



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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2012 Fall Walkabout

The directors of the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway have designated the 2nd half of the 14 trails for the fall season of 2012. Trails 8 through 14 offer terrains that range from mountains to valleys, from easy hoofing to difficult hikes. Hikes will take from 2 to 5 hours and, as last year, if the weather is poor (or pouring) the hike may be rescheduled for the following day, Sunday. Check the difficulty level so that you know about what to expect from the outing.

Hikers who eventually complete the entire loop - either during a guided hike or individually - are eligible for a certificate, presented by the Greenway directors at its annual meeting in March. If you are so inclined to attempt this, there is a handy dandy chart for you to use to record your hikes - full or partial. When this is all filled in, mail it to our post office box number.

This year's route begins in Wilmot and traverses Ragged and Kearsarge Mountains. Hikes will continue on subsequent weeks into various towns and on to Newbury Harbor. Much of the walking will be on woodland trails and Class VI roads and will offer many views of the region's spectacular hills and mountains.

Participants should contact the hike's leader to establish assembly points and departure times. Remember to wear and/or bring proper clothing, a lunch or snack, and plenty of water. Hiking poles are recommended. Hope you join us for [Walkabout 2012](#).

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Date	Trail Segment	Length (miles)	Hike Leader	Email Address	Telephone
Sat. 9/8 <i>Trail 8</i>	Wilmot Center to New Canada Road	4.2 E	Brian Faughnan	bwfaughnan@comcast.net	526-7838
Sat. 9/15 <i>Trail 9</i>	New Canada Road to Proctor Academy	6.1 D	Nick Baer	smithbaer@tds.net	526-8233
Sat. 9/22 <i>Trail 10</i>	Proctor Academy to Winslow State Park	6.0 M	Gerry Gold	geecubed@yahoo.com	526-2857
Sat. 9/29 <i>Trail 11</i>	Winslow State Park to Kearsarge Valley Road	5.8 D	Susan Chiarella	schiarella@myfairpoint.net	717-2222
Sat. 10/6 <i>Trail 12</i>	Kearsarge Valley Road to Wadleigh St. Park	3.9 E	Dave Gardner	budahbing@yahoo.com	927-4033
Sat. 10/13 <i>Trail 13</i>	Wadleigh St. Park to Chalk Pond Road	5.4 M	Nathan Richer	nricher@ruger.com	763-2127
Sat. 10/20 <i>Trail 14</i>	Chalk Pond Road to Newbury Harbor	4.4 M	Andy Hager	andrew@hagerinvestments.com	523-2846

A Summer of Trail Work by Gerry Gold

A Surprising offer came to the Greenway last winter: a family group planning a summer vacation week at Twin Lake Villa in Springfield wanted to donate a day of volunteer work in mid-July. Did the SRK Greenway have trail tasks needing help?

The obvious answer: We'll find something worth doing.

Come mid-July 2012 and three generations of the Trail Family were at work on three projects. Brian Faughnan and Jim Trail led a group of four: Jim Trail, Nancy Kline, Ken Trail (Jim's son) and Josh Trail (Ken's son). that built new boardwalks along a recently logged wet area of the Greenway in Wilmot. Rem Mastin led three family members on a paint blazing walk in Upper and Lower Sunapee village. Gerry Gold introduced four of the family to the fun of trail repairs on the Lincoln Trail below Rollins State Park parking.

This family has done this type of volunteering while vacationing for the past three summers. Let's hope they really liked this area and return next year! They were a pleasure to meet and spend the day with. Many thanks to Jim Trail and his wife Nancy Kline who organized the adventure with Gerry Gold.

The SRKG also benefited from the efforts of a group of young people from the Student Conservation Association.

One of the three groups of the Trail family worked with Brian Faughnan to place planks over wet areas. These pictures show (right, clockwise to bottom left) Nancy Kline carrying a downed tree section to abut the walkway, (2) Jim and Ken Trail finish up one of the walkways, and (3) Ken Trail and Josh Trail attaching planks to the end sills.



Hi-Ho Hi-Ho.. It's off to work we go ...

Trail Family members:

Matt Trail, Nicholas Caesar, Mark Caesar (red shirt) and Daniel Caesar.

Great idea for a summer vacation at Twin Lake Villa - spend a day in mid-July removing nasty roots and leveling the treadway on SRK's section of the Lincoln Trail.



Summer Hikes 2012

Bog Mountain Hike - June 23

Andy Hager led a group up Bog Mountain from Stearns Road. This hike was designed with families in mind. Along the way some of the kids found an old swing attached by rope to a tree.



Ada and Noah Gardner on a swing.



Group shot: Walter Krawczyk, Pam Avery, Andy Hager, Shelby Hager, Mrs Krawczyk, Ada Gardner, Noah Gardner, Dave Gardner



Cook Trails Hike - July 28



Dave Cook discussing rocks and plant life on the "Elkins Erratics Loop," one of the Cook Easement trails taken on the hike. BELOW: Dave pointed out a section on the Pleasant Lake High Trail that had a forest fire the week before the hike.



⇐ *Dave Cook and Jim Block admire the view halfway up the ridge on the Pleasant Lake High Trail on the August 11 hike led by Brian Faughnan. BELOW: View of Mt. Kearsarge from the top of the ridge on the Wilmot side.*



Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands Hike - July 14



On July 14, Tom Lawton (SRK Director from Goshen) led an interesting hike that began on the Goshen Historical Trail on Mt. Sunapee. After visiting the old Franklin Pierce Graphite Mine (top photo), Tom took the hikers on a variety of trails before reaching Lucia's Lookout (bottom two photos) in Pillsbury State Park.



New Website www.srk.org

The screenshot shows the SRK website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'About Us', 'News', 'Trail Info', 'Calendar', 'Photo Galleries', 'Buy the Guide Book', 'Contact', and 'Join SRKG'. Below the menu is a banner for the 'SUNAPEE RAGGED KEARSARGE GREENWAY' with a circular logo. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'The Greenway' and features a large photo of a group of hikers. To the right of the photo is a 'Recent Posts' section with links to 'Hiking Links', 'SRK's annual meeting', and 'Sunapee Ragged/Kearsarge Greenway Coalition'. Below the photo is a weather widget for 'New London New Hampshire' showing the chance of a thunderstorm for 'Today', 'Monday', and 'Tuesday'. At the bottom of the page is a 'SRKG Sponsors' section with logos for 'LAKE SUNAPEE BANK', 'Village Sports', 'PROCTOR', 'Bubba's', and 'Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests'.

In a month or so we will have a new SRK website, srkg.org! Paul Bradicich, who is an SRK member and a media professional (tv and web design), has designed and built the site. An SRKG committee was formed from board members: Andy Hager, David Gardner, Nathan Richer, Brian Faughnan and Susan Chiarella, to provide SRK input to Paul. This same committee will serve as "Editors" and will provide the day-to-day changes that are required to keep the site current. Above is a screen shot of the new home page. Plan to make a visit!

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