



*Maintaining and
Protecting Vermont's
Long Trail*

Green Mountain Club

Worcester Section

345 Rawson Street, Leicester MA 01524
www.greenmountainclub.org

Fall | 2018

President's Message

Dear Members,

Please join us for some of our fall activities listed in this newsletter. These include hikes, canoeing, picnics at the camp, bicycling and many other events. Of particular note will be our annual meeting on Saturday, November 17, at the camp. This will include a ham and bean supper prepared by our own great chefs, and a slide show of a recent nine-day backpacking trip in the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland by David Miller, one of our own members. Please see the activities schedule for details.

Please join us for our Potluck Picnic at the camp on Saturday, October 20 at 12:00 noon. See the activity schedule for details.

The outdoor bathroom is in dire shape and we may have to replace the entire unit next year.

The bridge construction on Rawson Street should be finished in early November so that we can all visit the camp more frequently.

I am requesting all members who can assist in any way to help maintain our treasured camp. Your active participation as well as your ideas will make the camp better and more enjoyable. You can always call or write to me with your views to update and improve the camp. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. As always, it is your camp and it is a few who aspire to keep it going. Be one of them.

Best regards,

Ram Moennsad, President

Fall Activities

Saturday, October 6. Camp clean up at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will work on cleaning up the grounds and the lodge. Bring rakes, shovels, a wheel barrel, pruning shears and cleaning supplies. We will repair erosion damage to the grounds caused by recent heavy rains. Coffee and donuts will be supplied. Call Ram at 508-210-6965 or Margos at 508-826-6842 for more information.

Saturday, October 13, 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 subnormal 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 13 and 14. 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. Some of us will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 13 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, October 20, 12:00 noon. Potluck Picnic at the GMC camp 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 those interested. For more information, call or text Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or email him at shivratri@gmail.com. Remember the Rawson Street bridge may be still out if you are coming from Spencer.

Saturday, October 27, Bicycle ride on the back-country roads of the Ware River Watershed. Trip will be about 5-8 miles. Meet at the parking lot on Route 122 in Rutland at the trailhead to the Mid State Trail. Call or text leader Ram Moennsad at 508-210-6965 or Dick Kisten at 508-892-8866 to register and for meeting time.

Saturday, November 3, Canoe Day Trip on the Ware River from Barre to Gilbertville, passing historic King Phillip's camp and portaging around a mill dam. Considering recent subnormal 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.

Saturday, November 10. Hike the Pisgah Mountain Trail Loop at Pisgah State Park, 520 Old Chesterfield Road, Winchester, New Hampshire. The total hiking distance of the Pisgah Mountain Trail Loop is 8.5 miles. To register Margos Stone at 508-826-6842 or mstone12242@charter.net. Carpooling is available from Worcester. You can also contact co-leader Richard Lombard at 978-394-9619 or rlombard2@gmail.com for details about meeting time and place.

Saturday, November 17. GMC, Worcester Section, Annual Meeting. Social Hour from 4 to 5 pm, Baked Ham Dinner at 5:00 pm, Business Meeting at 6:00 pm, followed by our guest speaker and member, David Miller, who will speak and show slides about our recent backpacking trip at the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland, United Kingdom. To register for the meeting, send in the reservation form attached to your newsletter to Margos Stone, Treasurer, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. Or you may make your reservations for the meeting by calling or texting Margos at 508-826-6842 or emailing him at mstone12242@charter.net. The cost is \$10.00 per person for the dinner and can be paid at the door.

Walk off the Bird at Trout Brook Reservation in Holden, MA, Saturday morning, November 24. Burn off those tryptophan-induced extra calories on this 5-mile loop over the White Oak, Bob Elms, and Red trails at Trout Brook. If there is snow or ice, bring microspikes or snowshoes, depending on the depth, and the route will be adjusted. Contact Mike Peckar at mike@gmcwoo.org or 508-835-2959 for the exact time and meeting location.

Saturday, December 1, Canoe trip on the Assabet River. With the leaves gone, the rivers will be up again; so, we will do the Assabet River from Northborough to Hudson. Remember, winter doesn't begin until December 21. 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, December 16. Hike the trails of the Federated Women's Club State Forest, 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. for meeting time and place.

Sunday, December 30. Hike or snow shoe the trails of Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, 113 Goodnow Road in Princeton. We will meet in the parking lot at Wachusett Meadows at 9:30 a.m. The hike will be approximately 4 miles over moderate terrain. Call leader Margos Stone at 508-799-0842 or email him at mstone12242@charter.net to register.

January 1, 2019, 12:00 noon. President's Open House at the camp. Enjoy a pot luck luncheon by the wood stove. Bring your favorite dish to share. Coffee, cider and dessert will be provided. Call Ram at 508-210-6965 or Margos at 508-799-0842 for more information or to register. A short hike will follow the luncheon for those interested.

Camp Gate

345 Rawson Street, Leicester, MA

Beginning in July the gate to the camp at 345 Rawson Street in Leicester has been locked. Please see your email or print version of this newsletter for the code.

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. Stay tuned to our quarterly 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. Thank you.

Contributions to the GMC, Worcester Section

Your contributions to the GMC, Worcester Section, are welcome and needed. Our income from dues alone is not sufficient to meet the expenses for the GMC, Worcester Section. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us to improve and maintain our camp on Cedar Meadow Lake. We depend on contributions to balance our budget. You can mail your contribution to Margos Stone, Treasurer, GMC Worcester Section, 1A Kensington Heights, Worcester, MA 01602. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations can also be made on our website at <http://www.gmcwoo.org>.

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Worcester Section, Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 17, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
345 Rawson Street, Leicester, MA**

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Please make your reservation(s) for the annual meeting by filling out the form. The cost is \$10 per person.

Reservation Form for Annual Meeting

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Number of baked ham 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 ham 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 by November 10.

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