



*Maintaining and
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Long Trail*

Green Mountain Club

Worcester Section

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Winter
2020 – 2021

December and January Activities

Please join us for these GMC, Worcester Section activities in December and January. Please be sure to wear a face covering on all activities to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. We will practice social distancing by hiking or standing at least 6 feet apart from others. Wear orange or red or other bright outer clothing as hunting season is still with us. Happy hiking.

Saturday, December 12. Hike approximately 5-6 miles at the Farley Cliffs in Erving. Meet at 9:30 am at McDonalds in Athol at the junction of Route 2A and Route 202. Please wear a face covering at the start of the hike and on breaks. Please respect social distancing guidelines at all times and hike at least 6 feet apart. Please call Gary Brigham at 508-471-7867 or email him at gbrighammt@aol.com to register for the hike. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy. Please wear orange, red or other bright outer clothing due to hunting season.

Saturday, December 26. Sholan Point Hike-Wachusett Reservoir. This approximately 5-mile round trip hike along old dirt roads on DCR watershed land will loop the Lily ponds, then over French Hill through mature white pine and oak forest to Sholan Point, a remote spot on Wachusett Reservoir with killer views looking west, south and east. If there is enough snow, this will be a snowshoe hike. Loaner snowshoes are available. We will meet at 9:30 am at Cheoy Lee's 2 at 45 Sterling Street in West Boylston. Please contact Mike Peckar at mike@gmcwoo.org or call him at 508-835-2959 to register for the hike. Please wear a facemask and practice social distancing on the hike. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy. Orange or red outer clothing is recommended due to hunting season.

Saturday, January 9. Hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. We will meet at 1:00 pm at the home of Ed and Pat Faron, 740 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, MA. This will be a moderate hike of approximately 2.5 miles through the wooded hills of Rochdale behind their home. Following the hike they will serve cold and warmed cider, cocoa, coffee, chowder and some pastry. Please, no food donations by people attending. Based on covid-19 conditions, they will likely serve outside using paper cups and bowls. If it's snowing or blowing cold, they will open their garage bays with a heater in the rear to moderate the temperature. Please call Pat or Ed at 508-892-9237 by Wednesday, January 6, to register for the hike. Please wear a facemask and practice social distancing by hiking 6 feet apart. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy.

Saturday, January 16. Hike or snow shoe the trails of Trout Brook Recreation Area on Manning Street in Holden. Trout Brook Recreation Area is 660 acres of conservation land with a system of trails for walking, hiking, snowshoeing and mountain biking. We will meet at 9:30 am at the parking lot to Trout Brook Recreation Area on Manning Street in Holden. The hike will be approximately 4-5 miles over moderate terrain. Please call Malcolm Beauvais at 617-201-3303 or email him at mbeauvais12@gmail.com to register for the hike. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing by hiking 6 feet apart. Micro spikes will be helpful if the trails are icy.

Saturday, January 23. Does anyone know the location of Rum Rock in Barre, Massachusetts? Rum Rock is the largest glacial erratic in Massachusetts. Gary Brigham will lead us on a hike or snowshoe hike (depending on conditions) in Barre to the Rum Rock. The hike will be approximately 4-5 miles over moderate terrain. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy. We will meet at the Fidelity Bank parking lot on the Common in Barre at 9:30 am and drive to the starting point. Please call Gary Brigham at 508-471-7867 or email him at gbrighammt@aol.com to register for the hike. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing by hiking 6 feet apart.

Saturday, January 30. Hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski (depending on conditions) the backcountry roads of the Ware River Watershed. The outing will be approximately 5 miles over moderate terrain. Meet at the parking lot at 9:30 am on Route 122 in Rutland at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail (by Rutland State Park). Call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 6:00 pm, or Margos Stone at 508-826-6842, or email Margos at mstone12242@gmail.com to register for the hike. Please wear a facemask for the hike and practice social distancing by hiking 6 feet apart. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy.

Saturday, February 13. Hike or snowshoe the trails of Patrill Hollow Preserve in Hardwick. Patrill Hollow Preserve is a beautiful 136-acre forest situated just southwest of Hardwick Center. The trails meander through mixed oak and pine forest, circle around a vernal pool, and pass near stonewalls and old foundations before climbing in elevation. This is a 4-mile round trip hike over moderate terrain. The preserve is a property of the East Quabbin Land Trust. We will meet at 9:30 am at 1015 Hardwick Road in Hardwick. Please wear a facemask and practice social distancing. Please call Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 or email him at mstone12242@gmail.com to register for the hike. Micro spikes may be needed if conditions are icy.

GMC Annual Meeting—October 17, 2020

The GMC, Worcester Section Annual Meeting was held outside on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at our camp in Leicester. Reelected for a one-year term was Ram Moennsad, President; Patricia Faron, Vice President; Lisa Carpenter, Secretary; Margos Stone, Treasurer; and Mike Peckar, Director to Vermont.

Steve Crowe was reelected to head the Trails and Shelters Committee; Ram Moennsad was reelected to head the camp committee; and Janet Stone was elected to head the membership committee. Sandra Snow, who is retiring from the head of membership, was thanked for her many years of service to the club. Pat Faron will head the nominating committee for next year, assisted by Gary Brigham and Richard Kisten.

Members heard committee reports and a report from our president, Ram. Ram reported that membership has continued to grow in the Worcester Section during the past year. Our hikes and outings have resumed, and we have implemented safety rules at the camp and at our outings to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Ram thanked all of our volunteers who lead outings and maintain our camp.

Margos Stone, Treasurer, reported a budget surplus last year of \$557, due to increased income from dues and decreased expenses. Our checking account balance on September 30, 2020 (the end of our fiscal year) was \$11,739. He thanked everyone who has contributed their time and money to support the GMC, Worcester Section.

Mike Peckar was the featured speaker, who spoke about his summit of Denali in Alaska.

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