FALL 2024

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Green Mountain Club
Burlington Section

# Long Trail Day 2024

Join the Burlington Section as we celebrate Long Trail Day on Saturday September 21st. We are getting the word out about the Green Mountain Club, raising funds, and leading hikes. Informational tables will be hosted at the base of Sunset Ridge Trail in Underhill State Park and the Stephensville parking area. Our section has a fundraising team, the Burlington Section RidgeRunners, and we hope you will join our team and donate to support the work of the Green Mountain Club.

We are looking for volunteers to help host informational tables in Underhill State Park and at the popular Stevensville trailhead. Shifts are just 3 hrs long. If you enjoy talking up the good work of the GMC, please reach out to gmc@gmcburlington.org so you can get a spot at your preferred location.

Another way to participate is to donate through our fundraising team. For the past several years the Burlington Section has hosted a team, led by members of your Executive Committee, and joined by section members. This year we have already raised more than $1,000 for our club. To make a team donation, visit our team fundraising page.

This year Burlington Section's Outing Chair David Hathaway will be leading a hike to the Mansfield Forehead. The difficult 5.6 mile hike leaves from the Stephensville parking area and climbs the Butler Lodge and Wamphahoofus trails to the Forehead. Signing up with David ahead of time is needed, david.hathaway@gmail.com.

Jonathan Breen
*President, Burlington Section*

# Wood Stacking at Bolton Lodge September 22nd

The GMC needs help putting in wood for winter visitors at this lodge. For many years now the Burlington Section has stacked a couple cords each year in the woodshed at this camp. It's a fun time with good conversation. Bring work gloves, lunch, and water. We meet at 8:30 at the Richmond park & ride off I-89 exit 11 and proceed to the parking area on the Bolton access road.

# Iron Rungs on Mansfield Chin?

This question was sent in by a hiker after completing their end-to-end:

I have a suggestion that GMC put some kind of protection, like an iron rung or hand hold help, onto that first boulder starting up the "chin" part of Mt. Mansfield. It was pretty sketchy to me going over it. There is about a 2 foot ledge with a dropoff if one were to slip...Scrambling over it in the rain or wet rock would be concerning.

Lorne Currier, Volunteer and Education Coordinator at the GMC provided this response:

GMC considers all aspects of the trail environment and uses our Long Trail System Management Plan to answer questions like yours about trail design. The GMC emphasizes simplicity, sustainability and self-reliance, in design and construction of the Long Trail System. One of the questions we ask is: "Does this action unnecessarily sacrifice aspects of the trail that provide solitude or reduce the primitive quality of the Trail?"

We also consider:
- Natural resources impact
- Primitive and challenging hiking experience
- Inherent risk in backcountry

While steel rungs have been added in some areas, Mansfield is well known and well respected for its rugged, primitive and sometimes harrowing environment. The forehead and the chin of Mansfield are often people's favorite, most memorable part of the Long Trail, and installing more aids in that area may detract from the primitive quality the Long Trail seeks to provide. That differs from Theron Dean, where there was a very clear natural resource impact and little alternative relocation options, so at the time they chose to add aids such as rungs.

# Executive Committee Open Positions

We have 3 open positions on the Burlington Section Committee. The first two are currently open and the third will need to be filled at the January 2025 Annual Meeting.

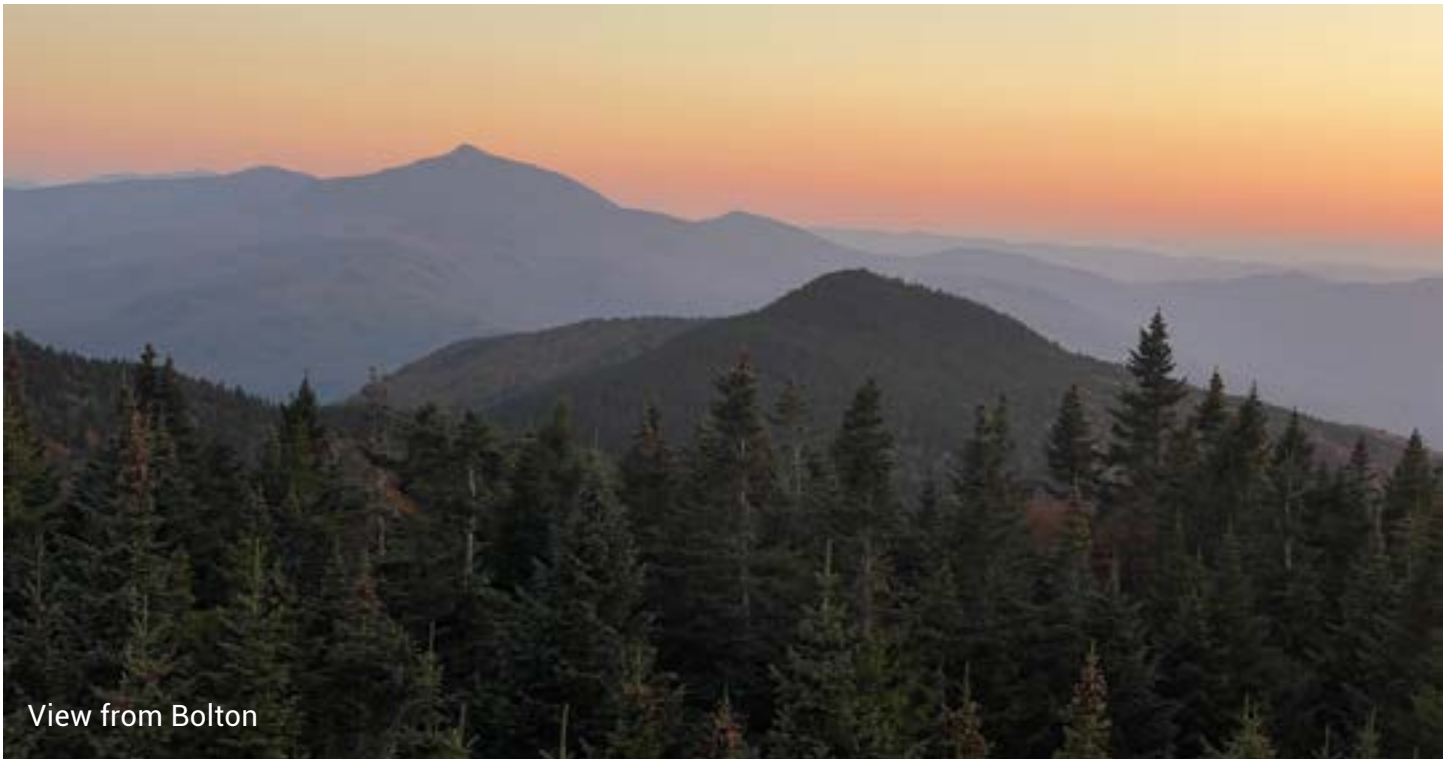
**RIDGELINES EDITOR** - Create and edit the quarterly newsletter for the section. Articles and content are provided by section members. May require some reminders up front of publication. Electronic copies sent to section members via email and hard copies created and distributed by our publishing partner. A great way to learn all the activities within our section!

**WEBSITE CHAIR** - Maintain the Burlington Section's Wordpress-based website. Training on the site will be provided. Add articles, pictures and links to relevant content on a regular basis. For current site see https://gmcburl-ington.org/. Key communication channel for all the activities within the section and the entire Green Mountain club. Also work with the section historian to post interesting historical articles from the vast archives.

**VICE PRESIDENT** - Actively recruit members to serve and support the Burlington Section Executive Committee. Fill in for the section president as needed. Provide continuity for section leadership as expectation for this role is to be the next president of the section.

All of the above positions are part of the section committee that meets quarterly as a committee to review all section activities. If interested, please contact the Burlington Section VP, Brian Williams, at bewilliams62@gmail.com. Thanks!

*WANT TO LEAD A HIKE?*
**We welcome returning leaders and offer orientation to new volunteers. Email gmc@gmcburlington.org**



View from Bolton

# Fall Hikes

## September

*9/21 (Saturday)*

### Mont Orford Loop

Mont Orford in Quebec is a 2799 foot tall peak in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. While not an exceptionally tall mountain, it offers excellent views of southern Quebec and further south into Vermont. We will tentatively meet at Jericho Market in Jericho at 5:00 AM for the trip north with an expected start time of 7:00 in Quebec. The exact route for this hike has not yet been planned but I expect something in 10 mile range with about 3000 feet of elevation gain. Special note for this hike! As we will be crossing the US and Canadian borders you should have a valid and current passport, passport card, Nexus Card or enhanced driver's license. Please note that you can be denied entry to Canada for various reasons so I will need to speak to everyone prior to acceptance for this hike to ensure there are no complications in travel.

Difficult Hike, moderate to strong pace.
10 miles, 3000' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 9/16.
Trip leader: Chris Luczynski
frogged@gmail.com
802-238-5164.

*9/21 (Saturday)*

### LT Day Hike to Mansfield Forehead

Join us to celebrate Long Trail Day! From the Stevensville trailhead we'll take Butler Lodge and Wampahoofus trails to the Mansfield Forehead where we'll touch the Long Trail, then return on Maple Ridge and Frost Trails.

Difficult Hike, moderate pace.
5.6 miles, 2550' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 9/19.
Trip leader: David Hathaway
david.hathaway.78@gmail.com
802-899-9982.

*9/22 (Sunday)*

### Bolton Lodge wood stack

Help the GMC prepare Bolton Lodge for winter visitors. We'll meet at 8:30 at the Richmond park & ride and carpool to the Bolton Lodge access parking on the Bolton Valley road, then drive or hike up to Bolton Lodge. There we'll stack about two cords of newly delivered wood in the woodshed, and fill the rest of it with well seasoned wood currently stacked behind the woodshed. Bring work gloves, food, and water. If you have a sling-style log carrier you might bring it; it may or may not come in handy. Many hands will make light (and quick) work.

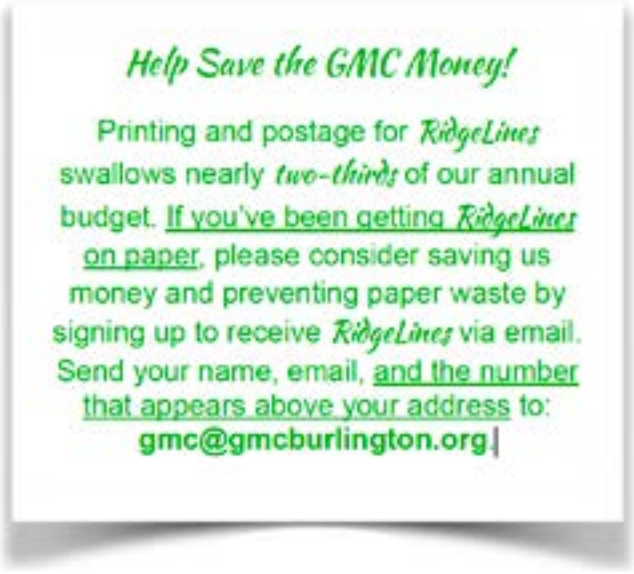
Trip leader: GMC Burlington
gmc@gmcburlington.org.

*9/28 (Saturday)*

### Raven Ridge Loop

We'll take the 2.5 mile loop trail through Raven Ridge Preserve, an area with some exposed stone ledges that offers good views over the Champlain Valley.

Easy Walk, relaxed pace.
2.5 miles, 500' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 9/26.
Trip leader: David Golubock
dggolubock@gmail.com
802-399-7230.



# October

*10/5 (Saturay)*

### Mts Pisgah and Hor - Lake Willoughby

We will hike Mts. Pisgah and Hor in Westmore, VT. Neither peak exceeds 2800 feet, but the combination of the two will make for a challenging outing and as the hike is occurring in early October, should afford excellent fall colors over Lake Willoughby. Approximately 12 miles with 3500 feet of vertical gain. Hikers should be comfortable with a moderate to strong hiking pace. We will meet at Jericho Market at 6:25 for a 6:30 departure and an approximate 8:00 AM start at the trailhead.

Difficult Hike, moderate to strong pace.
12 miles, 3500' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 10/2.
Trip leader: Chris Luczynski
frogged@gmail.com
802-238-5164.

*10/12 (Saturday)*

### Tillotson & Belvidere

We'll go 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, moderate pace.
8.5 miles, 2400' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 10/10.
Trip leader: David Hathaway
david.hathaway.78@gmail.com
802-899-9982.

*10/13 (Sunday)*

### Libby's Lookout

Hike in the Preston Pond conservation area of West Bolton to Libby's Lookout.

Easy Hike, relaxed pace.
4 miles, 500' elevation gain.
Group limit 12, contact leader by 10/11.
Trip leader: Jonathan Breen
ghostman2651@gmail.com
802-318-8104.

*10/19 (Saturday)*

### Burnt Rock Mtn

Burnt Rock Mtn: Challenging hike with a beautiful view at the top.

Difficult Hike, moderate pace.
4.8 miles miles, 2100' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 10/17.
Trip leader: David McColgin
davidmccolgin@yahoo.com
802-356-9863.

*10/26 (Saturday)*

### Mount Hunger and White Rock Loop

We will carpool or otherwise meet at the Middlesex trail head (North Middlesex) which is about 35 minutes south from the Richmond Park and Ride. Hope for clear weather as the views can be nice. The walk has some challenging & steep terrain with a scramble here and there. We will walk counter-clockwise (Mount Hunger first) which has an exposed rocky summit with views of the Greens to the west, the Adirondacks behind them and more rarely the Whites to the east.

Difficult Hike
6.5 miles, 2050' elevation gain.
Contact leader by 10/24.
Trip leader: Ted Albers
ted@ted-albers.net
802-557-7009.

# November

*11/2 (Saturday)*

### Mt. Moosilauke (NH)

We will hike Mt. Moosilauke (4802') via the Gorge Brook Trail as an out and back. Difficult hike. Moderate pace. 10 miles, 3000' of elevation gain. Group limit 10. 6AM departure from Richmond Park and Ride.

Difficult Hike, moderate to strong pace.
10 miles, 3000' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 10/28.
Trip leader: Chris Luczynski
frogged@gmail.com
802-238-5164.

*11/3 (Sunday)*

### Nebraska Notch and Butler Lodge Loop

Hike Nebraska Notch trail to LT, then to Butler Lodge with views of the Champlain Valley.

Moderate to difficult Hike, moderate pace.
6.5 miles, 1700' elevation gain.
Group limit 12, contact leader by 11/1.
Trip leader: Jonathan Breen
ghostman2651@gmail.com
802-318-8104.

*11/9 (Saturday)*

### Mount Abraham via Battell and Long Trail

Challenging hike to top of Mt Abe, with a beautiful 360 degree view from the top.

Difficult Hike, moderate pace.
5.3 miles, 2500' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 11/7.
Trip leader: David McColgin
davidmccolgin@yahoo.com
802-356-9863.

*11/23 (Saturday)*

### Cantilever Rock

Starting from the Underhill State Park at noon, we'll head up the Sunset Ridge Trail and take the spur to Cantilever Rock. Hike could be about 2 miles longer if the road is closed past the winter parking area. It's the start of deer season, so wear orange!

Easy Hike, moderate pace.
4 miles, 1200' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 11/21.
Trip leader: David Hathaway
david.hathaway.78@gmail.com
802-899-9982.

*11/30 (Saturday)*

### Post-Thanksgiving Hike up Phelps Mountain

Work off your Thanksgiving feast with this 10 mile hike in the Adirondacks! We'll take Marcy Dam Truck Trail to the Van Hoevenberg Trail to get to the mountain. It's a long, fairly flat walk, followed by a short, step ascent up the mountain itself. This trip will require meeting in the Burlington area at about 5 AM to carpool, or meeting at 7 AM at the trailhead. Participants should be familiar with cold-weather hiking and bring appropriate boots, warm clothing, and microspikes and be prepared for winter conditions on the summit - depending on the weather, snowshoes may be required. More information on the meeting time and location and on weather conditions will be provided to participants in the weeks before the hike.

Difficult Hike, moderate to strong pace.
10 miles, 2200' elevation gain.
Group limit 8, contact leader by 11/28.
Trip leader: David Golubock
dggolubock@gmail.com
802-399-7230.

## December

*12/7 (Saturday)*

### Franconia Ridge - NH

We will start from the Old Bridle Path Trailhead to hike up Falling Waters to Little Haystack, then across the Appalachian Trail ridge to Lincoln (5089 ft) and Lafayette (5260 ft) peaks before descending Old Bridle Path. (Note that this outing will be highly weather dependent). We will plan for a 7:00 start in NH (5:00 AM meet at Richmond Park and Ride).

Difficult Hike/snowshoe, moderate to strong pace.
9 miles, 4100' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 12/2.
Trip leader: Chris Luczynski
frogged@gmail.com
802-238-5164.

*12/8 (Sunday)*

### Taylor Lodge

From Stevensville we'll take the Nebraska Notch Trail to the Long Trail and follow it south to Taylor Lodge. If Clara Bow is clear and everyone feels like a challenge we take it back, or we'll return the way we came.

Easy Hike, relaxed to moderate pace.
4.5 miles, 700' elevation gain.
Group limit 10, contact leader by 12/6.
Trip leader: David Hathaway
david.hathaway.78@gmail.com
802-899-9982.

*12/15 (Sunday)*

### Butler Lodge Loop

We will walk up to Butler Lodge on the south end of Mansfield Ridge. A pretty but moderately difficult 4.5 mile loop will be made by connecting Butler Lodge Trail to the Wampahoofus trail for 0.1 mi before turning left onto the Rock Garden for 0.6 mi. We then turn left onto Maple Ridge for 0.4 mi then turn left onto the Frost Trail to return back to the trailhead. The loop has some nice views, a few rock scrambles and a cave, birch forests, Butler Lodge itself. Let's hope for buckets of snow to make this a fun snowshoe outing.

Difficult Hike
4.5 miles, 1700' elevation gain.
Contact leader by 12/13.
Trip leader: Ted Albers
ted@ted-albers.net
802-557-7009.

*12/21 (Saturday)*

### Camels Hump via Burrows Trail

This is intended as an introduction to using micro-spikes on snow. Burrows is usually packed out, so we are unlikely to need snowshoes.

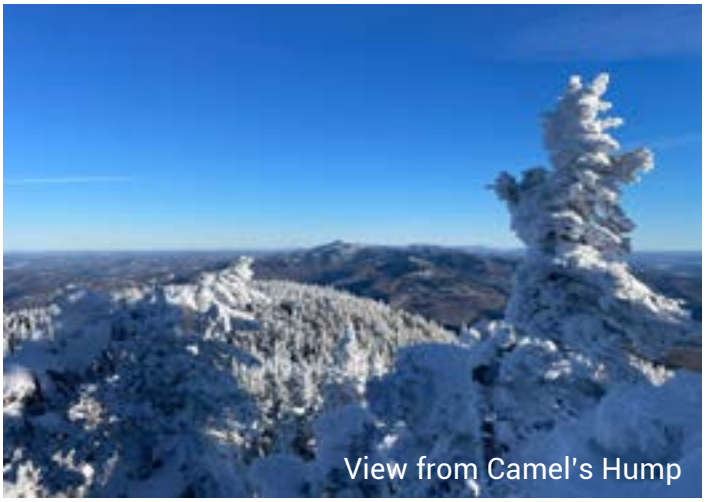
Moderate to difficult Hike, relaxed to moderate pace.
5.2 miles, 2300' elevation gain.
Group limit 10.
Trip leader: Tom Nuovo
TNuovo@aol.com

*12/22 (Sunday)*

### Harrington's View

Climb the Duck Brook trail and LT to Harrington's View with views of Bolton Valley and glimpses of the Champlain Valley.

Moderate Hike/snowshoe, moderate pace.
6.6 miles, 1600' elevation gain.
Group limit 12, contact leader by 12/20.
Trip leader: Jonathan Breen
ghostman2651@gmail.com
802-318-8104.



View from Camel's Hump

*12/28 (Saturday)*

### Mt.Hunger & White Rock

From the trailhead in Middlesex, we'll do a loop hike over Mt. Hunger and White Rock. Spikes and snow-shoes may be required, depending on conditions.

Difficult Hike/snowshoe, moderate pace.
6.5 miles, 2100' elevation gain.
Trip leader: Jill George
jillghiker@gmail.com

*12/28 (Saturday)*

### Carter Dome Holiday Hike

For this hike in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, we'll take Nineteen Mile Brook Trail and Carter Dome Trail to Zeta Pass before traversing to the summit of Carter Dome. If conditions are good and people are in the mood, we could pass over Mount Hight, a prominent sub-peak, en route. This is a long hike that will likely be cold, steep, and icy. Participants should bring microspikes and snowshoes, appropriate boots, and very warm clothing. Crampons may be advisable if you have them. The date of this hike may change depending on the weather forecast. Precise information about time and location of meeting, required equipment, and weather conditions will be discussed in the weeks preceding the hike.

Very difficult Hike, moderate to strong pace.
11 miles, 3500' elevation gain.
Group limit 6, contact leader by 12/26.
Trip leader: David Golubock
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