

Green Mountain Club: Northern Frontier Section
Summer 2020
Section Newsletter

Greetings !

On May 16th, our section officers had a zoom meeting to discuss a limited agenda for our section this summer due to Covid 19. We decided to postpone our annual meeting (usually held in May) until early Fall. Hopefully we can have an in-person meeting at that time, vote for officers and review our latest trail/shelters information. We'll schedule it later and let you know when it will be.

Our section isn't scheduling any hikes this Summer, but we encourage you to hike and stay safe while you're out there. Keep your distance from other people and wear your mask in close proximity to them. Avoid crowded trailheads and trails.

The Long Trail opened for the hiking season on Memorial Day weekend, however the shelters are closed until further notice due to social distancing and sanitation concerns.

Please refer to the GMC website (greenmountainclub.org), click News for updates and Covid 19 safety information. I've heard that it may be a good idea to camp in a tent on the LT to keep a safe distance from other campers.

The trail and shelter maintainers from our section have begun their work this Spring and walk-throughs will be done by early to mid June.

Many, many thanks to Ferdinand Lauffer for 20 years of Spring walk-through trail clearing on the section of LT from Hwy 105 to Jay Peak and Hwy 242. In addition, he also led numerous hikes, bike and ski outings during those years, as well as some Taylor Series presentations. Ferdinand will retire from his walk-through section this Spring and his friend Brook Sturtevant (from Franklin, VT) will be the new adopter.

There will also be new adopters for the section of trail from Hwy 105 to the Canadian border. Ken and Sandra MacDonald retired from that section last year and we thank them for many years of good work. Jeff and Kathy Miller from N.Troy, VT will now maintain that section.

I hope you have a good summer and stay safe in your travels. See you on the Trail!

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