

December 2024 – February 2025

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.

December 7, Saturday, weather date Sunday – Ludlow Mountain (Okemo), Ludlow

Hike with us up the Healdville Trail to the summit of Ludlow Mountain (AKA Okemo) and enjoy some views from the ski runs – or venture up the fire tower, if you dare! 6 miles, moderately difficult with a 2000-ft elevation gain. Be prepared for snow and an early start. Give the hike leader a call for meeting place & time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

December 14, Saturday, snow date Sunday – Poultney Area Hike or Snowshoe

Winter weather is unpredictable, so our destination will be determined by conditions. Call hike leader for time, meeting place and hike information. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

January 4, Saturday, bad weather date February 15 – Stone Mysteries, Stockbridge

Beginning at Vt. 107, we will hike or snowshoe about 1.6 mile on old roads, and end with a few hundred feet of bushwhacking, ascending about 1100', to an area with over twenty stone piles. A cemetery commissioner familiar with Abenaki graves is pretty sure they are Abenaki graves. A couple archaeologists disagree. The chief of one of the Vermont Abenaki bands doesn't think they are graves either but might be Abenaki. We will pass the remains of two long-abandoned hill farms with some views on the way. Participants must agree not to reveal the location of the piles. Contact **Herb Ogden, 802-293-2510** hogden@vermontel.net for meeting place and time.

January 11, Saturday, weather date Sunday – Mendon Peak, Mendon

Climb up Rutland County's highest trailless peak on the well-established bushwack route following Eddy Brook. Enjoy views of Killington Peak to the east and the hills of Shrewsbury to the south. 7 miles, difficult with a 2000-ft elevation gain. Snowshoes will be required. Give the hike leader a call to find out the meeting place and time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

January 18, Saturday – Murray's Ridge Killington

We'll follow the AT/LT north to Willard Gap and bushwhack up the ridge, with several options to return. Difficult 5-6 miles with 800 ft. elevation gain. Snowshoes and/or grippers may be needed. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855**

January 25, Saturday, bad weather date Sunday – Cadwell Loop, Pittsford

Snowshoe or ski along Otter Creek, where we may see otter tracks and slides. 2.5 miles easy to moderate, and if it's too nice a day to go home, we have the option to add another nearby trail. This is dependent on snow, so if Mother Nature doesn't provide any another destination will be substituted. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

February 1, Saturday – Pharoah Lake Wilderness, Ticonderoga

Snowshoes may be needed for a 4-5 mile trek of moderate difficulty in this beautiful natural area. Call leader by 5 p.m. Friday to sign up, and for meeting time and place. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

February 8, Saturday – Back Country Ski Adventure, Killington

A somewhat challenging trek for experienced skiers through woods and glades in the Killington/Mendon area. Location and distance will be determined by conditions, call leader for info, meeting place and time. **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

February 22, Saturday, bad weather date Sunday – Plymbsbury Loop, Shrewsbury

We'll hike or snowshoe on wood roads in the Plymbsbury Wildlife Management Area, keeping an eye out for animal tracks and winter wildlife. About 4.5 miles, moderate. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**



