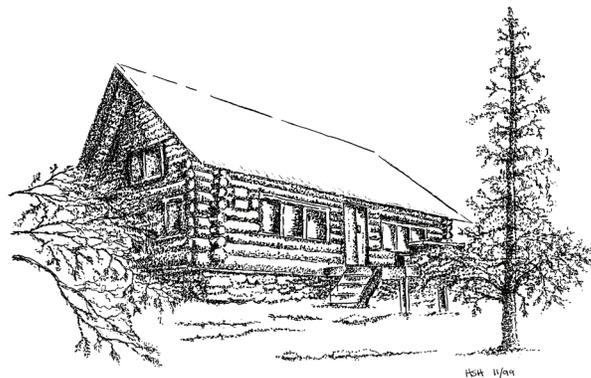


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In June 2014 the GMC hired a summer intern, Dylan Joy, to work as an archivist. Dylan has a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington. He worked under the direction of GMC Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Joe Sikowitz (also with a MLS) to overhaul the GMC's in-house archives, which include historic photographs, oral history recordings, guidebooks and other publications, maps, and club records. This is a project of the GMC's History and Archives committee, which includes our own Paul Houchens. The Committee used a \$5K grant from the VT Humanities Council and a Burlington Section donation of \$2500. (The Section donation came from our Holmes Fund.) To prepare for this project, Burlington Section Historian Dot Myer went through her collection of archives and pulled out several Long Trail News editions. We thought it would be interesting to include a few pages from the archives from time to time. The item below is from a November, 1942 *Long Trail News*. The author is Kenneth B. Fisher, "President, Burlington Section. Currently – Staff Sergeant, Finance Office, Down Field, Bangor Maine". Records show that Ken was born in 1909, died in 1992, and is buried in Burlington.



ALL TOGETHER

By LARRY DEAN

EVERYBODY has or is soon to feel the pinch of this global war, and our Club and its Trail are no exceptions. Many are leaving the Trail to combat the foes to their way of life. Memberships will undoubtedly fall off as money and energies are diverted to the support of the war. Are we who remain behind going to consider the Trail and the Club part of the past?

Are bushes and nettles to choke the Trail for the lack of restraint? Are the shelters to fall into disrepair? Or will we at home keep the spirit, keep the faith, do all we can to prevent the entire blotting out of the Trail and the total disrepair of the shelters?



As Club and Section members, all of us have an opportunity to show our loyalty and worth, even though we have little time or money, by doing what we can to maintain the Club and its Trail.

In the past our trail and lodge work has been done by a handful of workers or by the Patrol. Now many of those are gone.

The leader of the Long Trail Patrol, Prof. Roy Buchanan, kept faith with the former Patrol members now in the service (his son among them) by carrying on alone during his limited vacation time this past summer. If Roy can carry on with little or no help and a cut in funds, so can we.

Here I am reminded of a construction boss that I once worked for. When we had a hard lift to make he, mindful of the ways of a group of men, would get down with us and shout at the top of his lungs: "Lift, all together—one after another." Let us who remain at home get down and lift, but lift all together, so that when the boys return they can again find the Trail and lodges inviting.

KEN FISHER



Dot Myer, Burlington Section Historian, Membership Coordinator, and long-time hike leader, has announced that she's going to stop leading outings after her September 7 trip to Wind Gap and the Allis Trail. Dot's extensive and varied outdoor adventures make for great reading, so we're reprinting excerpts from the Burlington Section website archives and previous issues of *Ridge Lines*.

Dot started her hiking career when she was a student at UVM and joined the UVM Outing Club. After she graduated in 1955, she continued hiking and joined the Green Mountain Club in 1956. After a while, she began leading hikes as well as going on outings with other leaders.

Dot has hiked the Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail. She has also climbed the 111 high peaks in the northeast – twice! Having completed the peaks in summer, she and Ralph Gibbs (former Burlington Section member) decided they wanted to hike them in winter. In an understatement typical of Dot, she said, “this took several winters”. In 1985, Dot was the sixth person, and the first woman, to complete the high peaks in winter (records kept by the Appalachian Mountain Club).

In 1994, Dot started a new challenge: “town bagging”. She had heard about The 251 Club for people who visit all of Vermont's 251 towns, and she decided she'd do the same thing - on her bike. She completed this challenge after eight years and 4078 biking miles. Here are some excerpts from an article she wrote in 2001:

Hiking the Long Trail is one way to discover Vermont. Visiting towns is another. I found many contrasts. Some towns were “touristy”, others deserted. I remember eating ice cream with my hosts in Alburg on a porch until the bats drove us inside. I swam in a swimming hole behind an old school in Montgomery, which has since been torn down. I remember hearing loons when I stayed at Brighton State Park, and running out of food at Maidstone with no near-by store. A friendly camper with a car saved us.

I made three trips to the Northeast Kingdom. Having my friend Lindy Millington ride with me and spending several nights in Olga Vrana's cabin in Newark made these trips especially enjoyable. On a short cut to East Haven and other towns in that area, we walked our bikes through the remains of an old county road that was impassable even for bike riders. We also walked our bikes down a hill in Kirby that was so long, rough and steep that we wore our hands out holding the brakes.

Finding the town of Lewis, which is in the Champion Lands [in the NEK] and has no year-round residents, was an adventure. The 251 Club gave us directions but when we arrived, we found the road closed. After searching out a longer route, we finally reached the “center” of the town, which is a lake. We decided to try the closed road on our return. We encountered a bear and discovered why the road was closed: it had a big washout which we carried our bikes around.

In Vermont's highest town, Woodford, I stayed three nights in a youth hostel. Each day, even though I rode in a different direction seeking out towns, it was always downhill in the morning and uphill at night – not ideal conditions.

Staying in bed and breakfasts was a change from Long Trail shelters but they did have one drawback: delicious and elaborate breakfasts made for late starts.

Washington was Dot's 251st town. “It was a wonderful finish. I had perfect weather, few really big hills, and few rough roads.”

In recent years, Dot has also hiked with the Women of UVM.

On the next two pages, Dot reflects on changes that she's seen in the Green Mountain Club and hiking over the last fifty years. In our winter issue, we'll feature Dot's story about a favorite hike.

HIKES AND HIKE-LEADING CHANGES IN THE LAST 50 YEARS

By Dot Myer

I'm "retiring" from hike leading, but I hope I'll never have to retire from hiking. There have been many changes in hikes and hike-leading in the nearly 50 years that I've been leading hikes.

The biggest change is that there used to be more social type hikes, especially food hikes. We had hot dog roasts and corn roasts, spaghetti suppers, chili suppers, and even a breakfast or two. We had parties for shelter dedications and a 50th birthday party for Butler Lodge. We also had "old timers" picnics for several years, and winter solstice hikes to Butler Lodge at night for several years.

One year we had, or tried to have, a root beer float hike. We carried root beer and ice cream up to a shelter and left it there while we climbed a mountain. On our way back we met a man carrying a half empty root beer bottle. He offered to give it back when we told him it was ours. We asked if he had seen the ice cream. He said no, but there was no ice cream in the shelter when we got there.

We had sugar parties every spring, usually a hike followed by a visit to a sugarhouse. Sometimes this was the sugarhouse of active member Fred Smith. One sugar party was even followed by a square dance. One year Shirley Strong brought boiled syrup on a hike and poured it out on the snow during the hike for us to scrape up and eat. The last sugar party was at the Nebraska Notch sugarhouse, following a hike to nearby Taylor Lodge. The trail that year was so icy that some people turned back. Others got to the lodge but didn't want to go back over the icy area. We went down by an abandoned alternate trail, led by Chris Ward. (That trail had been built after someone, not on our trips, had a serious fall in that icy section.)

Almost all work hikes used to include supper, so they had a cook as well as a leader. The cook was usually someone who wanted to participate but couldn't or didn't want to do trail work. This was supposed to attract more workers as well as make a fun ending to the work. Usually it worked fine, but one year the hike was much less popular than expected. Agnes Richardson had chili in her refrigerator for months after. The refreshments that Pam and John now provide after work hikes are much less work and get us home earlier. We always enjoy them.

The granddaddy of all food hikes was the Oyster Stew run by Bev and Don Remick. These were held at Taylor Lodge from 1952 to 1977, with only one year missed. They were always held in winter; one year it was 14 below zero. People carried up pies and all sorts of other foods in addition to the makings of oyster stew, usually on snowshoes. An example of what was carried one year: 11 pies, 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, and sugar. This unusual event was so popular that some years there were literally wall-to-wall people in Taylor Lodge. The Montpelier Section joined us for a few years until it became so crowded that they were asked to start their own Oyster Stew – which they did.

While not exactly food hikes, we had blueberry picking hikes and ate many blueberries along the way. One year I tried to have a butternut hunt. Unfortunately there were no butternuts that year. We had fun but no food.

We also had overnight hikes. We went several places, but the most popular was in the Adirondacks, staying at "Winter Camp" or "Wiesel Cabin". These also were winter events. We carried food up on snowshoes, some years using toboggans. We usually had chicken or some other big main meal. Sometimes we decorated the cabin and sang songs. The hike usually included bagging a peak or two. One year we had 19 people on a bushwhack and had to count off occasionally to make sure we didn't lose anybody. There were easier alternatives for people who wanted to do less or wanted time to do the cooking. One year we stayed in Adirondack Lodge itself where everything was provided for us.

Another popular overnight hike was to Ranch Camp in Stowe, which was rented by the section from the Burt Lumber Company in the 1960s. We had several outings there, hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. We sometimes skied up and down Mt. Mansfield from there. In addition to section outings, individuals sometimes used the cabin. I once took a Girl Scout Troop and another time a couple of children on a bike trip there. The buildings are now all gone, but there is a sign on one the Mt. Mansfield Ski Area's trails showing where Ranch Camp was.

HIKES AND HIKE-LEADING CHANGES IN THE LAST 50 YEARS – cont.

We also had other interesting types of hikes. Dot and Pirk Pirkanan were responsible for some of this. They were outings chairs from 1973-1975. Peg Whitson led several creek hikes. On a hike up Brewster Creek we found a rock that was so unusual it was exhibited in Fleming Museum. Ed Salvas once led us spelunking. Ken Boyd led a group up to Smugglers Notch where we built an igloo. It was so big we didn't finish it, but slept with the top not done yet and all our warm air floating out the top. An even greater problem was snowmobilers driving up during the night. We had to make noise to be sure they didn't drive into us. We had some educational hikes. Mary Lou Recor found someone to lead us on a couple of geology hikes. We later had series on winter hiking and on ecology.

We climbed Mt. Mansfield twice on 4th of July nights to watch the fireworks. The first time was great. The second time the sky became so overcast and dark that in order to get back down we had to send one person ahead to find a blaze. When we caught up with him he went on to the next blaze. We didn't get through with the hike until dawn. We had two young girls with us and their parents were so worried they called authorities or rescue groups, but everybody was fine. We also had a "chair lift hike". People laughed at the Green Mountain Club for using the chairlift, but it gave us time to hike every trail on the top of the mountain which we never do when we climb up.

We had some difficult hikes which were usually fun, but we had many hikes that were just for fun. For a while we really carried the food occasions a bit too far. One person was only partly joking when he called us the "Green Mountain hiking and eating club". Now the pendulum may be swinging toward the other extreme. Nobody wants to go back to the way things were, but an occasional food or "fun" hike would be nice.

Trail conditions have also changed. Trails became so overused that they had to be closed in the spring. Wildlife changed. The trails used to be overrun with porcupines. You could see one on most hikes. You could always see buildings, especially outhouses, that they chewed up. On the other hand, moose were unknown in Vermont in the 50s. Now they are common enough that there is a system for hunting them. Little things changed too. The black flies were always with us, but now there are also ticks.

Not only have hikes changed, the people on the hikes have changed. We used to have mostly old regulars and maybe an occasional new person. Now there are many new people. More people are hiking and, with our hikes advertised on the internet, people are coming from other sections. I sometimes have mostly people I don't know on my hikes.

It didn't used to be unusual to have children on hikes. I don't mean toddlers like Kelley's special group [The Young Adventurers Club], but school age children on regular hikes, sometimes even harder hikes. Amanda Smith finished all the 4000-foot peaks in New Hampshire at age 10, at least partly on section hikes. Travis Moulton started hiking with us at about 14 years old and by 16 became one of our leaders. I remember the first hike Travis led. It was to the Adirondacks. Travis drove and didn't tell anybody until after the hike was over that he only had a license for a few days. He drove well and safely of course. Other children just made the hikes more fun. We had one hike where each GMCer "sponsored" a disadvantaged child.

In the 50s and 60s leading hikes was very informal. The leader just had to pick a time and place. This was listed on the outings card or in the Free Press and people just showed up. The leader usually knew the trail, but even this wasn't always necessary. Sometimes we just explored new places together. One of my favorites of this type was Laraway Loop. I feel like I almost invented this route. Probably some people did it ahead of me, but I don't know of any. There was an old long-abandoned road between Coddington Hollow and near the Davis Neighborhood. I decided to go over Laraway and come back that way. At the time the road was so overgrown that in places it was a little hard to see which way to go. One other place was very wet. We got through all right. This loop became so popular it is now listed in the Guidebook as a suggested hike in that section.

With changes in types of hikes and trail conditions, new people, etc., leadership had to change to keep up with up with it. We began to have leadership training. We stopped publishing starting times and places. People had to call the leader to find out. The leader could then "screen" them to see if they were suitable for that hike. (This is important for the harder hikes which are more frequent than they used to be.) The leaders themselves are screened by the outing committee or others before they can lead. Leaders now have to be leaders, not just organizers.

Section Outings

Winter 2014

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

9/6 (Sat) **Paddle Waterbury Reservoir** We'll spend approximately 3-4 hours paddling to the end of the Reservoir and back at a moderate pace, stopping along the way to stretch and for lunch. Water should still be warm for swimming. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. PFD mandatory. For place and time of put-in, contact Russ Kinaman, 879-6666 or russkin34@comcast.net

9/7 (Sun) **Wind Gap, Beaver Ponds, and Allis Trail** This hike gives two very different views of Camels Hump, and passes a fast flowing brook (with a good bridge), beaver ponds, and Montclair Glen Lodge. The trail starts at the Camels Hump parking lot in Huntington (with a slightly longer version if people prefer). Moderate difficulty, slow pace, approx. 4.5 mi. Dot Myer, 863-2433 or dotmyer@myfairpoint.net

9/7 (Sun) **Mystery Outing** Contact leader for details. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

9/13 (Sat) **Paddle Green River Reservoir** We'll spend approximately 4 hours paddling around this Reservoir northwest of Morrisville. Fall colors should be starting and the loons will still be around. Moderate pace with stops to stretch and for lunch. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. PFD mandatory. For place and time of put-in, contact Russ Kinaman, 879-6666 or russkin34@comcast.net

9/13 (Sat) **Emily Proctor Trail** From South Lincoln Road, we'll enter the parking lot/camp site and then take Emily Proctor Trail for about 1 mile until we cross the beautiful brook! Then we follow the recent blazes. (Yes! There are old blazes that take you off the trail.) Somewhat of a view at the top, past a shelter. Moderate hike at a moderate pace, 7 mi., 2600' elevation gain. Wes Volk, 355-4135 or wesvolk@gmail.com

9/21 (Sun) **LaPlatte River Paddle** We'll paddle around the Laplatte River in Shelburne and see if we can spot the braves working on their lodges. If there is not enough water in the upper river, we'll retreat for a nice paddle in Shelburne Bay. Length and duration to be determined by group but we'll be finished by 11am. Bring your canoe or kayak and meet at the public boat launch in Shelburne Bay on Bay Road at 9:00 AM. On Google Maps, search for: "1135 Bay Road, Shelburne, Vermont 05482." The boat launch is ½ mile east of the entrance to Shelburne Farms (at Harbor Road and Bay Road.) Contact leader by 9/20. Ted Albers, 557-7009 or ted@ted-albers.net

9/28 (Sun) **Mansfield Loop** From the Stevensville Road trailhead/parking lot, we'll hike up Butler Lodge Trail and Wampahoofus Trail to the forehead for a total of 2.8 mi. then travel the ridge for 1.8 mi. We'll backtrack to Maple Ridge and then Frost Trail. Fantastic hike if you have the endurance! Difficult hike, moderate pace, 10 mi., 2500' elevation gain. Wes Volk, 355-4135 or wesvolk@gmail.com

9/28 (Sun) **Mystery Outing** Contact leader for details. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

October

10/4 (Sat) **LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area** Walk the trails around the LaPlatte River Marsh Natural area, the Shelburne Bay Clarke Trail and perhaps some of the Ti-Haul trail, all in Shelburne. Easy. Total distance to be determined by the group depending on the trails we take but will be between four and six miles, mostly flat. This is a chance to get familiar with the walks around Shelburne Bay. Meet at the public boat launch, Shelburne Bay, on Bay Road at 9:00 AM. On Google Maps, search for: 1135 Bay Road, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. The boat launch is ½ mile east of the entrance to Shelburne Farms. (SF is at the intersection of Harbor Road and Bay Road.) Contact Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net or 557-7009.

10/5 (Sun) **Camels Hump** With crystal clear skies and full autumn colors, it is up the Monroe Trail, the Dean Trail, north on the Long Trail to the summit. Moderate hike, leisurely to moderate pace, 8 miles, 2500' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Phil Hazen, 355-7181 or philhazen@comcast.net

10/11 (Sat) **Snake Mountain** This is an easy to moderate outing of about 3.5 miles and about 900' ascent. Leisurely pace. We'll follow a trail to the top where there is an old hotel site with an interesting history and an excellent view of the Champlain Valley. We may be able to see the new Champlain Bridge. We'll go back down by an old carriage road. Group limit 8. Carollee Reynolds, 399-4285 or carolleereynolds@gmail.com

October Outings – cont.

10/12 (Sun) **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, ~6.5 miles, ~2500' elevation change, moderate to strong pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 10/10. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com

10/13 (Mon) **Columbus Day Hike - Camels Hump** Loop hike from Monroe Trailhead via Monroe, Dean, Long and Monroe Trails. Moderate to difficult, 7.4 miles, 2600' elevation change, moderate to strong pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 10/11. Sheri Larsen, 878-6828 or larsen007@aol.com

10/18 (Sat) **Mt. Mansfield** With a hint of winter in the air, we'll hike the Butler Lodge Trail, Wampahoofus to the Forehead, and on to the Chin via the Long Trail. And then find a path down. Difficult hike, pace moderate to strong, 10 miles, 3000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Phil Hazen, philhazen@comcast.net or 355-7181.

10/19 (Sun) **Battell Trail to Mt. Abraham** We'll have a steady hike up the Battell Trail to the shelter. We'll continue on the Long Trail to the summit with a few steep sections along the way. The summit has 360-degree views on a nice day. Moderate hike with moderate pace, 5.8 miles. Group limit 10. Contact Mary Keenan, keenan158@yahoo.com or 658-2104.

10/25 (Sat) **Little River State Park History Loop** This walk in Little River State Park (part of Mt. Mansfield State Forest) at the Waterbury Reservoir has a historical element. The area we will walk was settled and farmed in the 1800s, and many building foundations remain. We'll walk past abandoned settlements, overgrown roads and old farm sites - and a pretty forest too. See page 172 of your GMC 50 *Hikes in Vermont* (6th edition) for more information. Easy walk at a leisurely pace, 3.5 miles, 900' total elevation gain. Group limit 8. Contact leader in advance. Carolle Reynolds, carolleereynolds@gmail.com or 399-4285.

10/25-26 (Sat and Sun) **Camels Hump via Long Trail** We'll depart on the morning of 10/25 (~9am) from the trailhead at Duxbury Road on the north side of Camels Hump and hike south. Along the way, we'll take breaks at Bamforth Ridge Shelter and Camels Hump summit before staying the night at Montclair Glen. The next morning we'll head south, back the way we came. This will be a strenuous but rewarding weekend. Very difficult, ~16.2 miles round trip, ~3700' elevation change, pace moderate to quick. Group limit 7. Contact leader in advance. Jacob Hinsdale, 233-9995 or longtrail05445@gmail.com

10/26 (Sun) **Mount Ira Allen** Last chance foliage hike through Camels Hump State Park, on Ethan Allen Mountain and Forest City Trail. This gradual hike features cool breezes, bursts of colors and views of surrounding landscapes. Difficult, 12 miles, 2300' elevation gain. Group limit 8 to 10. Contact leader by 10/19. Adam D. Heckle, 233-8091 or aheckle@uvm.edu

November

11/1 (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 Long Trail to Belvidere Mountain, and return on the Forester's Trail. Difficult, 8.5 miles, 2400' elevation gain, moderate to strong pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 10/30. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com

11/2 (Sun) **Mt. Ethan Allen** Round trip of six miles on the Forest City Trail and the Long Trail. Moderate to difficult hike. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing, and rain gear. Dogs are welcome. Contact Carlene Squires at 434-2533 or carlene@gmavt.net for meeting time and place.

11/8 (Sat) **Mt. Mansfield** Ascend via Halfway House Trail to the Chin, descend Sunset Ridge Trail. 7 miles, strong pace, group limit 10. Contact leader by 11/6. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com

11/9 (Sun) **Wind Gap** This hike gives two very different views of Camels Hump, and passes a fast flowing brook (with a good bridge), beaver ponds, and Montclair Glen Lodge. The trail starts at the Camels Hump parking lot in Huntington (with a slightly longer version if people prefer). Moderate difficulty, slow pace, approx. 4.5 mi. We can hike this with or without the Allis Trail; we'll decide when we meet up. Group limit 8. Contact leader in advance. Carolle Reynolds, carolleereynolds@gmail.com or 399-4285.

11/15 (Sat) **Hunger and White Rocks** Six miles at a strong pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 11/13. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com

November Outings – cont.

11/16 (Sun) - **Camels Hump via Monroe Trail** Starting from the Couching Lion Farm in Duxbury, we will climb the Monroe Trail to the summit of Camels Hump and return the same way. Difficult hike, moderate to strong pace, 6.8 miles, 2700' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 11/14. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com

11/22 (Sat) **Abbey Pond** Enjoy the recently upgraded Breadloaf Section's Abbey Pond Trail in East Middlebury. Great for dogs! The first short section climbs moderately to the first bridge, but eventually ascends steadily and ends at the nice little pond. Easy, 4.6 miles (from 1.5-1.6 miles, the hiking becomes easier because terrain is gentler); 1260' elevation gain, leisurely pace. This is best hiked when it's dry as the trail can be muddy. Group limit 8. Contact leader in advance. Carolle Reynolds, 399-4285 or carolleereynolds@gmail.com

11/23 (Sun) **Madonna Peak via Spruce Peak and Sterling Pond** Come enjoy a rewarding pre-Thanksgiving hike with a quick ascent into possibly snow/icy mountaintops, with resting time at shelter and summit. Difficult, 10 miles, >2500' elevation gain, moderate pace. Group limit 8. Contact leader by 11/17. Adam Heckle, 233-8091 or aheckle@uvm.edu

11/29 (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, 9 miles, 2600' elevation gain, moderate to strong pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 11/27. David Hathaway, 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com

December

12/6 (Sat) **Mt. Moosalamoo** Tired of shopping 'til you drop? Holiday Musak getting you down? Then dash with me over the river and through the woods to a winter wonderland on Mt. Moosalamoo. Fa la la la la la la la. No purchase necessary. Moderate hike, 4.6 miles. Group limit 10. Mary Lou Recor, 660-2834 or mlrecor@myfairpoint.net

12/7 (Sun) **Taylor Lodge** From the Stevensville trailhead we'll follow Nebraska Notch Trail and the Long Trail to reach Taylor Lodge, and return. Easy hike but moderate to strong pace, 4.4 miles, 600' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 12/5. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982

12/13 (Sat) **Camels Hump via Forest City Trail** Six miles, strong pace. Group size 10. Contact leader by 12/11. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com

12/14 (Sun) **Stimson Mountain Snowshoe (Or Microspike)** We'll meet at 9:30 at the small new parking lot on Rt. 2 that services the new Winooski Bridge. (The parking lot is on Rt. 2 near the new railroad crossing near the northern end of the new bridge.) From there we'll follow the newly relocated Long Trail north up Stimson to the defunct airway beacon tower at the Stimson Summit (2010'). Moderate hike, moderate pace, about 4 miles each way, elevation gain of about 1800'. Group limit 10. Contact leader in advance. Ted Albers, 557-7009 or ted@ted-albers.net

12/20 (Sat) **Solstice Hike** We'll hike up to Butler Lodge by daylight and hike down by lamplight. Bring some mercifully short words of wisdom to impart or something mercilessly sweet to eat. Moderate, 3.2 miles. Mary Lou Recor, mlrecor@myfairpoint.net or 660-2834.

12/21 (Sun) **Laraway Lookout** In between Belvidere and Waterville at the end of Coddling Hollow Road (from Davis Neighborhood), we'll head over to Coddling Hollow, follow the Long Trail up to the Laraway Lookout, and return the same way. The Lookout is obvious on the Long Trail, offering unobstructed views mainly of the Mansfield and Sterling ranges, plus peeks of Lake Champlain. Moderate hike, slow pace, about 7.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Group limit 8. Carolle Reynolds, carolleereynolds@gmail.com or 399-4285.

12/27 (Sat) **Snake Mountain Winter Wonderland** Take a winter wonderland stroll (possibly on snowshoes) around old-growth forests and frozen glacial ponds for a wide view of the southern Champlain Valley. Moderate hike at a moderate pace, 7 miles, 1000' elevation gain. Group limit 8. Contact leader by 12/21. Adam Heckle, 233-8091 or aheckle@uvm.edu

12/28 (Sun) **Mount Hunger** We'll ascend the Mount Hunger Trail on the Waterbury side of the mountain and will go to the summit if conditions permit. Difficult due to winter conditions, 4.5 miles, 2300' vertical rise. Winter gear required. Contact leader by 12/26. Rich Larsen, larsen007@aol.com or 878-6828

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