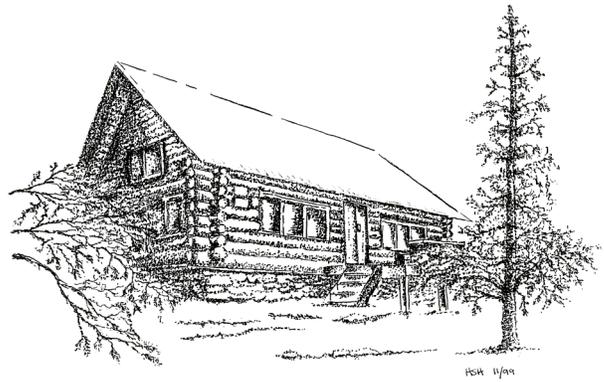


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## One Hundred Years of History - cont.

All four 2010 issues of *Ridge Lines* celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with articles about the history of the Green Mountain Club and the Long Trail. In this issue, we look at how hiking in Vermont has changed over the years.

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## RECOLLECTIONS ABOUT HIKING and EATING - A WONDERFUL COMBO!

Contributed by Dot Myer

Food is an important part of many Green Mountain Club outings today – but it used to be even more important. The Club used to have hot dog roasts, chili suppers, spaghetti suppers, mixed soup meals, even breakfasts. We were jokingly referred to as the “hiking and eating” club.

The most famous of all the Burlington Section “hiking and eating” events was the Oyster Stew Hike, a tradition that lasted for 25 years from 1952 through 1977 - and Dot and Bev Remick organized every one. The oyster stews were popular with both the Burlington and Montpelier Sections, but they became known to a much wider audience when they were written up in the *New York Times*, *Ford Times*, and *Vermont Life*. (A writer and photographer from the *New York Times* had never been on snowshoes before and had quite an experience!) Oyster Stews were held at Taylor Lodge, usually on the February weekend that was closest to a full moon. The first one was attended by thirty people, some from as far away as Barre. Numbers at later dinners ranged from 11 participants in 1955 and 1977 to 62 in 1963. Sixty-two people in a cabin meant for fifteen was quite a crowd! And it took a lot of food to feed five dozen hungry hikers. In 1963, Burlington Section members on snowshoes carried in 2 pounds of butter, 2 gallons of oysters, 17 quarts of milk, 3 pounds of cheese, 2 jars of pickles, 4 boxes of oyster crackers, 2 pints of coffee cream, celery, radishes, sugar, and 11 pies. The food was delicious; even people who don't usually eat oysters enjoyed it.

## **RECOLLECTIONS ABOUT HIKING and EATING – A WONDERFUL COMBO!**

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After the oyster stew was made and enjoyed, we hiked out by moonlight or flashlight, usually both. Over the years, the weather ranged from rain to very cold; one year it was 14 below zero. There was usually plenty of snow. One year, hiker Larry Dean broke his leg on the way out. He thought it was just sprained, so he didn't see a doctor until the next day. It turned out to be broken and quite serious, and he ended up in the hospital.

In addition to Oyster Stew dinners, the Burlington Section had sugar-on-snow parties for many years, often at sugar houses and usually preceded by short hikes. The simplest party was when Shirley Strong brought syrup on a hike, heated it, and poured it on the snow for us to eat. More elaborate parties were prepared for us by a Colchester youth group. These events included large meals with Vermont's signature treat for dessert, and sometimes ended with square dancing.

In 2002, one of the last sugar parties was held at Nebraska Knoll sugar house, following a hike to Taylor Lodge by the Lake Mansfield trail. As always, the sugar party was fun and delicious, but the hike wasn't as successful. There's a steep slope on part of the Lake Mansfield Trail that can get very icy. Some of the group turned around when they reached the ice. Chris Ward led the rest of us down an unmaintained alternate trail that had been built after someone had a very bad accident falling on the regular trail.

For many years, full meals were served at almost every work hike. Usually there were plenty of hungry hikers to eat everything that had been prepared, but after one hike, Agnes Richardson had her freezer chockfull of chili for weeks afterwards. Pam Gillis continues the tradition by providing good drinks and snacks at the end of work hikes.

I'm not advocating going back to the old food traditions, but I think it would be fun to have an outing with a cookout of some kind once in a while.

## **SHELTER CHANGES**

### **Contributed by Dot Myer**

The first hundred years of GMC's history have seen many changes in the shelters used by hikers on the Long Trail. Originally, there was a clear distinction between **shelters**, which were open lean-tos, and the closed **camp**s and bigger **lodges**. Nowadays the term **shelter** includes all of these. Several of the more modern shelters are "hybrids" with enclosed sleeping quarters and an open porch for cooking and eating. Birch Glen, built in 1930, was probably the first of these, though not exactly like the modern ones. The "new" Taylor followed a similar pattern. The idea was improved when Buchanan was given an upstairs window, providing light to the bunkroom.

As hiking and backpacking became more and more popular, some shelters started filling up by late afternoon. Sometimes people set up camps nearby, resulting in damage to the areas around the shelters. So several designated **tenting sites** were established, with tent platforms. Two nearby examples are Twin Hills between Taylor Lodge and Butler Lodge, and Hump Brook near Camels Hump.

At one time, all of Green Mountain Club's closed cabins (Montclair Glen, Bolton, Puffer, Taylor, Butler, Taft and others) had **wood stoves** that were used for heating and cooking. Repairing or replacing stove pipes, and sometimes replacing entire stoves, were important parts of the maintenance work for GMC shelters. Stoves are heavy, so often they were replaced in winter when they could be pulled to the shelters on sleds.

The old stove at Butler Lodge was removed and thrown in the dump in 1976, then retrieved, pieced together with another old stove, and replaced. This pieced-together stove was removed in January 1977 after it caused a burned floor. The next month a new stove was brought up to the lodge on a plastic sled pulled by eight snowshoers (taking turns, not all in a line like Santa's reindeer!). This stove weighed 45 pounds, not including the stovepipe, special bolts, etc.

## **SHELTER CHANGES**

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The GMC started talking about removing the stoves back in the early 70s. Winter hikers loved looking forward to warm and cozy shelters to sleep in, and the wood stoves were important for cooking in the days before small, portable, backpacking stoves became popular. However, Taylor Lodge was destroyed by fire twice. There had also been fires in other places, mostly caused by careless use of wood stoves. In addition, many trees were being cut down near the shelters and used as firewood. After a lot of controversy and discussion, stoves were removed from the GMC lodges.

In addition to wood stoves, the early lodges had mattresses, axes, saws, cooking pots and dishes. Removal of wood stoves meant that hikers didn't need axes and saws anymore, and lighter backpacking gear made it unnecessary to fill shelters with all that **other equipment**. (Also, some shelter mattresses included mold, mildew and mice.)

**Dumps were another feature of the early shelters.** Before Green Up programs, all of the shelters had dumps, as did many farms and country homes. It was the normal way of disposing of trash in those days. An early note in the Butler Lodge Register said "please dump all cans and rubbish over cliff west of the cabin".

In the 70s, we began to clean out dumps and to follow a strict carry in carry out policy. Hundreds of bags were carried out. On one work hike, twenty people carried out 67 twenty-gallon bags of trash – and there were *many* such work hikes. The slogans "carry in carry out" and "leave nothing but footprints" seem to have worked. Modern hikers rarely see litter on the Long Trail or at shelters.

The **outhouses** at GMC shelters have also changed. There used to be old-fashioned pit privies at all of the shelters. When the pit got too full, the outhouse had to be moved or a new one built, which sometimes required an Act 250 permit. Most of the old pit privies are now gone. In their place, GMC uses composting toilets and is a national leader in field-testing moldering privies that use red wiggler worms to consume waste. The new trail toilets are much better for hikers and the environment! "Privy raisings" are some of the most important construction jobs needed to maintain welcoming and healthy shelters. One time a new volunteer showed up without really understanding what she was getting into. "I know what a privy is," she said, "but what on earth is privy *raising*?"

### ***Short Clips of Great Trips***

**Friday, November 12**

**DoubleTree Hotel, South Burlington**

**Registration and refreshments at 6:00 pm.**

**Program at 6:30 pm**

Another in the Burlington Section's continuing series of special programs for members and non-members alike! Network with fellow outdoor enthusiasts. Hear about other people's recent adventures, near and far. Enjoy a terrific slide show. Reserve your seat at gmcevents@hotmail.com. The event is open to the public with a \$5 suggested donation. As the date draws near, visit [www.gmcburlington.org](http://www.gmcburlington.org) for further details. Be sure to get there early for the snacks and beverages!

***We are saddened to announce the death of Dave Blumenthal. Dave was killed in a biking accident on June 24. He was participating in the Tour Divide, a grueling bike race from Banff to New Mexico. Dave was a husband, father, son, friend, artist, hiker, outdoorsman and energetic volunteer with GMC and other organizations. The Fall 2010 issue of the Long Trail News has a more complete memorial to Dave.***

## OTHER CHANGES THROUGH THE YEARS



We asked hikers to think about changes they've seen since they first headed out onto the trails. Here's a summary, to be continued in the next issue of *Ridge Lines*.

<i>THEN</i>	<i>NOW</i>
<b>Packs</b> – The earliest backpacks were just skin or fabric bags with a drawstring, a flap at the top, and shoulder straps. Later, hikers used basket packs or external frame packs made of canvas.	Most modern packs have internal frames made of lightweight metal. They feature padded shoulder straps and hip straps to improve stability.
<b>Poles</b> - Many early hikers used hand-carved wooden staffs.	Some hikers still prefer well-made wooden poles. Others use collapsible trekking poles that weigh almost nothing.
<b>Snowshoes</b> – Winter hikers used to wear large, relatively heavy, wide snowshoes that forced them to walk with their knees far apart.	Now there are snowshoes so sleek and lightweight that people can even run in them.
<b>Tents</b> – For almost two hundred years, canvas was THE material for tents and tarps. Early tent poles were wooden. For many hikers, setting up the tent was a time-consuming and frustrating ritual at the end of every day.	Modern long-distance hikers carry amazingly lightweight tents that were specifically engineered for backpackers and can be ready to use in minutes.
<b>Clothing</b> – Hikers wore wool shirts, wool pants and heavy wool sweaters. The smell of wet wool filled every tent and shelter.	Most hikers wear polypro and fleece, fabrics that dry quickly, retain body heat, and wick moisture away from the skin.
<b>Foul Weather Clothing</b> – When it rained, hikers just got wet or they relied on heavy, rubberized ponchos.	Top-of-the-line rain gear is comfortable, breathable and water-resistant – and becoming more and more affordable. Several companies make rainwear that weighs almost nothing and can be stuffed into sacks that are smaller than a pair of socks.
<b>Boots</b> – Hikers used to use footwear that they already had at home, including farm boots, lined winter boots, army surplus paratrooper boots, and steel-toed construction boots.	Many brands and models of footwear are designed for hikers, including boots that dry out overnight and “off-track” running shoes used by some day hikers.
<b>Sleeping Bags</b> – In the middle of the twentieth century, sleeping bags were lined in flannel and took days to dry once they got wet. (Editor's Note: My first sleeping bag was lined in brown flannel, with Roy Rogers and Trigger romping on the inside.)	So many choices! Modern backpackers can select narrow, wide, mummy, thin, fluffy, single or double, summer, winter or three-season – all made of quick-dry materials with synthetic insulation, and all designed to weigh very little and take up very little room.
<b>Fires</b> – Hikers in Vermont and on most other trails in the U.S. relied on open fires. Many trees were cut down. Accidental fires destroyed forest land and Long Trail shelters.	Open fires aren't allowed on the Long Trail. Most hikers use tiny, lightweight backpacking stoves for cooking.
<b>Critters</b> – In the early days of the Long Trail, hikers were always aware of porcupines. Porkies chewed ax handles, boots, furniture in the shelters and seats in the privies.	Fisher cats are the porcupine's only natural predator. The re-introduction of fishers into Vermont brought the porcupine population back into balance.

## Section Outings

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Unless otherwise specified, call the trip leader to sign up, find out what equipment you'll need, and learn about any changes. **Check with trip leader before bringing your pet along.** Human guests are always welcome. Trip leaders often arrange carpooling. If you ride along in someone else's car, we recommend reimbursing the driver at the rate of 10 cents a mile.

### September Outings

9/4 (Sat) **Work Hike to a Long Trail Shelter** With clippers and paint in hand, we'll hike to a site within the Burlington Section's jurisdiction to perform some minor repairs and cleaning. Some of us may choose to stay overnight. Site to be determined. All levels of hikers are welcome. Call Linda Evans at 899-3006.

9/11 (Sat) **Birch Glen and Molly Stark's Balcony** The Beane Trail goes through hardwood trees at an easy grade to Birch Glen Camp. It's 1.3 miles further to Molly Stark's Balcony where there's a fine view of Camels Hump and the Worcester Mountains. Moderate hike, 5.6 miles (3 miles RT to Birch Glen). Dot Myer 863-2433 dotmyer@myfairpoint.net

9/12 (Sun) **Burnt Rock Mountain via the Hedgehog Brook and Long Trails** Hike from North Fayston to Burnt Rock Mountain on the Hedgehog Brook Trail at it travels through nice woods and along the summit ridge. Steep in some places. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 5.2 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Contact leader in advance. Peter Cottrell, 879-0755 or pcottrel@myfairpoint.net

9/18 (Sat) **Skyline Trail** Traverse the entire length of the Worcester Range, starting at the Middlesex Trail and ending at the Worcester Mountain Trail, where a car will be spotted. Difficult, 10.5 mile trip. Darryl Smith, 522-2516 **or** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/dsmith1vt> **or** dsmith1vt@yahoo.com

9/19 (Sun) **Skylight Pond Trail, Long Trail, Burnt Hill Trail (Dogs Welcome)** Hike up Skylight Pond Trail to the Long Trail south, meet up with the Burnt Hill Trail and hike back out. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 7.1 miles, 1400' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Contact leader by 9/17. Kelley Mackison, 999-7839 or kelleymackison@gmail.com

9/25 (Sat) **Little River State Park** Come see the remnants of the abandoned settlement west of Waterbury Reservoir. The trails follow ancient roads. Trip leaves Richmond Park and Ride at 9:00AM sharp and returns there at 4:00PM. Moderate hike, leisurely pace, 7 miles. 700' elevation gain. Contact leader by 9/23. Joe Frank, 862-1816 or jeffrank2@gmail.com

9/26 (Sun) **Mount Hunger** The bald summit of this mountain is known for wonderful views. If it's a clear day, we'll have outstanding views of the Green Mountains, Adirondacks and Presidential Range. Let's hope the sun shines! Moderate, 4.4 miles, 2290' elevation gain. Contact leader by 9/24. Kathy Adams, 399-8687 or Hikeradams@hotmail.com

### October Outings

10/2 (Sat) **Camels Hump via the Forest City Trail** This will be a prime leaf-peeping hike up to newly refurbished Montclair Glen Lodge then around the Allis Trail and back down. Bring your camera! Moderate hike at moderate pace, 4.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Call leader for meeting place and time. Russ Kinaman, 879-6666.

10/3 (Sun) **Camels Hump** A moderately paced trip to the summit of Camels Hump via the Monroe Trail. We'll descend on the Long Trail and Dean and Monroe Trails. 7.2 miles, 2500' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Kathy Adams, 399-8687 or hikeradams@hotmail.com

10/8 (Fri) **Taylor Lodge to Butler (FRIDAY HIKE)** This will be a laid-back "bring your mother- or father-in-law" stroll with relaxation being key. It'll give you a chance to visit two GMC lodges and we'll stop at both for r&r, snacks and good conversation. 7.4 miles at a moderate pace. No need to hurry, with the beautiful fall colors to play in. Call leader by 10/7. Pete Saile, 658-0912. **Note: this is a Friday hike.**

10/9 (Sat) **Mt. Mansfield** Under crystal clear blue skies, we'll hike the Frost Trail to the Maple Ridge Trail and then up to the Forehead and on to the Chin via the Subway and Long Trail. Difficult, 9 miles, 3000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Phil Hazen, 355-7181 or philhazen@comcast.net

10/10 (Sun) **Battell Trail, Long Trail, Jerusalem Trail** Enjoy the autumn on two 4000' mountains and two side trails. The views should be wonderful! Difficult hike, moderate pace, 10.8 miles. Group limit 10. Carlene Squires, 434-2533 or cell 318-5806, or carlene@gmavt.net

10/11 (Mon) **Mt. Mansfield via Sunset Ridge** This is the end of peak foliage season so bring your camera. The top third of the trail is mostly open, affording nice views all around. Mansfield's Chin is the highest point in Vermont (4393') with spectacular views of the Adirondacks and the White Mountains. Moderate hike at moderate pace, 5 miles, 2600' elevation gain. Call leader for meeting place and time. Russ Kinaman, 879-6666.

### **October Outings – cont.**

10/16 (Sat) **Camels Hump Alpine Trail Tour** With the last of the leaves just barely hanging on, we will climb the Monroe Trail, then head north on the Alpine Trail to start our tour of Camels Hump. The B-24 airplane wreck will be seen on this hike. Moderate, 8 miles, 2600' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Phil Hazen, 355-7181 or philhazen@comcast.net

10/17 (Sun) **Breadloaf Wilderness (Dogs Welcome)** We'll need an early start for what should be a very colorful hike up the Cooley Glen Trail to the Long Trail, through the Breadloaf Wilderness Area and down the Emily Proctor Trail. Moderate to difficult, strong pace (1.5 mph average), 11.2 miles, 3700' elevation gain. E-mail leader in advance. Darryl Smith, snuffy\_vt@yahoo.com

10/23 (Sat) **Mt. Abraham** Mt. Abe is one of the shortest hikes you can do to get you to 4000' – and it provides an almost 360 degree view. We'll go up the Battell Trail from Lincoln and then trek north on the Long Trail to the summit. Moderate hike at moderate pace, 4 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Call leader for meeting place and time. Russ Kinaman, 879-6666.

10/24 (Sun) **Camels Hump via Forest City, Long Trail, Monroe and Dean (Dogs Welcome)** Another hike in my Side-to-Side Series. We'll summit Camels Hump by way of the Forest City and Long Trails, make our way back down the Monroe Trail and then cut over the Dean Trail for a return on the Forest City Trail. Difficult with moderate pace, 8.9 miles, 2200' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Please RSVP by 10/22. Kelley Mackison, 999-7839 or kelleymackison@gmail.com

10/30 (Sat) **Tillotson and Belvidere** We'll loop up the Frank Post Trail to Tillotson Camp and on to Tillotson Peak, then go back south on the LT to Belvidere Mountain and return on the Forester's Trail. Difficult hike, strong pace, 8.5 miles, 2400' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by Thursday 10/28. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com

10/31 (Sun) **Cantilever Rock and Hallo-Weenie Roast** This short but fairly steep hike from Underhill State Park leads to an amazing rock that juts out from the side of the mountain. If you haven't been there before, it's worth seeing. We'll follow the hike with a hotdog roast at Underhill State Park to celebrate Halloween. Please bring hotdogs or something else to cook and something to share with the group. Moderate, 1.6 miles. Dot Myer, 863-2433 or dotmyer@myfairpoint.net

### **November Outings**

11/6 (Sat) **Mount Ethan Allen** We'll hike the Forest City Trail and Long Trail to Mt. Ethan Allen, returning via Montclair Glen for lunch. Moderate, 5.4 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Meet at the Richmond Park and Ride at 8:30AM. Call or e-mail Lee Wrigley, 318-6281 or leewrigley@myfairpoint.net

11/7 (Sun) **Little River History Loop** Walk in Little River State Park (part of Mt. Mansfield State Forest) at the Waterbury Reservoir, past abandoned settlements, overgrown roads and old farm sites. Easy hike, leisurely pace, 3.5 miles, 900' elevation gain. Approximately 3 hours. A good family outing. Leashed dogs welcome (no unleashed dogs please.) Meet at the Richmond Park and Ride at 9:30AM. See page 172 of your GMC *50 Hikes in Vermont* (6th edition) for more information or e-mail questions to ted@ted-albers.net

**11/12 (Fri) *Short Clips of Great Trips* Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast yourself or you just like to hear about other people's adventures, you're sure to enjoy this event! See page 3 for more information.**

11/14 (Sun) **Cooley Glen to Mt. Grant (Dogs Welcome)** Another hike in the Side-to-Side series: up Cooley Glen Trail, and then north on the Long Trail to the open summit of Mt. Grant where there are commanding views south along the ridge towards Killington. Moderate with a moderate pace, 8 miles, 2120' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Please RSVP by 11/12. Kelley Mackison, 999-7839 or kelleymackison@gmail.com

11/20 (Sat) **Mt. Hunger from Middlesex** Join me to make room for the turkey you will consume in just 5 days! **Well-behaved dogs only.** Moderate hike at a strong pace, 5.6 miles, 1900' elevation gain. Contact leader by Thursday 11/18. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynalbert@hotmail.com

11/21 (Sun) **Mystery Outing** Contact leader a week or so before the date to find out what exciting adventure he has selected for hikers! Darryl Smith, 522-2516 or <http://www.linkedin.com/in/dsmith1vt> or dsmith1vt@yahoo.com

11/26 (Fri) **Camels Hump via Forest City** Come with me to work off that turkey! **Well-behaved dogs only.** Moderate hike at a strong pace, 6 miles, 2200' elevation gain. Contact leader by Wednesday 11/24. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynalbert@hotmail.com

11/27 (Sat) **Mount Hunger and White Rock** We'll climb the Waterbury trail to the summit of Mount Hunger, taking a side trip to the summit of nearby White Rock Mountain on the way back. Difficult hike, strong pace, approx. 6.5 miles, 2500' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by Thursday 11/25. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com

## December Outings

12/4 (Sat) **Whiteface and Morse via Beaver Meadow Trail** We will hike to the Long Trail via the Beaver Meadow and Chilcoat Trails, then go north along the Long Trail over Morse Mountain to Whiteface Mountain. We'll descend on the Whiteface and Beaver Meadow Trails. Hikers should be prepared for winter conditions including ice and deep snow. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 9.1 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Contact leader in advance. Peter Cottrell, 879-0755 or 238-5745 or [pcottrel@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pcottrel@myfairpoint.net)

12/5 (Sun) **Camels Hump via Monroe Trail** Climb The Hump on the Monroe Trail from the winter lot. Snowshoes will probably be needed, with the potential for full-winter conditions. Difficult or Difficult+, depending on conditions. 8.5 miles, 3000' climb. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 12/3. Richard Larsen, 878-6828 or [larsen007@aol.com](mailto:larsen007@aol.com)

12/11 (Sat) **Phelps Mountain – ADK** Let's take a trip across the pond to explore the beautiful Adirondacks and a close-up view of Mt. Marcy! **No dogs allowed.** Moderate hike at a strong pace, 9 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Contact leader by Thursday 12/9. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or [robynnalbert@hotmail.com](mailto:robynnalbert@hotmail.com)

12/12 (Sun) **Taylor Lodge** This hike is familiar to most of us, but it's well worth doing many times. We'll eat our lunch in a comfortable lodge and then we can climb up to a view point or down to a beaver pond, or just go back. Snowshoes will probably be needed. Easy to moderate, 4.4 miles (more if there is recent snow and Stevensville Road isn't plowed to the end). Dot Myer, 863-2433 or [dotmyer@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dotmyer@myfairpoint.net)

12/18 (Sat) **Mansfield Ridge** From Underhill State Park we'll head up Sunset Ridge to the Mansfield Chin (summit), then follow the ridge to the Forehead and return via Maple Ridge and the CCC road. Difficult hike, strong pace, 9 miles, 2600' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by Thursday 12/16. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or [David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com](mailto:David.Hathaway.78@gmail.com)

12/19 (Sun) **Jerusalem Trail to Orvis Lookout (Dogs Welcome)** Another hike in the Side-to-Side series. We'll hike/snowshoe up the Jerusalem Trail to Orvis Lookout, have some cookies and hot chocolate at Glen Ellen Shelter, and then make our way back to the trailhead. Moderate with moderate pace, 5.4 miles, 1802' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Contact leader by 12/17. Kelley Mackison, 999-7839 or [kelleymackison@gmail.com](mailto:kelleymackison@gmail.com)

12/26 (Sun) **Camels Hump via the Burrows Trail** Depending on the weather, we will either hike or snowshoe to the top of Camels Hump from the Huntington side. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 4.8 miles, 1950' elevation gain. Group limit 12. Contact leader in advance. Sheri Larsen, 878-6828 or [larsen007@aol.com](mailto:larsen007@aol.com)

**BE SAFE DURING HUNTING SEASON!** When you're hiking in autumn, keep in mind that you're sharing the woods with hunters. Wear blaze orange *that can be seen from front and back*. Don't wear anything loose and white that might look like a deer's white tail. KEEP ALERT, ESPECIALLY IN VALLEYS AND NEAR ROADS. Black bear season starts September 1. After that, various kinds of hunting are allowed through December 31. See a complete list of hunting season dates at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

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