

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

March – May 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.

March 14, Saturday – Wildcat Crag, Chittenden

Hike to Leffert's Pond and then climb to the summit of Wildcat Crag. Snowshoes or grippers may be needed, dependent on the weather conditions, rain date Sunday. Difficult, 5 miles, with about 1000' elevation gain. Call for meeting place and time. **Larry Walter, 802-775-3855**

March 21, Saturday – Maple Weekend Hike or Snowshoe, Poultney area

Approximately 3 1/2 - 5 miles. It is Maple Festival weekend in the Poultney region, so there are several sugar houses open to the public, as well as a number of events happening in Poultney. For details, meeting time and place call **Diane Bargiel, 413-687-1109**

March 29, Sunday – Killington Section Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Godnick Ctr., Rutland

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 4, Saturday – Mendon Road Walk, Mendon

We'll begin at the Tamarack Notch Aitken State Forest parking area, walk the Wheelerville Road to McLaughlin Falls, stopping along the way to visit Lydia's Cemetery, take the road that leads south into Shrewsbury, leave it at the little Wilkins Cemetery, cross the Cold River on the old Notch Road bridge, and follow a wood road back to the start. The loop is about five miles of mostly easy walking, with a total climb of about 500'. For meeting place and time contact **Herb Ogden, 802-772-7322, hogden@vermontel.net**

April 11, Saturday – Mud Season Mystery Meander, Location TBA

Is it winter? Is it spring? There's no telling this time of year in Vermont, so we'll play it by ear and choose a destination appropriate for the conditions closer to the date. Call for details, meeting place and time. **Sue Thomas, 802-773-2185**

April 18, Saturday – Prospect Mountain Trail, Lake George, NY

This rocky trail climbs steeply along the bed of an old cable railway. We should have some great views on the way up this time of year, and at the top we'll be rewarded with views of Lake George, the Adirondacks, and the Green Mountains. The toll road and visitors' center will still be closed, so after exploring the summit we'll have the option to return along the toll road at least part of the way if it's a clear day. 3.5 miles, difficult at a moderate pace. **Allison Henry 802-799-4404**. Must call or text leader by 5 p.m. Friday to sign up.

April 25, Saturday – The Elbow, Mendon

We will hike the unmaintained part of the old Rutland to Stockbridge Turnpike over The Elbow from the Old Turnpike Road. in Mendon northeast to near Vt. 100, stopping to look at a kiln and detouring to an old farm site. 3.4 mi. easy, with about 200' of climb. For meeting place and time, contact **Herb Ogden, 802-772-7322, hogden@vermontel.net**

May 9, 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**

More! 

May 16, Saturday, rain date Sunday – Spring Wildflower Walk, location TBA

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 23, 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**

**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 summer schedule in late April.**

Godnick Center 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, rutlandrec.com/godnick for the hike schedule. Planning for spring hikes will begin in mid-March. Hikes meet at 9 a.m. at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland to carpool. We return in the early to mid-afternoon. All are welcome. Hikes are subject to change due to weather and/or trail conditions (...and please, no dogs.)



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