Trail Day, Statewide**

This club-wide celebration of the Long Trail features events and guided hikes around the state. Join the Killington Section in some "trail magic" as we welcome through hikers and day hikers with snacks at the Route 103 trailhead. Contact **Wayne Krevetsky, 802-282-2237** if you'd like to help out or contribute food. Or, celebrate the trail with a hike from Minerva Hinchey to Clarendon Gorge. 3 miles, moderate. contact **Herb Ogden, 802-293-2510** [hogden@vermontel.net](mailto:hogden@vermontel.net) for meeting place and time.

**September 28, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Bromley Mountain Tower, Peru**

The new observation tower on the summit of Bromley is completed at last so let's go check it out! Road conditions may determine our route; via Mad Tom Notch it will be 5 miles with an 814 ft. elevation gain. If that road is closed, we'll hike from Rte. 11/30, 7 miles and 1460 ft. elev. gain. Moderate. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

**October 5, Saturday – Merck Forest, Rupert**

We'll hike the trails and wood roads that wind through the former farmland of Merck Forest. Depending on what route we choose there may be views, pastures, ponds or even a replica of Thoreau's Walden Pond cabin. Approximately 4 miles, moderate. Call leaders for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, 802-353-3976**

**October 12, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Hogback Mountain, Goshen**

A short, fairly easy hike through a beautiful woods leading to a spectacular vista, which should be dressed in autumn colors. 2.5 miles with an option to do more. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

**October 19, Saturday – Brewers Corners to the White Road, Mendon**

A challenging trek following herd paths and old woods roads (and maybe some bushwhacking) on the back side of Snowden and Rams Head Peaks. Approximately 6.5 miles, difficult, with 1500 ft. elevation gain. Call for more information, meeting place and time. **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

**October 26, Saturday – Slate Valley Trails, Poultney**

Moderately difficult loop of c. 5.5 miles. Please bring at least one hiking pole for a few steep sections on the descent over either rock or gravel, wear hiking boots with good tread. The climb up has a long stretch uphill to a vista that overlooks Lake Saint Catherine with views of the southern Adirondacks. Sections of beautiful hemlock and hardwoods, with some openings in the woods with views. Contact trail leader for meeting place and time. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**



**November 2, Saturday – “Put the Trail to Bed” Work Party**

Join us for our last-of-the-season work day and help us keep the Killington Section trails in shape. Bring lunch, water, sturdy shoes and work gloves, tools will be provided. If you don't want to wield a saw, you may still be able to help out with transportation, so give the leaders a call for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855** or **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

**November 9, Saturday – Old Job Trail to Griffith Lake, Mount Tabor**

Rescheduled from last year due to prior road closure. Great for those working on Side-to-Side certification. 7 miles, moderate, 600 ft. elevation gain. Must call leader by 5 p.m. Friday to sign up. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

**November 16, Saturday – Hunting Season Road Walk, East Poultney area**

Stretch your legs with a safe hunting season walk on dirt roads through scenic farmland. Route to be determined, but likely to be 2-4 miles. Call leader for details, meeting place and time. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

**November 23, Saturday -- Pot Luck Supper, 1 p.m., Rutland Free Library Fox Room (upstairs), 10 Court St.**

All are welcome to join in our annual fall tradition. Bring your own place setting, utensils and a dish to share. After dinner Herb will offer a presentation on hiking in the Cotswolds.



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**Wednesday Hikes for Seniors**

The Godnick Adult Center sponsors a series of hikes at a less strenuous pace for adults and older adults. Hikes typically cover 2-4 miles, involve limited to moderate elevation gain, and try to avoid treacherous footing. Participants should bring water, lunch and bug spray. Hikers are encouraged to wear sturdy footwear, long sleeves/pants(to protect against ticks), and be prepared for Vermont weather.

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer Street to carpool. We return in the early to mid-afternoon. For further details, see the Godnick Center monthly newsletter on their website. All are welcome. NOTE: Hikes are subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions. (.....and please, no dogs.)

**September 4, 2024 - Slate Valley Fairgrounds Trails**

**September 18, 2024 - Falls of Lana, Branbury State Park**

**October 2, 2024 - Path of Life Sculpture Garden**

**October 16, 2024 - Lemon Fair Sculpture Park**