



Green Mountain Club  
Bennington Section  
Spring 2011  
Outings & Work Days

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OUTINGS

Out of courtesy to the leader and the other participants, please always call or email ahead to sign up for a trip. This is a big help to the trip leaders. Meet at the Bennington Recreation Center parking lot (Rec Center), 655 Gage St., for all outings unless otherwise noted.

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**Saturday April 23**  
**Early Morning Bird Walk**  
Rec Center, 7 a.m.

We'll head out through the woods and to the wetlands to see what we can see! Bring binoculars. Call Linda Lyons if interested in attending. 802 442-3179.

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**Saturday April 23**  
**Historic Canal Bike Ride**  
Rec Center 9:30 a.m.

Bicycle the Mohawk section of the Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway. Almost all off road, but paved (so I've been told). It should be level and have views of the river, locks, and perhaps falls. We'll ride about 20 miles, moderate pace, lots of stops. Expect an hour's drive to our starting point. Call Stuart Bradford for possible car pooling and meeting spot. 802 447-7065 or [sbwhips4@sover.net](mailto:sbwhips4@sover.net).

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**Saturday April 30**  
**Bike the Ashuwillticook Trail**  
Rec Center 9:30 a.m. to carpool to Adams, MA Chamber of Commerce building and trail head 10:30 a.m.

This is a paved railroad grade extending 11 miles from Adams to Lanesboro, MA—lovely for bicycling. We'll leave from Adams and bike south to Lanesboro, where we will either pick up our spotted car or bike back. Dress for possible wind off the Cheshire Reservoir and bring a lunch. Call Margie March if you intend to join us. 413 458-3161.

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**Sunday May 1**  
**Hike Mt. Olga (near Wilmington)**  
Rec Center, 1 p.m.

A fairly short and easy hike of about 2 miles with 500 feet elevation gain. Contact Harda Bradford. 802 447-7065.

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**Thursday, May 12**  
**Annual John Dostal Lilac Walk and dinner at Carmody's**  
Meet outside Carmody's 5:30 p.m.

The late John Dostal planted a large variety of lilacs around Bennington (on what is now called the John Dostal Lilac Trail), which brings us great joy each May! We'll meet at Carmody's, walk an approximately 1-hour loop (which includes the lilacs planted around the Vermont Veteran's Home), then head back to Carmody's for drinks and dinner. Contact leader Tim Marr, 802 442-3469 or [hauptmarr@comcast.net](mailto:hauptmarr@comcast.net).

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**Saturday, June 25**  
**Canoe or kayak, Long Lake, Grafton State Park**  
Rec Center, 10 a.m.

Bring lunch. Contact Berta Winiker and Rich Minogue by Thursday, June 23 at 802 447-0722 or [bertleberries@yahoo.com](mailto:bertleberries@yahoo.com).

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**Saturday, June 25**  
**Overlook Trail on Mt. Greylock**  
Rec Center, 10:30 a.m.

One of my favorites! Would love company! We'll drive to the top of Mt. Greylock, then hike the Overlook. Contact Celia Berks, 802-442-0604 or [chrisberks@comcast.net](mailto:chrisberks@comcast.net).

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HAMILTON'S WORK DAYS

Contact Hamilton Topping, our section Trail Chief, if interested in advance of these dates, or to be put on a list for "short notice" weekday trail work excursions. 802 447-1383 or [chertop@comcast.net](mailto:chertop@comcast.net). ALL LEAVE FROM REC CENTER AT 10 A.M. EXCEPT THE OVERNIGHT OUTING.

**Saturday April 9:** Route 9 to Powerline. Waterbars and blowdowns. (Clipping was done in the fall of 2010.)

**Thursday April 14:** Route 9 to Harmon Hill. Clipping and blowdowns.

**Saturday April 16:** Powerline to Hell Hollow. Blowdowns and waterbars. (Clipping was done in the fall of 2010.)

**Thursday April 28:** Little Pond Cut-off south to Hell Hollow: Waterbars and blowdowns. (Clipping was done in the fall of 2010.)

**Saturday May 7:** Little Pond Cut-off North. Waterbars and blowdowns. (Clipping was done in the fall of 2010.)

**Saturday May 21:** Overnight Little Pond Mountain to Glastenbury, with overnight at Goodard Shelter. We'll leave from the Rec Center 8:30 a.m.