



*Maintaining and  
Protecting Vermont's  
Long Trail*

# Green Mountain Club

## Worcester Section

345 Rawson Street, Leicester MA 01524  
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### President's Message

Dear Members,

Summer is almost over and we welcome the beautiful fall. Our activities for the summer were at the minimum at the camp.



Game Night at the camp

We will be having our annual meeting at the camp on October 28. This is the time when you all will be able to meet all the committee members. I personally invite you to join us all so that we can meet as many members on this day. Please reserve your place for a dinner at a nominal fee. On this day, we have a social hour beginning at 4 PM continuing with dinner, treasurer's report and much more. We have a member guest speaker Bill Caulway who will share his experiences and adventures of the Appalachian trail. I think this will be exciting to listen to. In addition, this is the time when all members can share comradery as well as voice your opinions and your expectations as a member. I look forward to meeting you all.

I will focus on our work achievement during the last month.

1. Gerry Vayo and I have dismantled the dry wood shed because it was falling apart. We have taken down almost all of it. The roofing shingles were removed and were sent for recycling at the Spencer recycling center. We had a total of 3 drums of the shingles plus the particle board debris. There is more to be done and we anticipate completing the demolition project by winter. There are no future plans to rebuild another one and we will store the dry wood in the shed.
2. A truck load of stones was delivered and we have already stabilized the fireplace and picnic area with  $\frac{3}{4}$  in stones. Dick Kisten assisted us considerably in this task. Some of the large stone sticking out from the ground were jack hammered by Gerry Vayo and myself. We still need to move the gravel to sloping zones and slippery areas. We could use all the assistance of members for this. Please feel free to contact the camp committee if you would like to make muscles lifting and moving the gravel.
3. We will be starting to cut some saplings from overcrowding after the fall when all the trees have shed their leaves.
4. Our portable toilet is falling apart and it is a matter of replacing it with a new one with a new foundation or build a new one which will be biodegradable. I am an advocate of a biodegradable one which will be roomy also. There is one at Sibley farm installed by GWLT (Greater Worcester Land Trust). We are also looking at the economical way of replacing the toilet. Any feedback from our members is welcome.
5. Margos Stone and I had a meeting with the Town of Leicester Assessor regarding having the camp open as well maintaining the nonprofit status. It was suggested that we have a gate with a lock accessed by members only. It could have a sign stating, "Open from sunrise to sunset" and another sign saying, "foot traffic." This is acceptable to the Assessor. Please let me know if any of our Worcester section members have expertise in manufacturing a metal gate or know of someone who could assist us.
6. Mike Peckar has taken the responsibilities for a web page for our section and it is under construction. It will be linked to our main headquarters' web site. We hope that our quarterly newsletter will be published on the web page [gmcwoo.org](http://gmcwoo.org)

Finally, I encourage all to participate in our activities and camp projects. I am always seeking your feedback and your suggestions to improve our camp facilities for all to enjoy.

Best regards,

Ram Moennsad, President

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## *Fall Activities*

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### Hiking and Canoeing

**Saturday, October 7. MidState Trail Hike, Crow Hill Ledges.** We will hike south from Crow Hill Ledges and by Redemption Rock to ski area, about 5.6 miles over rolling terrain with short steepes and views. Please email Betty Jenewin at [bettyjenewin@charter.net](mailto:bettyjenewin@charter.net) to sign up and for meeting place.

**Saturday, October 7, paddle in the land of King Phillip.** We will paddle the Great Swamp in Rhode Island and enjoy the fall colors. We will encounter beaver dams and may encounter fallen trees obstructing the waterway. Considering recent sub-normal rains, we may encounter shallow water shoals where we will be forced to wade and drag our watercraft. Call leader David Miller at 508-853-8964 to register and for meeting time and place.

**Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8.** Join us for the Worcester Section Fall Work Party on the Stratton Mountain Section of the Long Trail. Some of us will car pool from Paxton at 7:00 a.m. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 at the LT/AT Trailhead on the Arlington West-Wardsboro Rd. (Kelly Stand Rd). For driving directions, google 1376 Stratton Arlington Road, Stratton, Vermont. Call Steve Crowe at 508-892-9942 for more information, or email him at [steve@sunshinelandscapingco.com](mailto:steve@sunshinelandscapingco.com).

**Saturday, October 28, GMC, Worcester Section, Annual Meeting.** Social Hour from 4-5 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by our guest speaker, Bill Caulway, who will speak and show slides about his recent through hike on the Appalachian Trail. To register for the meeting, send in the reservation form in this newsletter to Margos Stone, Treasurer, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. Or you may make your reservations for the meeting by calling Margos at 508-799-0842 or emailing him at [mstone12242@charter.net](mailto:mstone12242@charter.net). The cost is \$10.00 per person for the dinner and can be paid at the door.

**Saturday, November 4, Mid State Trail Hike, Over the Mountain.** Hike South over Mount Wachusett and through Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, about 6 miles. Please email Betty Jenewin at [bettyjenewin@charter.net](mailto:bettyjenewin@charter.net) to sign up, or call Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 to register.

**Saturday, November 4, Ware River.** Day trip from Barre to Gilbertville, passing historic King Phillip's camp and portaging around a mill dam. Considering recent sub normal rains, we may encounter shallow water shoals where we will be forced to wade and drag our watercraft. Call leader David Miller at 508-853-8964 to register.

**Sunday, November 19, Federated Women's Club State Forest.** Hike the trails of off Route 122 in Petersham. Enjoy views of the Quabbin Reservoir. Call Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 or Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7:00 p.m. to register.

**Saturday, November 25, 9:30 A.M. Hike: Walk Off the Bird.**

This hike will explore the open fields and woodlands of Rauscher Farm that was the last working farm in Clinton. The farm, which was saved from development in 2006 by the town is now an open space reserve. The hike will be approximately 4 miles and make a loop through DCR property around Clamshell Pond. Optionally, following the hike, we will explore the 1000' long abandoned tunnel of the Mass. Central Railroad. Registration is required. Contact Mike Peckar at [mike@wachusettgreenways.com](mailto:mike@wachusettgreenways.com) or call 508-835-2959.

**Saturday, December 10. Hike the Pisgah Mountain Trail Loop at Pisgah State Park, 520 Old Chesterfield Road, Winchester, New Hampshire.** Pisgah State Park includes over 13,300 acres of rough forested terrain, encompassing a complete watershed north of the Ashuelot River. The total hiking distance of the Pisgah Mountain Trail Loop is 8.5 miles. Please call Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 to register and for meeting time and place. Carpooling is available from Worcester. You may also email Margos at [mstone12242@charter.net](mailto:mstone12242@charter.net). Richard Lombard is co-leader of this hike. You can reach him at [rlombard2@gmail.com](mailto:rlombard2@gmail.com) or call him at 978-394-9619.

**Sunday, December 17, 9:30 am.** Hike or cross country ski depending on conditions on the Mass Central Rail Trail, Mid State Trail and on country roads within the watershed. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail in Rutland. Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7 pm to register and for more information.

## Game Nights

**October through December, Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.** Enjoy whist, cribbage, checkers, chess, backgammon and other games. Bring food to share. We will provide the hot drinks. Bring your favorite games if you wish. For more information, call or text Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or Margos Stone at 508-826-6842.

## Got a Hike, Outing or Event You Would Like to Lead?

Got a hike, outing or event you would like to lead for the Worcester Section? This will be listed in our winter newsletter for the January through March months. Please call or email your ideas. We would love to hear from you, our Worcester Section members. Please call or text Margos Stone (newsletter editor) at 508-826-6842 or email him at [mstone12242@charter.net](mailto:mstone12242@charter.net). You may also call or text Ram Moennsad, Worcester Section President, at 508-210-6965 or email him at [shivratri@gmail.com](mailto:shivratri@gmail.com).

**Green Mountain Club  
Worcester Section, Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 28, 2017 4:00 to 7:00 pm  
345 Rawson Street, Leicester, MA**

Please join us for the GMC, Worcester Section, Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 28 at the camp. Social Hour will be from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, baked chicken dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, business meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, followed by our guest speaker and member, Bill Caulway, who will speak and show slides on his recent through hike on the Appalachian Trail.

Please make your reservation(s) for the annual meeting by filling out the form below. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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**Reservation Form For Annual Meeting**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of baked chicken meals \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and check to Margos Stone, GMC Treasurer, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. Please indicate whether you would like a baked chicken or vegetarian meal. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Reservations can also be made by calling Margos Stone at 508-799-0842, or by emailing him at [mstone12242@charter.net](mailto:mstone12242@charter.net) by October 24.

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