



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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Winter Hikes 2013

Your SRKG directors have once again arranged for a series of exciting winter hikes in the Lake Sunapee region. The hikes, as always, offer a variety of terrain and conditions, and will include snowshoe and cross-country ski treks.

Each hike leader will offer full details for each event, including starting place and time and equipment needs. Please contact the hike leader in advance to get the details. Since winter hikes require special attention to physical conditioning, weather and snow conditions, participants are encouraged to evaluate their capabilities carefully before joining any group. Bring water and a snack but leave dogs at home.

Jan 19 (Sat) Andy Hager (526-2846) This hike will be on x-c skis provided Mother Nature cooperates. The start will be at School House Road in Wilmot and end at the Bunker Farm in New London. The trail is a logging road and in most places it is nice and wide. Prior experience with off-track cross country skiing experience is required. (It has been rumored that this is the route taken by the early settlers when Wilmot and New London were one and the residents needed to get to the town's annual meeting.)

Jan 26 (Sat) Nick Baer (526- 8233) *Bog Mountain fun family hike.* Children's activities along the way include animal tracking, games and hot cocoa at the summit. Starting at Stearn's Road, the hike will finish at the Wilmot Library. 3.1 miles (E-M)

Feb 2 (Sat) Dave Anderson (763-5958) dander-son@forestsociety.org Dave's *Winter Wildlife Tracking* snow shoe hike will take place on the lower slopes of Sunset Hill in Newbury. Dave promises to teach tracking patterns and natural history for common local wild mammals. Bring cold weather gear and lunch. (E-M)

Feb 9 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Snowshoe over winter trails in Wilmot's Patterson Road area. Refreshments afterward at the Faughnans. 3 miles. (M)

Feb 16 (Sat) Peg Bastien (456-2347) Snowshoe in Warner's Chandler Reservation. Peg is hoping to lead her group up to the old fire tower. Some of the trails are rather steep, so be prepared. (M-D)

Feb 24,25 or 26 David Cook (456-4570) Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness! (see page 2 for more details)

Mar 2 (Sat) Gerry Gold (526-2857) Journey along Sunapee Ridge to Lucia's Lookout to appreciate the unique view seen only by dedicated trekkers. 10 miles (D)

Save the Date: The Annual Meeting will take place on March 17th (Sorry, no green beer)

Membership fees are due in January. You can use this form to mail in your dues or bring them to the annual meeting in March.



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2013 Membership: renewal new member

Name(s) please print

Address _____

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\$ _____ Individual (\$10)

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Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness Snowshoe Hike

Feb. 24 (Sun), Feb 25 (Mon) or Feb 26 (Tue) 9pm

The one-time only hike departure time will be made to coincide with the best moonlight and weather conditions. If you are interested in participating, please send your email address to David Cook dwcook@tds.net and/or call between 5:30 and 6:30 each night to determine which night has been chosen for the optimum conditions. All participants need snowshoes, warm clothing and headlamps with fresh batteries, and poles are strongly recommended. The hike will be approximately 2 miles in length and 2 hours in duration. *Not for novices.* The meet, park, start and finish is where the power line crosses Whitney Brook Road. in Elkins. The route will follow trails on the Cook and Deming easements, climaxing at the ridge-top skyline vista of the Cook Easement. For further details see the SRK website. www.srkg.org.



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Photos: Top: Trail 8 hike led by Brian Faughnan on September 8th. Wilmot Center to New Canada Road.

Above: Trail 9 hike led by Nick Baer. New Canada Road to Proctor Academy over Ragged Mountain. Photo by Jim Block

Right: Trail 12 hike led by Dave Gardner on October 6. Kearsarge Valley Road to Wadleigh State Park.

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