

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB: KILLINGTON SECTION OUTINGS www.gmckillington.org

June – August 2026

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.

June 6, Saturday – National Trails Day – Upper Elevation Work Party, Killington

Outdoor enthusiasts all over the country will be out sprucing up the trails for the summer hiking season. Come lend a hand as we clear brush and water bars, paint blazes and cut blowdowns on the upper-elevation stretches of the Long 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 13, Saturday – Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center

Held at club headquarters, it's a great opportunity to meet staff members and folks from other sections, get updates on the GMC's activities and projects around the state, check out the new visitors center, and join in on some hikes after lunch. For information on registration, lodging, meals and additional activities, see your summer Long Trail News or visit greenmountainclub.org/annual-meeting.

June 20, Saturday – Mystery Hike, Destination to be determined

It will be a moderate, 4 – 6 mile hike somewhere in the Taconic range, call the leader for more specifics and for meeting place and time. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

June 27, Saturday – Peru Peak, Mt, Tabor

We'll start at the Griffith Lake Trailhead on South End Road in Mount Tabor and ascend the Lake Trail to Griffith Lake, then follow the Long Trail / Appalachian Trail south to the top of Peru Peak. Quite the pitch at a 2700-foot elevation gain over about 5 miles; round trip mileage will be 10 miles minimum. Possible extensions to Styles Peak or Baker Peak if the group is willing. Contact hike leader for meeting place and time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

July 5, Sunday -- Woodward Reservoir Paddle, Plymouth

Leisurely paddle around this small scenic lake. Bring paddle-powered watercraft, an approved personal flotation device for each person, water, lunch and sun protection. Contact leader by July 2 for meeting time and to sign up; leader may limit group size or change location in advance. **Ruth Hare, events.i42eo@passinbox.com**

July 11, Saturday – Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Chilson, NY

This has been a favorite area for the K Section to visit in the winter, so let's try it in the summer! The Pharaoh Lake Wilderness has almost 70 miles of trails and at least a dozen ponds and lakes. Actual route TBD. 6-8 miles, moderate. Call leader for meeting time and place. Must call by 5 pm the night before to sign up. **Allison Henry 802-779-4404**

July 18, Saturday – Spruce Knob, Poultney

We'll be climbing from the end of Spruce Peak Road (via Middletown Springs) to Spruce Notch and the summit of Spruce Knob (2400'). 3 miles, difficult, with a lot of bushwhacking and some steep slopes, 1100 ft. elevation gain. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855**



More hikes on the back! ➔

July 25, Saturday – Killington Carriage Road, Mendon

We'll ascend to Cooper Lodge by the Bucklin Trail and descend by the 1879 carriage road. It served the 1880 hotel that once stood just below Cooper. The top mile is blocked by many blowdowns and will be partly a bushwhack around them. 6.8 miles, 2100' of climb, difficult. Optional additional 0.4 mile self-guided round trip to the top of Killington on the Killington Spur Trail; the leader will wait at Cooper Lodge. For information, contact **Herb Ogden**, hogden@vermontel.net, 802-772-7322.

August 1, Saturday – Black Mountain, Clemons, NY

Join us for wonderful, if crowded, views of Lake George and the southern Adirondacks. We'll start at the trailhead on Pike Brook Road near Hulett's Landing and climb to the summit of Black Mountain, then take the southern loop past the Black Mountain Ponds and Lapland Pond. 1200-ft. elevation gain, 6.6-mile round trip. Carpooling will be necessary to preserve space at the trailhead. Contact hike leader for meeting place and time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

August 8, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Moscow Pond, Bomoseen

We'll hike past two remote beaver ponds on our way to the Glen Lake overlook, then wind our way back down along the beautiful lakeshore. If it's a hot day, there are several good spots for a dip! About 5-5 1/2 miles, moderate. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

August 15, Saturday – Boiling Spring, Chittenden

4.5 miles, moderate. 400' total climb. We'll hike on old roads to a mysterious spring downhill from Wetmore Gap, passing a tiny old cemetery and the remains of a backwoods farm along the way. For information contact **Herb Ogden**, hogden@vermontel.net, 802-772-7322.

August 22, Saturday – Paddle/hike, Location to be decided

We'll combine a paddle with a short hike and maybe a swim, at a location to be determined. Bring your canoe, kayak or paddleboard, approved personal floatation device, lunch, water and sunscreen. Call leaders for specifics and meeting time and place. **Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, 802-353-3976**

**We can always use more hike leaders to fill our schedule with new adventures!
If you have a favorite trail you'd like to share, contact Sue, 802-773-2185.
I'll be putting together the fall schedule in late July/early August.**

Godnick Center Thursday 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. Hikes meet at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer St. to carpool. We return in the early to mid-afternoon. For further details, see the Godnick Center monthly newsletter <https://rutlandrec.com > godnick>. All are welcome. NOTE: Hikes are subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions. (...and please, no dogs.)



