



*Maintaining and
Protecting Vermont's
Long Trail*

Green Mountain Club

Worcester Section

345 Rawson Street, Leicester MA 01524
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Spring | 2021

Spring Activities

We will resume our hikes and outings at the Green Mountain Club, Worcester Section, starting in May. We will continue to practice social distancing and wearing facemasks as needed for our outings and activities at the camp.

We are starting a new activity at the GMC Camp, called Hump Day Evening Horseshoes and Cornhole. If you are interested in playing horseshoes in the new pits, and/or playing Cornhole, please come to the camp on Wednesday evenings starting on May 19. We will be playing from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Whether you are a beginner or a long-time player, come join in and have some fun. If enough folks are interested, we can organize a tournament later in the year. Our camp is located at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester.

Saturday, May 8 at 12:00 noon. Join us for a 3-mile round-trip hike at the Bearsden Conservation Area in Athol. We will meet at the parking lot on Bearsden Road in Athol at 12:00 noon. This will be a moderately difficult hike over varied terrain. Please call Gary Brigham at 508-471-7867 or email him at gbrighammt@aol.com to register for the hike. For directions, google Bearsden Conservation Area in Athol.

Saturday, May 15. Meet at 10:00 am for a 3-mile hike around Rocky Pond in Leominster State Forest. We will meet at the parking lot for Rocky Pond on Route 31 at 10:00 am. Please call Malcolm Beauvais at 617-201-3303 or email him at mabeauvais12@gmail.com to register for the hike. Directions: Go north on Route 140, then north on Route 31 for 1.5 miles. Rocky Pond parking lot is on the right. Dogs are welcome.

Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 am. Join us for a 5.8-mile round-trip hike at the Ware River Watershed in Barre. We will meet at the Barre Falls Dam parking area in Barre at 10:00 am. We will hike on the Midstate Trail and old woods roads. This will be a moderately difficult hike over varied terrain. Please call Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 after 7 pm to register for the hike. Please bring water and a lunch. **Directions:** From the junction of MA 62 and MA 68 in Hubbardston, follow MA 62 west for 4.4 miles. Turn left at a 4-way intersection at Coldbrook Road. Enter Barre Falls Dam Recreation area, and continue 1.1 miles to the parking area adjacent to the Barre Falls Dam and the picnic shelter.

Saturday and Sunday, May 22–23. 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 22 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 508-450-1091 for more information, or email him at steve@sunshinelandscapingco.com.

Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Join us for the Green Mountain Club 111th annual meeting in Vermont, which will be held virtually this year on Zoom. For more information, go to greenmountainclub.org/annual meeting to sign up for the annual meeting. Don't forget to vote for the annual election of General Directors for the Green Mountain Club, which includes our own Worcester Section President, Ram Moennsad. You may vote at greenmountainclub.org/vote 2021.

Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 am. Join us for a hike of Mt. Watatic from the east side. This hike will be co-led by Emily Merlino of the North County Land Trust (NCLT), and will explore new trails on the south and east side of Mt. Watatic. Earlier this year, NCLT pre-acquired over 200 acres on the south side of Mt. Watatic. All but 15 acres (that includes a farmhouse and fields) will be purchased by Mass Wildlife. Beginning at a new parking area at 102 Rindge State Road, Ashburnham, MA (Route 119), we will hike through future Mass Wildlife land to the new NCLT farmhouse, which has great views of Mt. Watatic from below. From there we will hike up Mt. Watatic, have a snack, then head back down a different route. The hike will be about 3 miles long with about a 500 foot elevation gain to the summit. Registration is required. To sign up, contact Mike Peckar at 508-835-2959 or email him at fog@fognet.com. For directions, google 102 Rindge State Road, Ashburnham.

Saturday, June 26 at 10 am. Hike the Midstate Trail from the trailhead to the Midstate Trail in Rutland. We will meet at the parking lot on Route 122 in Rutland at 10:00 am. This will be an approximately a 6 mile round trip hike starting north over varied terrain and backwoods roads. Please call or text Pat Howe at 508-868-5949 or email her at phowe@wpi.edu to register for the hike. The hike will be co-led by Pat and Stuart Howe. Please carry a lunch and water.

Camp News

The GMC, Worcester Section, camp is located at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester. It is open from dawn to dusk for picnicking, boating, swimming and fishing. There is no overnight camping allowed. There is no lifeguard on duty, so swimming is at your own risk. Please be watchful of your children, especially while they are in the water. Please be courteous to others and pack out your own trash. We will continue to practice social distancing and wear facemasks when in contact with others.

Please secure the gate when you enter and leave the camp. The camp is open to the public by foot traffic only when the gate is locked.

The camp rules are located in a green box on a tree outside the camp lodge. Please take time to read them. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our camp safe for everyone.

If you need further information about the camp or the club, please contact Ram Moennsad, President of the Worcester Section, at 508-210-6965 or email him at shivratri@gmail.com. You may also contact Margos Stone, Treasurer, at 508-826-6842 or email him at mstone12242@charter.net.



GMC members enjoy a cookout at the camp on April 24.

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