



*Maintaining and
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Long Trail*

Green Mountain Club

Worcester Section

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Spring Activities

Please join us for the GMC activities listed in this newsletter. These include hiking, canoeing, a picnic at the camp, trail work, game nights, the Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting in Vermont and a camp clean up. Take time to spend in nature. It is calming and invigorating.

Game Night will be held on the second Thursday of April (4/11), May (5/9) and June (6/13) from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of Pat and Stuart Howe, 33 Pine Acres Road, Spencer, MA. Pat and Stuart have many types of games, but if you have a favorite please bring it. RSVP via text or call Pat on her cell phone (508-868-5949), or email Pat at howep3329@gmail.com. The speed limit on their dirt road is 10 mph. Please be mindful when crossing the two small bridges.

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am. Southwest Wachusett Mountain Hike. Meet at the Westminster/Admin Road trailhead. Hike up the Harrington Trail to the summit and down the West Side Trail, returning on West Road. 4.5 miles, difficult hike. Contact or register: trailaroundprincetonma@gmail.com or call Rick at 978-660-8664.

Saturday, April 20. Hike 3 to 4 miles at the beautiful Feldman property on Briggs Road in Petersham at the Athol town line just beyond the Harvard Forest. Meet at 10:00 am at the Country Store in Petersham. Call leader Gary Brigham at 508-471-7867 to register.

Saturday, April 27. Canoe paddle on the Contoocook River. Cross the border into southern New Hampshire to run the upper reaches of this scenic river. Call leader David Miller at 853-8964 to register and for meeting time and place.

Saturday and Sunday, May 4–5. Overnight canoe camping on the Ipswich River. Contact Leader Pat Howe at 508-868-5949 or Co Leader David Miller at 508-853-8964 for more information and for meeting time and place.

Saturday, May 11 at 10 am. Hike at the Harvard Forest and Fisher Museum in Petersham, MA. Founded in 1907, Harvard Forest is Harvard University's 4,000 acre center for ecological research and education. We will hike on the French Road Trail to the observation tower on Prospect Hill and back. The hike is about 4 miles. After the hike we will visit the Fisher Museum to see the 23 dioramas that were built in the 1930's. Contact leader Mike Peckar at fog@fognet.com or call him at 508-209-1833 to register and get details on where to meet.

Saturday and Sunday, May 18–19. The Worcester Section Spring 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, May 18 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.

Saturday, May 25 or Sunday June 9. An afternoon walk with Ed and Pat Faron to view and scent the blossoming of mountain laurel. The exact date will depend on when the laurel blossoms. In zone 5, blossoming could be anywhere from late May until mid-June, so watch your email for updates. The walk is about 2 miles. We will meet at the home of Ed and Pat Faron, 740 Pleasant Street in Rochdale, MA at 1:30 pm and return after the walk for refreshments. Call Ed or Pat at 508-892-9237 until the day before the walk to register.

Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2. The Green Mountain Club 109th Annual Meeting, hosted by the Montpelier Section, will take place at the Windridge Tennis and Sports Camps in Roxbury, Vermont. There will be hikes, workshops, and good meals in addition to the annual business meeting. See pages 28-29 of the spring issue of the Long Trail News for complete information, or go online to the Green Mountain Club website www.greenmountainclub.org/meeting to register. Some of us will carpool from Worcester on Friday morning, May 31. For more information, or information on carpooling, call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 or email him at mstone12242@charter.net.

Saturday, June 8–9. Low impact canoe camping. We will do one overnight within two hours of Worcester on the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers. Call leader David Miller at 508-853-8964.

Saturday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please join us for our spring camp clean up at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester. We will rake leaves, work on the road, and clean the lodge and change house. Bring rakes and shovels. Coffee, juice, donuts and muffins will be served. Call or text Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or email him at shivratri@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, June 16, Mid State Trail Hike. Meet at the home of Pat and Stuart Howe, 33 Pine Acres Road, Spencer, MA at 10:00 am. The speed limit on their road is 10 mph and use care in crossing the two small bridges. We will drive 1 or 2 cars to Route 9 near the Spencer Inn, and then hike 3.84 miles to Paxton Road.

At Paxton Road we will leave the trail and walk back to their house (about a mile). Call or text Pat on her cell phone at 508-868-5949 or email her at howep3329@gmail.com to register for the hike.

Saturday, June 22. A nine-mile hike through RI and Douglas State Forest. We'll start on the North-South Trail in Rhode Island and hike north for 4 miles through Buck Hill Conversation area until we come to the southern terminus of the Mid State Trail in Douglas State Forest. We will continue hiking north on the Midstate Trail through Douglas State Forest for another 5 miles until we reach Route 16. The entire hike is in the woods with no road walking. Meet at 9:00 am and expect the hike to take 5-6 hours. Call leader Ken Baldyga at 508-757-5812 to register and receive directions.

Saturday, June 29 12:00 noon. President's Potluck Picnic at the GMC camp, 345 Rawson Street in Leicester. Bring your favorite dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, coffee and beverages will be provided. We will have a short hike after the luncheon. For more information and to register call or text Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or email him at shivratri@gmail.com.

Camp Gate Entrance to GMC

Beginning in July 2018 the gate to the camp entrance at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester has been locked. The code to the lock is 3450. Just align these four numbers to open the gate. When you leave please lock the gate by taking the numbers off alignment. Our camp is still open to the public to use, but it will be by foot traffic only when the gate is locked. This is an effort to cut down on vandalism at the camp and the public leaving unwanted litter. If you have a problem unlocking the gate, please call Margos at 508-826-6842 or Ram at 508-210-6965. In the future, the code to the lock may change, but we will inform you first in the newsletter.

Receiving Your Newsletter by Email

If you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail and would like to receive it by email, please email Margos at mstone12242@charter.net. Give us your preferred email address and you will receive future newsletters by email. This will save the club on mailing costs and make it more convenient for you.

Contributions to the GMC, Worcester Section

Your financial contributions to the GMC, Worcester Section, are welcome and needed. Our income from dues is not sufficient to meet the expenses for the GMC, Worcester Section. Your contribution will help us to improve and maintain our camp on Cedar Meadow Lake and the Long Trail in Vermont. It will also help us to promote the goals and activities of our club. Please make your check payable to the "Green Mountain Club, Worcester Section," and mail it to Margos Stone, Treasurer, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. All contributions are tax-deductible. Contributions can also be made on our website at gmcwoo.org.

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