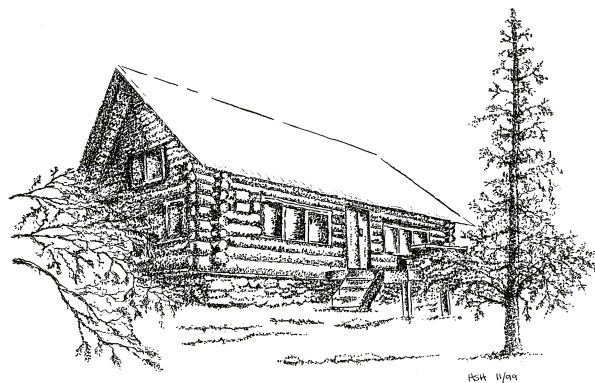


RIDGE LINES



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
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SMOOTH WATERS

Summer is hiking season. It's also paddling season! Many Burlington Section members love to take their kayaks or canoes out for all-day adventures or just a few hours at the end of a busy day. Here are some places to take a quiet paddle.

Go for a whole day and relish **Green River Reservoir**. This big and beautiful body of water might just be THE best place to paddle in the state! It's got many coves and private little inlets with nesting loons. The state park by the same name features primitive campsites accessible only by boat. Peace, solitude, beauty!!

The **LaPlatte River** is great in the spring and during high-water summers, with lots of marshy byways for exploring. Put in at the big fishing access on Bay Road in Shelburne and head upstream.

Much of the shoreline of **Shelburne Pond** is protected by the Nature Conservancy and the University of Vermont. The water is surrounded by ledges, cliffs and marshes. The marsh at the northern end of the pond is a good place to see ducks, herons, turtles and possibly beavers. There's also a trail from the parking area that takes walkers into the woods and onto small bluffs. The area features a wide assortment of ferns, some of which are rare. (Visitors shouldn't pick or dig any plants in the area.) *By late summer, Shelburne Pond can have a strong smell of decaying vegetation, so it's best to visit in June or July.*

Enjoy lake and river in the same outing by paddling the **Lamoille Delta**. You can explore both mouths of the river and even go all the way to the Colchester Causeway. Head straight out from the fishing access across Route 2 from Sand Bar State Park (skirting the signs marking the boundary of a restricted area) or put in at the fishing access on Cub Road off Route 2, then Access Road.

Winona Lake (sometimes called Bristol Pond) is one of the only places in the state where Sandhill Cranes have nested. It's a small body of water but it's fun to poke around in the marshy areas and then circumnavigate the pond.

Black Creek Wildlife Management Area, just outside St. Albans Bay, provides river and marshes and often complete solitude.

Arrowhead Mountain Lake, a dammed up part of the Lamoille River in Georgia and Milton, has a split personality. The southern half feels like a deep, wide river and often has fast-moving motorboats. The northern half is a shallow marshy area that's great for paddling and provides a rich habitat for many birds. There are several osprey nests close to the water. You might also see terns, herons, kingfishers and ducks. (The northern marshes are great for duck hunting. Paddlers should stay away during that season!)

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Colchester Pond doesn't offer exciting paddling, but it's close to Burlington and fine for a lazy summer afternoon. It's also a great place for boating with children or trying out a new canoe, with no chance of being swamped by anything large or noisy. The big parking lot is up a steep hill from the pond but the kind people at the Winooski Park District have provided wheeled carts for transporting boats up and down. The grassy slope calls out for picnics. There's also a beautiful walking trail that goes around the pond.

The **Kingsland Bay Fishing Access** area is a gateway to Lake Champlain and Little Otter Creek. If you're looking for a quiet paddle with few motorboats, head up Little Otter Creek rather than out toward the Lake. Or put in on the opposite side of the road from the fishing access parking lot and paddle South Slang Creek.

Lake Champlain - Before heading out on the broad lake, a paddler should be an experienced boater, a good swimmer, and wearing a PFD (personal flotation device). It's also a good idea to go with a small group rather than alone. The bays and inlets generally offer calmer water, but anywhere on the lake you're likely to encounter wind, waves and wakes from big boats. Check out www.lakechamplaincommittee.org for information about the **Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail**. The Lake Champlain Basin Program started this project with help from the National Park Service and the New York State Natural Heritage Trust. The web site provides a history of the project, maps, information about overnight camping areas, and guidelines for responsible use of the trail.

As kayaks and canoes have become more popular, there have been some uncomfortable moments and even some verbal clashes at fishing access areas in Vermont. One fisherman at the Kingsland Bay access told me, "This parking lot's plenty big, but a lot of them around the state only hold three or four cars. We get to our favorite spot and it's full - and none of those people are fishing! The paddlers have expensive cars with expensive roof racks and all the latest gear, but they haven't paid for a fishing license. I have! But come a busy weekend and I can't even park to take my grandson out fishing. There's no room for me anymore."

Whether we really do drive an expensive car or just tie a little kayak on top of a beat-up Subaru, it's good to understand the controversy. Fish and Wildlife Department rules clearly set out the priorities for authorized use of state fishing access areas.

People who are fishing have first priority. That includes parking of vehicles and boat trailers related to fishing. Second priority is given to the launching of inboard and outboard motorboats and parking of boat vehicles and trailers, and then for trapping, hunting and parking of related vehicles and trailers. Parking to launch non-motorized vessels (boats, kayaks, canoes, rafts, sailboats and sailboards) is at the bottom of the list. In other words, recreational paddlers have a right to use the access areas *after* people who are fishing, trapping or hunting.

If you're going paddling with a group, carpool whenever possible. Or unload boats at the access and then move cars well away from the launching ramp. Be polite and friendly with people who are fishing. Don't put your boat in until you've checked where people's lines are. When you're coming in off the water, approach slowly.

One avid kayaker buys a fishing license every year even though he has never fished, and he leaves the license prominently displayed on the dashboard of his car when he's parked at a state fishing access. He feels that it's a way of saying, "I value having ready access to beautiful bodies of water, and I'm willing to pay my share to build and maintain the parking areas".

The Green Mountain Club Burlington Section has an opening for a trip leader to organize and host our Young Adventurers Club outings. YAC provides an opportunity for families and their youngest hikers to get out and explore the woods at a comfortable and playful pace. The goal is to encourage and promote children's enthusiasm for playing in Vermont's outdoor spaces. Trips focus on families getting out and having fun rather than going fast or going far. Check out our Facebook page for pictures and descriptions of past outings: <https://www.facebook.com/GMCBTV>
Contact retiring leader Michelle Connor for more info: colem2003@hotmail.com Happy Trails!!

RAFTING THE WINOOSKI RIVER – by Dot Myer

In the '60s and '70s, UVM students used to have a raft race down the Winooski River every spring. Although this was for UVM students, one year the Green Mountain Club Burlington Section entered a raft.

All rafts had to be homemade. Some were very good; others were rather flimsy and didn't make it all the way. The Green Mountain Club made a very sturdy raft. We had several large barrels for flotation and a sturdy wood top, and even a little decoration (a tree if I remember right).

We were all prepared to go – and then the race was cancelled. The rumor was that it was cancelled because the "rescue boat" capsized, but I don't know whether this is true or not. Rafts were not allowed on the river that day. We were at first disappointed at not being able to use our raft after all the work building it.

But we didn't give up easily. We took our raft down the river the next day. Jack Harrington was our captain and about four others went on the raft. I was one and I don't know why I can't remember who else went. We had a great time and went much further than the official race course.

The most dangerous part was crossing under the Winooski River Bridge. Many rafts hit the bridge and crashed. I held my breath as we went under the bridge. There was only a scary minute and then we were through. We went easily down the river. There was no racing this day, so we even had time to get out for a break in Richmond.

We had to leave the river before the dam in Essex Junction. We landed on IBM property and were told that we couldn't leave the raft there without a guard because teenagers might try to use it and would be in danger. At that time we had all worked and now we couldn't guard the raft! Peg Whitson finally found a guard, her ex-husband's new wife!

After that the raft was stored in my driveway for some time. (I don't have a car and didn't need the driveway.) One year the Naval Reserve used it. I don't know what eventually happened to it. Are there any other older members who might remember more details?

NEW BURLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS

The following people have joined the club since last fall. **WELCOME!!!**

Allison, Megan
Anderson, Austin
Asarian, Lori
Ballard, Mike
Beckmann, Conrad
Bowes, Chuck
Bresee, Susan
Bresee, William J.
Bush, Brian
Cameron, Kristen
Churchill, Ian
Clairmont, Robin Q.
Coburn, Susy
Connolly, Michael
Day, Ashley
Dixon, Lorie
Dobbs, Taylor
Dunklee, Jody
Ewoldsen, Blake
Gaughan, Abby
Gaughan, Michael

Geary, Nori
Glover, Katie
Johnson, Lori
Leake, David
Levy, Isaac
Miller, Brad
Morgan, Alexander
Ptak, Scott
Puck, Hans
Rex, Nathaniel B.
Sargent, Rachel
Schnitzlein, Charles R.
Seidenglanz, Annette
Sparacino, Holden
Staschke, Brittany
Tuhus-Dubrow, Daniel
Vezina, Ray
Woods, Charles

Remembering a Winter Hike - with Snow, Dark, Excitement and even Angels!

by Robynn Albert

This will no doubt be one of if not the most interesting trip reports I've ever written. It was quite the day and evening!

The original group of 12 hikers was pared down due to injuries, skiing, a dog sitting issue, etc., so the number ended up being 5 including me. Four from VT met at the Starbuck's on the Shelburne Road at 6:45 am, piled into my car and headed to the Adirondacks to meet Richard who'd driven up twice in three weeks from New Jersey to join us. We signed in around 9:00 am at the ranger station at the Ausable Club lower lot gate. Then up the Lake Road we headed with hard packed conditions, warm temps, two snowmobilers from the Club, and the sun trying to peek through.

At the Beaver Meadow Falls turn off, surprise of surprises, NO ONE had broken trail ... oh boy!

From there to the Gothics summit, we encountered off and on ice, knee to thigh to waist deep snow (at least my waist!) and high winds with decreasing visibility. With five strong hikers taking turns breaking trail with almost no breaks, we hit the Gothics summit around 2:45 pm - six hours after we started from the Lake Road gate! Now things get interesting... As we're descending to what we expect to be Pyramid, we encounter cables. There are no cables on the route from Gothics to Pyramid....hmmmm. With drifts and buried signage, we took a right rather than the left we should have taken and ended up on the Ore Bed Brook trail. At this point, realizing our mistake and with the tremendous amount of ice we'd encountered on the descent, we collectively and quickly agreed we were at the point of no return, so we continued down. At the Saddleback junction, with quick food and drink in our bellies, we saw DEC signage about 2.8 miles to John's Brook Lodge. As we headed down, we ran into the first people we'd seen since we left the Lake Road, a boarder and skier, headed up to descend the slide.

We hit JBL at 4:45 pm, where the caretaker told us there was a warming hut about 100 yards down the trail where we'd be greeted with hot chocolate by its caretaker. You didn't have to ask any of us twice! We spent a bit of time there and then made record speed, 70 minutes, from JBL to The Garden.

Headlamps came on about a mile or so into the trek, and then, The Garden parking lot.....with about a dozen dark cars and no voices to be heard but ours. I'd made a reservation at The Ausable Inn on Thursday for 5:30, so by the time we hit the lot at 6:30 and had reception, I called them and apologized profusely for our no show. They said they were booked up solid the rest of the night.

Down the road we headed into Keene Valley....and lo and behold about 15 minutes into the walk, one of those cars from the lot had taken life occupied with two saints, Joe and Will, who'd just come off Big Slide. They were thankfully agreeable to take us to our cars. How fortunate were we! And they're GMC CT members as well...very cool! I hopped in with them, then we picked up Richard who was quite a bit ahead of us and headed to our cars. After thanking them with warm words and \$20, we bade Joe and Will goodbye and then headed back to KV where Tom, Mark and Darren had been at The Ausable Inn for about 10 minutes, waiting for us outside.

I had a pretty good feeling that the Baxter Mountain Inn on top of Spruce Hill would have a table for five, an empty couch in front of their roaring fire and cold beer on tap. Thankfully all of those things were true! We each made a toast around the fire as dinner was being made, ate heartily, left the restaurant at 9:00 pm sharp with light to heavy snow falling from there to Starbuck's lot, and arrived at just after 11:00 pm. A long, rewarding day! I am grateful my companions were level-headed, no one freaked out, the temps were warm. I'm also grateful for the greeting of the warming hut caretakers and for Joe and Will, our angels from the mountains!

In closing, Richard said it best at Baxter Mtn. "this hike kicked me in the head!" We all laughed but I think there was consensus in his comment! I will not soon forget this day and its memories.

After the trip, Robynn wrote this to the Connecticut Section of the GMC:

I wanted to bring to your attention two members of the GMC CT section who deserve recognition for their efforts this past Saturday night. The trip report link explains Joe and Will's involvement in our outing and how grateful my co-hikers and I were and are of the ride to our cars after what turned out to be a very long day in the mountains. I don't have much more information on them other than their first names, they hiked in the Klondike area on Friday and Big Slide on Saturday and they're young (late 20s, early 30s perhaps). And very hospitable!

Section Outings

Summer 2018

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.

June

6/2 (Sat) **Observing Spring through Birds** All levels and experience with birding welcome! Join us to observe the arrival of spring through the birds at Delta Park, one of Winooski Valley Park District's birding HOTSPOTS. Led by Americorps Volunteer environmental educator Juli Tyson. Easy hike / walk. Leisurely pace. 3 miles. Julianna Tyson, americorps@wvvpd.org or (978) 994-0482.

6/2 (Sat) **National Trails Day** Help clear the Long Trail (and some side trails). Bring work gloves, lunch, water. Tools provided or bring your own. Meet at UVM visitor's lot at 8AM or Richmond Park & Ride (Exit 11) at 8:30AM. Subject to cancellation if all needed work is completed in earlier outings; check the website. Moderate work trip. Slow-moderate pace. 4-10 miles. 1000-2000' elevation gain. Pam Gillis, 879-1457 or gillis1986@gmail.com. John Sharp, 862-3941.

6/3 (Sun) **Long Trail: Lincoln Gap to Cooley Glen** We will hike south on the Long Trail from Lincoln Gap to Cooley Glen Shelter, then out to the Cooley Glen trailhead. Headnets recommended. Moderate hike, 8 miles. Mary Lou Recor, mlrecor@myfairpoint.net or 660-2834.

6/9 (Sat) **Camels Hump via Monroe Trail** Starting from the Couching Lion Farm Site in Duxbury, we will climb the Monroe Trail to the summit of Camels Hump and return the same way. Difficult hike, 6.8 miles, 2700' elevation gain. Kim Farone, kfarone@yahoo.com.

6/10 (Sun) **Sterling Pond via Elephants Head Trail** Park down by Stowe resort and hike up Elephants Head and then maybe on to Madonna. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 9.6 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Wes Volk, 355-4135 or wesvolk@gmail.com.

6/16 (Sat) **Camels Hump Loop: Dean / Monroe Trails** We will start at the parking lot at the end of Camel's Hump Road (off River Road in N. Duxbury) and take the Monroe Trail for about 1.3 miles to the Dean Trail, which climbs an easy grade from its junction with the Monroe Trail and follow about 0.5 mile where there is a nice view of Camels Hump summit (if it's a clear day) across an old beaver pond. That is the end of this hike; however, others are welcome on their own to continue to the Long Trail at Wind Gap and head north about 1.7 rugged miles to the right, uphill, to Camels Hump summit. Difficult hike, 7.5 miles, 2700' elevation gain. Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net.

6/17 (Sun) **Shelburne Bay Hike / LaPlatte River Paddle** We will meet at Shelburne Bay for small hike, and a short paddle in LaPlatte River afterwards. Anglers welcome! Easy hike/paddle, 4 miles. Adam Heckle, theheckle123@gmail.com.

6/23 (Sat) **Worcester Ridge** We'll climb the Middlesex Trail to the summit of Mt. Hunger, then follow the Skyline Trail to Mt. Worcester, returning on the Worcester Mt. Trail. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 11 miles, 3000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

July

7/1-7/8 **AT in Western Maine** I am doing a 7-day trip on the AT in Western Maine. I would welcome other experienced backpackers to join me for all or part of the trip. Daily mileage varies from 7 to 11 miles. Limited to 4, including me. Difficult backpack. Group limit 4. Ben Gordesky, 355-3049 or bengordesky@burlingtontelcom.net.

7/1 (Sun) **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. Moderate pace. 9 miles. 2600' elevation gain. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

7/7 (Sat) **Bird Monitoring in Delta Park** A bird monitoring walk for Delta Park, the birding hotspot for Chittenden County. We will track what species are present and submit the data to eBird.org for citizen science. We'll meet at 8:30 at the Delta Park parking area at the end of Windemere Way in Colchester (past the fishing access) and should be done around 10. Easy hike / walk at a leisurely pace. 1 mile. Julianna Tyson, americorps@wvvpd.org or (978) 994-0482.

July Outings – cont.

7/8 (Sun) **Burnt Rock Mountain** Starting from the trailhead on Big Basin Road in Fayston, we hike up Hedgehog Brook Trail for 2 miles until we reach the Long Trail. From there, we hike north on the Long Trail for 0.6 miles to the summit of Burnt Rock Mountain. After lunch on the top, we return the same way we came up. Estimated hiking time is 3.5 - 3.75 hours, including lunch. Note: This hike requires going up a couple of steep stairs/ladders on Hedgehog Brook Trail and several scrambles on the Long Trail to the summit. It's not a hike for folks that have problems with heights. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 5.2 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 7/6. Sheri Larsen, larsen007@aol.com or 878-6828.

7/13 (Fri) **Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap** We'll carpool from Burlington to Appalachian Gap to drop off car(s) and proceed to Lincoln Gap. This a wonderful all-day ridgewalk along the Long Trail with our initial ascent up to Mt. Abraham. From here north, the trail continues ascending and descending several 4000' peaks with 360 degree views. Bring your binocs and a fun attitude for this all day hike. Ideally we'd like to begin hiking @ 8:30 from Lincoln Gap. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 12.3 miles, 2100' elevation gain. Contact leader by 7/27. Pete Saile, 658-0912.

7/15 (Sun) **Waterbury Reservoir Paddle** Enjoy a two to three hour paddle on the Waterbury Reservoir near Waterbury Center. We will access the reservoir via the boat launch at the dam, from the less-used access off Little River Road and Rt. 2. Contact trip leader for meet-up time and directions (but please take note: this outings leader is not an early riser!). This is an enjoyable paddle on flat water with a swimming option at its conclusion. Easy paddle. Group limit 8. Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net.

7/22 (Sun) **Mansfield Forehead** We'll start from Stevensville Road trailhead, head up Butler Lodge Trail, then take Wampahoofus and Maple Ridge up to the Forehead. On the return, we'll take Maple Ridge, then Rock Garden back over to Butler Lodge Trail and down. We may reverse the loop depending on which way promises to be the most fun! Moderate-difficult hike, moderate pace, 6.2 miles, 2600' elevation gain. Jill George, jillghiker@gmail.com.

August

8/5 (Sun) **Jay Range, NY** A difficult hike NE of Keene NY, about 7 miles, at least 3000' of uphill, once you mix in all the up and down. Moderate-plus pace. Rich Larsen, larsen007@aol.com or 878-6828.

8/11 (Sat) **Laraway Loop** From Davis Neighborhood we will head over to Coddington Hollow, follow the Long Trail up over Laraway Mt., and return via Davis Neighborhood Trail. Moderate hike, moderate pace, 8 miles, 1600' elevation gain. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

8/12 (Sun) **Mt Hunger & White Rock Loop from Middlesex** We'll hike up Mt. Hunger from the Middlesex (east) side of the mountain. Trail goes up pretty steadily with some scrambles and has a steep pitch using a rope, near the top. (Note: This is not a hike for people with a fear of heights.) From the top of Mt. Hunger, we'll go down the west side of the mountain a short distance and then take the trail over to White Rocks before looping back to the trail we started on and returning to the trailhead. Estimated hiking time is 5 hours, including lunch. Moderate-difficult hike at a moderate-strong pace. 6.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by 8/10. Sheri Larsen, larsen007@aol.com or 878-6828.

8/18 (Sat) **Bird Monitoring in Delta Park** A bird monitoring walk for Delta Park, the birding hotspot for Chittenden County. We will track what species are present and submit the data to eBird.org for citizen science. We'll met at 8:30 at the Delta Park parking area at the end of Windemere Way in Colchester (past the fishing access) and should be done around 10. Easy hike / walk at a leisurely pace, 1 mile. Julianna Tyson, americorps@wvvpd.org or (978) 994-0482.

8/19 (Sun) **Bamforth Ridge to Camels Hump** We'll head south on the Bamforth Ridge section of the Long Trail, up and over Camels Hump, then down Alpine and Monroe trails to Couching Lion Farm. The trail climbs 3700 feet, making it Vermont's highest ascent, and crosses numerous open ledgy ridges. Will require car drop (or maybe bicycle?). Difficult hike at a moderate-strong pace, 9.4 miles. Jill George, jillghiker@gmail.com.

8/25 (Sat) **Giant & Rocky Peak Ridge, ADK** From Rt 9 in NY, we'll climb over Blueberry Cobbles and Bald Peak, then up to Rocky Peak Ridge and Giant, two of the Adirondack high (4000') peaks, and descend past the Giant Washbowl to Rt 73. A long open hike with great views. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 11 miles, 5300' elevation gain. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

August Outings – cont.

8/26 (Sun) **Mt Hunger & White Rock** We'll climb the Waterbury trail to the summit of Mount Hunger, with a side trip to the summit of nearby White Rock Mountain. Difficult hike, 6.4 miles, 2500' elevation gain. Dana Bolton, boltondj@comcast.net.

September

9/1 (Sat) **Whiteface from Smuggler's Notch** From the top of Smuggler's Notch we'll climb to Sterling Pond, then follow the Long Trail over Madonna and Morse Mountains, continue to Whiteface Mountain and return. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 11 miles, 4000' elevation gain. David Hathaway, david.hathaway.78@gmail.com or 899-9982.

9/8 (Sat) **Mansfield Forehead via Halfway House** From Underhill State Park we'll take Halfway House, Canyon, and Lakeview trails to the Mansfield Forehead, and return via Maple Ridge. Participants should be comfortable with some tight squeezes that might involve removing packs to fit through some narrow slots. Difficult hike, 8 miles, 2200' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Mark McLane, mmclane44@gmail.com or 857-5026.

9/9 (Sun) **Raven Ridge** An easy loop hike in the Raven Ridge Natural Area in Monkton. Great views from the ridge, possible wildlife, and caves with a unique and fascinating geology. Easy hike, 2 miles, 400' elevation gain. Beth Ruskai, mbruskai@gmail.com.

9/15 (Sat) **Paddle Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area** Take a paddle through this well known birding area in Addison County, west of Rt. 22A, probably putting in near the Basin Harbor Road Access or at the Pantown Road Access. If you are not familiar with the area, don't worry! We'll find an easy meeting spot. (This area is west and south of Vergennes so it's convenient for those living south of Burlington.) Expect to be on the water about two to three hours, max. Good for canoes or kayaks. Easy paddle with very little current. We'll stop to look at birds and wildlife. Group limit 8. Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net.

9/22 (Sat) **Bird Monitoring in Delta Park** A bird monitoring walk for Delta Park, the birding hotspot for Chittenden County. We will track what species are present and submit the data to eBird.org for citizen science. We'll meet at 8:30 at the Delta Park parking area at the end of Windemere Way in Colchester (past the fishing access) and should be done around 10. Easy hike / walk, leisurely pace, 1 mile. Julianna Tyson, americorps@wvdpd.org or (978) 994-0482.

9/23 (Sun) **Camels Hump via Monroe Trail** This outing is a great workout with a great reward - more so if the weather is in our favor, which I promise it will be. The Monroe Trail starts at the end of North Duxbury's Crouching Lion parking lot, up Camels Hump Road which is off of River Road, itself following the Winooski River just to its south. Plan on 2,583 elevation gain over about 3 miles one-way with a few steep parts. We will skirt the B-27 crash site and stop for a look if anyone is interested. Allow about four round trip, maybe a little more as I am not a sprinter! Difficult hike. Group limit 8. Ted Albers, ted@ted-albers.net.

9/30 (Sun) **Mt Abe to Mt Ellen** Mount Abraham and Mount Ellen Point to Point. We'll drop cars at Jerusalem trailhead and drive down to Battell trailhead in Lincoln. We'll hike the Battell Trail to the Long Trail, and then the LT north over Abe, Lincoln, Nancy Hanks Peak and Ellen, and then the Jerusalem trail back down to the cars. Difficult hike, moderate to fast pace, 11 miles, 1800' elevation gain. Dana Bolton, boltondj@comcast.net.

March 25 Trip Report Limerick by Mary Lou Recor

Mount Ethan Allen

To the top of old Ethan we go-va.
The ridge under four feet of snow-va.
All seven of us,
To the summit or bust,
In the name of the great Jehovah.

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