



*Maintaining and
Protecting Vermont's
Long Trail*

Green Mountain Club

Worcester Section

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President's Message

Dear Members,

I am looking back at all our achievements and progress at the camp. I thank all who participated physically as well as in spirit to all the projects.

We have Mike Peckar as our new director and web manager. Bill Caulway is our new vice president.

We have completed the erosion control as well as stabilized the grounds at the picnic and the camp area. A gate was installed at the entrance to the camp. Further developments to secure the area as well as making it accessible to all is in progress. The logistics are in development. The old wood shed is being replaced with a pressure treated wood. The outdoor fireplace is frequently used by members.

We now have a website, which was developed by Worcester Section members Mike and Rachel Peckar. The web site address is www.gmcwoo.org. You can see our monthly activities listed there and get a history of the GMC Worcester Section. There is also a link to the Green Mountain Club in Vermont where interested people can join. You will also be able to make financial contributions to the Worcester Section on this website.

The progress to maintain and the upkeep of our camp will continue this year. I encourage your ideas and input and we are always looking for your expertise to assist us in this endeavor. I am looking forward to another year of projects and progress.

Finally, I hope you all have time to enjoy the outdoors for your mind, body, and soul.

Best regards,

Ram Moennsad, President

Winter Activities

No game nights will be held at the camp lodge from January through March. Game nights at the camp will begin again in April.

Saturday, January 13, Mid State Trail Hike, Rutland State Park. Hike south over the dam, through rolling woods, by swamps, dikes and cart roads, and cross Route 122 at hikers' parking lot, then back into woods to East Hill Road for a total of 7.7 miles. Micro spikes or snowshoes will be needed. Please email Betty Jenewin at bettyjenewin@charter.net or call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 to register.

Saturday, January 27, Harvard Forest in Petersham. Hike or cross- country ski the backcountry roads and trails of Harvard Forest. We will hike or ski for about 5 miles. We will visit a goat farm and the Fisher Museum at the Harvard Forest if time permits. Please call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 to register and for meeting time and place, or email him at mstone12242@charter.net.

Wednesday, January 31, 4:00 pm. Meet at the Greenville Street parking lot at Sibley Farm in Spencer. Hike a short distance to enjoy a view of the full moon. Hot cocoa will be provided. Sponsored by the Common Ground Land Trust.

Saturday, February 10, Mid State Trail Hike, Buck Hill. Hike south 5.2 miles around Treasure Valley, by Samson's Pebble and Browning Pond. Micro spikes or snowshoes will be needed. Please email Betty Jenewin at bettyjenewin@charter.net or call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 to register.

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am. This 3-mile round trip hike will ascend 300 feet in elevation through North Sterling Woods and then traverse open fields. We will stop at the pond's bog walk and enjoy pristine views. Poutwater Pond is a delightful destination any time of the year, but few venture there in winter. The bog and pond were named a national Natural Landmark in 1972. Snowshoes are available for loan. Nordic skiers are welcome, but beware the terrain is steep in sections. Contact Mike Peckar to sign up and reserve snow shoes at 508-835-2959 or email Mike at fog@fognet.com.

Saturday, March 3, Mid State Trail Hike, Moose Hill and Reservoir. Hike south by Buck Hill shelter, by Moose Hill shelter and then over Moose Hill and across Moose Hill Reservoir dam for a total of about 6 miles. Micro spikes or snowshoes will be needed. Please email Betty Jenewin at bettyjenewin@charter.net or call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 to register.



A Mid State Trail hike led by Betty Jenewin

Saturday, March 3, Early evening moon light snowshoe and chowder hike at Pat and Ed Faron's home at 4:00 pm, 740 Pleasant Street, Rochdale. Please call 508-892-9237 to register by March 1. Bring warm clothes, your snowshoes, a headlamp and a chowder or sweet bread. We have 3 extra pair of snowshoes. We'll do about a 2 mile woods and field walk, and then return for a social and eat gathering around the dining room table, with warmed spiced cider, coffee and hot chocolate, plus Pat's New England clam chowder.

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am. Hike or cross country ski depending on conditions on the Mass Central Rail Trail, Mid State Trail and on backcountry trails of the Ware River watershed. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 in Rutland at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail. Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7:00 pm to register.

Please Give to the GMC, Worcester Section

The Worcester Section needs your support. Your dues cover only about 50% of the expenses of the Worcester Section. Most of our expenses are made to maintain our camp in Leicester on Cedar Meadow Pond. We also help to maintain a portion of the Long Trail in Vermont. We have no paid staff members. We rely solely on volunteer help. Please do your part by sending your tax-deductible contribution to the Green Mountain Club, Worcester Section, Inc., c/o Margos Stone, Treasurer, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. Thank you.

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