GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB: KILLINGTON SECTION OUTINGS wwwgmckillington.org

September – November 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.

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September 5, Saturday – Spruce Knob, Poultney

Cancelled in July due to wildfire smoke, let's try it again! We'll climb 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**

September 12, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Silver Lake Loop Trail, Leicester

We'll hike in from the east and take the loop trail around the lake. If it's warm bring your suit and go for a swim, option to hike up to the overlook after lunch. There are loons on the lake, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, kingfishers…bring your binoculars! 3-4 miles, moderate. Call leader for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

September 19, Saturday – Long Trail Day, statewide

This Green Mountain Club 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, wkrevetski@hotmail.com** if you'd like to help out or contribute food. **Allison Henry** will be doing a "24-24 Challenge," hiking the entire 24 miles of the Killington Section in 24 hours. To support her with a donation to the club, go to **greenmountainclub.org/longtrailday2026**, then search for her name under "participants." **Herb Ogden** will be hiking 6.3 miles, from Wallingford Gulf to Rte. 103. He is seeking pledges of $10/mile, or $63. Find his name on the website under "participants" to contribute.

September 26, Saturday – Devil's Gulch Loop, Eden

We'll hike the Babcock Trail, another official side trail, south to the Long Trail and continue to Devil's Gulch. The Long Trail through Devil's Gulch goes over boulders, through tunnels, and along ledges. Option to continue to Spruce Ledge Camp depending on group preference. We'll return to the start via the Long Trail north. Expect a very early start. **Must contact leader by 8 pm the Thursday before for planning purposes.** Rain cancels. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

October 3, Saturday – Stark Mountain Trail, Waitsfield

"Hike it if you can!" We'll ascend the Stark Mountain Trail from Mad River Glen ski area to the Long Trail, passing Theron Dean Shelter and Starks Nest, and make a loop back via the Sunnyside Trail. We'll be checking off two more side trails! **Must contact leader by 8 pm the night before to sign up. Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

October 10, Saturday, rain 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, along with much foliage on the way. 7 miles, difficult with a 2000-ft elevation gain. Give the hike leader a call to find out the meeting place and time**. Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

October 17, Saturday – Mystery Hike

Destination undecided as of press time, but it will be an easy to moderate hike. Call the leaders for more information, meeting place and time. **Larry Walter & Vivian Bebee, 802-353-3976**

More hikes on the back!

October 24, Saturday – Slate Valley Trails, Poultney

Hike through beautiful mixed hardwoods and hemlocks, combining several trails up in the hills behind the Lake Saint Catherine Country Club. A clear day will give us a view to the west of Lake Saint Catherine and the southern Adirondacks. Medium difficulty with a climb, 5 – 7 miles. Bring water and a snack. Having at least one hiking pole is recommended. Contact hike leader for time and meeting place. **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

October 31, Saturday – Rochester Mountain, Rochester

3.2 miles round trip, 1300' climb. Steep climb on an old highway at first, then more moderate. Fine east views from the 2848' summit. It's south of and higher than Mt. Cushman, which we climbed maybe twenty years ago. For information, contact **Herb Ogden**, hogden@vermontel.net, **802-772-7322**.

November 7, 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 clipping, clearing waterbars or transportation, so give the leaders a call for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855** or **Dave Coppock, 802-683-1614**

November 14, Saturday – Mount Independence, Orwell

Celebrate the country's 250th birthday with a safe hunting season hike on the site of a Revolutionary War fort, once connected to Fort Ticonderoga via a floating bridge. Interpretive signs, ruins and viewpoints along mostly easy trails will take us back in time to explore Vermont's place in history. Call for meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

November 22, Saturday – Pot Luck Supper, 1 p.m., Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland

All are welcome to join in our annual fall tradition. Bring your own place setting (to minimize trash), utensils and a dish to share. After dinner Herb will present a short Long Trail trivia quiz.

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 winter schedule in early November.

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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.)