

March – May 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.

March 15, Saturday – Pharoah Lake Wilderness, Ticonderoga

Postponed from February when it was just too darn cold! Snowshoes or spikes 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 place and time. **Allison Henry, 802-779-4404**

March 22, Saturday – Merck Forest, Rupert

Hike the Masters Trail on the back side of Merck, then possibly on to a view. With 30 miles of trails there are many possibilities, so mileage will depend on which we choose, likely 5-8 miles. Moderate with some steep bits. Snowshoes or grippers may be needed. (dogs must be leashed in the barn and pasture areas) **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855**

March 29, Saturday – Killington Section Annual Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Rutland Free Library Fox Room

All are invited to join us for a potluck lunch followed by a short business meeting and election of officers. 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/Appalachian Trail. Bring a dish to share and a place setting, and pick up a copy of our spring hike schedule!

April 12, Saturday – Fairgrounds West Trails, East Poultney

Starting on the Ringmaster Trail, we will connect to a couple other trails for some variety and a view from Big Top on this beautiful trail system featuring woods, streams and abundant bird life. 5 miles moderate. (in order not to cause erosion, if the trails are very muddy another location may be substituted). **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

April 19, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Silver Lake, Salisbury

Unkink those winter muscles with a gradual climb up to beautiful Silver Lake. We'll follow a wood road along a brook and stop at Falls of Lana, which should be spectacular with spring runoff. Then on to the lake for lunch and a short climb to enjoy a view looking down on Lake Dunmore and across the valley to the southern Adirondacks. 4 miles, moderate. (dogs are welcome, but must be leashed in the picnic area and campground.) **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

April 26, Saturday, weather day Sunday – Green Mountain, Wallingford

A solid climb with a lower-elevation summit should take care of those mud season blues. We'll follow the Homer Stone Trail up from South Wallingford to Little Rock Pond, then turn and climb up to the summit of Green Mountain. 6 miles, moderately difficult with a 1,870-ft elevation gain and a brook crossing that might need a ford. Give the hike leader a call to find out the meeting place and time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

May 3, 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 10, Saturday, weather date Sunday – Quimby Mountain, Killington

Discover what lies on the Appalachian Trail east of the Ottauquechee with a low-elevation climb that's still worthy of your weekend. The trek will start at parking for Thundering Brook Falls in Killington, then head uphill toward the several summits of Quimby. Let's see what we can find! 6 miles, moderately difficult with a 1,450-ft elevation gain. Give the hike leader a call to find out the meeting place and time. **Sheamus Fagan, 802-498-8751**

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May 17, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Spring Wildflower Walk

An easy-to-moderate hike to admire the woodland flowers of spring. Mother Nature is fickle, so the location will be determined by how the season advances. Spring is also a great time to spot birds before the trees leaf out, so bring binoculars if you wish. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**



May 31, Saturday – Little Pond Trail to Glastenbury Wilderness, Woodford

We will climb an old wood road to Little Pond, then take a spur trail to the Long Trail and hike south a few tenths of a mile to Porcupine Lookout for great views to the east. Difficult, 6 miles at a moderate pace. Great for those working on Side to Side certification. Call leader by 5 p.m. Friday to sign up, and be prepared for an early start.

Allison Henry, 802-779-4404

June 7, Saturday – National Trails Day – Upper-Elevation Work Party, Killington

Outdoor enthusiasts all over the country will be out this day sprucing up the trails for the summer hiking season. Come lend a hand as we clear brush and waterbars, paint blazes and cut blowdowns on the higher stretches of the Long/Appalachian 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 14, Saturday – Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, Waterbury Center

Held this year at the newly opened visitor center, it's a great opportunity to meet staff members and folks from other sections, get updates on GMC's activities and projects around the state, and join in some hikes after the business meeting. Information on registration, lodging, meals and additional activities will be coming in the summer issue of Long Trail News and on the website at greenmountainclub.org/annual-meeting

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.

See the Godnick Center newsletter for hike schedule, planning for spring hikes will begin in mid-March. Hikes meet at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer Street to carpool. We return in the early to mid-afternoon. All are welcome. Note: Hikes are subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions (...and please, no dogs.)