



# The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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## SRKG Summer Hiking Schedule 2013

Again this year the SRKG board of directors has planned a series of summer hikes. Brian Faughnan, trail hike chairman, makes us a google doc and sends it around to board members and folks who have led hikes in the past with dates. They sign up for a time in the summer (hopefully after black fly season) and describe a favorite hike to lead.

In the description you will see an indication of the hike's difficulty. **E**, **M**, or **D**. Also we include the leader's name, email and phone number. It's important to let the leader know you plan to join the hike so that you won't be left behind. Also, there may be plans to leave cars at the finish point.

Remember to bring water, bug juice, snack and poles if you want. You will have lots of fun while you exercise and meet new friends enjoying the views along the way.

**June 23 (Sun) Summit Mt. Kearsarge** Summit Mt Kearsarge - the highest point on the Greenway. Starting at Kearsarge Valley Road in Sutton hike up onto Bear mountain using the Lincoln Trail and on to summit of Mt Kearsarge. Distance is about 10 miles round trip. Difficult with significant elevation. There are excellent views. (**D**) Dave Gardner, 927-4033 budahbing@yahoo.com.

**June 29 (Sat)** Start and finish at the Mt. Sunapee Parking lot using the Elliot Ski trail to the Sunbowl access road to the rim trail connecting to the Newbury trail and then completing the rest of trail 1 going by Lake Solitude and down the Summit trail to the parking lot. (**M/D**) 4 hours Andy Hager, 526-2846 andrew@hagerinvestments.com

**July 13 (Sat)** Loop trail on Ragged Mountain partly on SRKG trail #9 over the summit of Ragged. Fine views. Distance about 5 miles. Approximate time: 4 hours. (**M/D**) Lee Carvalho 735-5719 leecarvalho6@gmail.com

**July 21 (Sun)** Loop trail to Clark Pond. 1.5 mi. 1 to 1.5 hours. Trail replete with plant and tree ID tags (**E**) Dan Allen, 763-5320 natanddan@myfairpoint.net

**July 23 (Tue)** Join Gerry Gold and other workers for trail work on the Ragged Mountain trail. This will involve a short section of re-routing the trail. (**M**) Gerry Gold 526-2857 geeccubed@yahoo.com

**August 3 (Sat)** Explore some of the trails on the Cook Easment in New London. 3 miles (**M**) Brian Faughnan/David Cook 526-7838 bwfaughnan@comcast.com.

**August 15 (Sat)** "The Road Less Traveled Trip" Hike to the Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands in Goshen and Newbury. We will be hiking the Goshen Historical Society trail to the historic Franklin Pierce lead mine, then continue on to the highlands along an infrequently used path until intersecting the Sunapee State Park snowmobile trails, finally joining the Five Summers Trail to the Monadnock/Sunapee Greenway and terminating at Lucia's Lookout. 6+- miles (**M/D**). Tom Lawton [telawton@yahoo.com](mailto:telawton@yahoo.com) 863-6918

**August 18 (Sun)** Walk from Ring Brook in Newbury and arrive in Sutton where we will celebrate Sutton's Old Home Day. 3.5 miles (**E**) Sue Reel 927-4920 sreel@tds.net.



### Annual Meeting

On St. Patrick's Day (also Annual Meeting) Peg Bastien presented Brian Faughnan (Good ol' Irishman) with the walking stick as symbol of his new job of Chairman of the SRKG. Other officers for the year are: Treasurer, Andy Hager, and Secretary, Brent Scudder. Committee Chairs are: Membership, Peg Bastien; Trails, Gerry Gold; Annual Meeting, Jean La Chance; Web gurus, Dave Gardner and Nathan Richer; Guidebook Sales, Iain Gilmore; Hike Scheduling, Brian Faughnan; Publicity Nathan Richer; and Newsletter Editor, Lee Carvalho. Many thanks to all for making the club work together so well.

Our speaker, Jim Block, gave an excellent presentation on his recent trip to Nepal and his trek to the Everest base camp. It included many great photos, both scenic and of the many local people he met along the way. Jim's group also distributed a large quantity of outdoor clothing (brought with them from the USA) to various people along the way. He shared more than 200 photos that he had taken of people (mainly kids) that he had met on a previous trek.

Fran Leach-Pierce and Brian Pierce received certificates for completing the whole SRK Greenway trail. They were numbers 93 and 94.

Again our kudos go to Jean La Chance for the excellent setting and wonderful table full of goodies!

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**You are Invited!**  
**July Trail Projects**  
**By Gerry Gold**

Tuesday July 23rd: Hold that Day! In fact, hold that entire week for trailwork opportunities on two mountains, Ragged and Kearsarge, and for a day of trail re-blazing in Sunapee.

A high school crew from the Student Conservation Association will be helping us on the Greenway's Barlow Trail in Winslow State Park for two weeks, July 21 to August 3rd. While the crew of six Manchester high school students and two supervisors are camping at the picnic area at Winslow, visitors are welcome. Even more welcome will be your companionship helping with work on the Barlow Trail. Just show up and find the crew on the trail Mondays through Fridays.

And if you've ever been annoyed by the steep gravel slide high up on the Proctor side of Ragged Mountain, you will definitely want to join the Trail Family on Tuesday, July 23rd, for a one-day re-route project. Hike up 1.5 miles to the site and about 4 hours later we will have completed the switchback into the hillside woods and back out below the gravel logging road. See the summer hike schedule for this project.

For the Sunapee walk-and-blaze day, and to volunteer by email, contact is: [trails@srkg.com](mailto:trails@srkg.com).



*Winter Snow Shoe Hike led by Brian Faughnan - also the photographer. The gang was treated to homemade ginger snaps and cider at the Faughnans upon completion of the trail. In the photo are Lisa Correa, Gerry Gold, Dennis Pavlicek and Barbara Faughnan*

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**My Last Newsletter!**

I didn't get to 50 but pretty close. This is the 47th SRKG newsletter that I have put together. Of course I have had lots of help - mainly Brian. But many of you and some folks who have passed away have supplied me with articles and pictures. For the most part I have had a lot of fun making things fit - making text longer or shorter and sizing pictures depending on the space. The bad parts were when I made a critical mistake or two.

The most fun article was one by Bill Best. (He often sent me articles) This one, entitled "Greenway Rolls into New Epoch," Bill sent to me via email. I didn't read it first, just dropped it in. But as I was formatting it, certain phrases that I noticed were a bit strange. After it was all formatted, I decided to read it and what a riot! If you didn't see it the first time, here it is:

*At the last Greenway Board of Directors Meeting, a proposal was made by Wilmot Director Dudley Moseley to upgrade all Greenway trails for the new "Segway" people movers which are entering the market. After much discussion, it was agreed to initiate a 5-year program to make all trails "Segwayable" with the expected cost of \$120,000 to be covered by an initial stock offering early this summer. In seconding the Moseley proposal, Warner Director Peter Sabin said that this program would get Warner folks out of the coffee houses and onto the trails. The vote to proceed was unanimous with only Chairman Ron Wyman abstaining, citing possible conflict of interest.*

*The meeting then moved to assign responsibilities for this program. It was proposed that Beverly Valley be in charge of determining the best locations for battery charging points which it was agreed would be called "Sappoints" to reflect the conservation side of the Greenway. These points would be contained in treelike structures painted in forest colors. Newbury Director Charlie "Teach" Killam volunteered to organize the initial public offering program. He immediately suggested that each \$1000 share of stock come with a free Guidebook with the details of the stock issue contained on the inside rear cover. Brian Faughnan said this idea would encourage folks to preserve their now valuable Guidebooks. Ruth White then volunteered to develop Segway movement standards to insure safety on the trails and a long discussion ensued regarding overtaking slow movers without violating Greenway standards of noise and polite conversation. All agreed that we would not allow dogs to drive or ride as passengers on the Segways because of legal concerns. Trails Committee Chair Bill Best said that he expected no problems with the private landowners provided they were allowed to open refreshment concessions on the trails crossing their lands.*

*The meeting ended with the singing of the Greenway anthem "Ode to the Forest Trampler" which had been creatively updated to "Ode to the Forest Mover." Director Jean LaChance questioned whether this new wording would be allowed to be sung at the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at the New London Catholic Church because of its implied religious overtones. It was decided to hum the touchy words and to increase our contribution to the Church to cover any legal suits. The meeting adjourned with a glow of modernity.*

Unfortunately some folks did not realize this proposal was in jest and indignantly offered their resignation to the Greenway.

My reason for giving up the newsletter is that my role in the Sunapee Lake Rowing Club is ever-increasing and my free time (to hike and row) is shrinking. (The housework is what suffers most.) Many thanks to Lee Carvalho for taking on this project. I'm sure she will enjoy it as much as I did. Keep on sending your pictures and articles! Her email is [leecarvalho6@gmail.com](mailto:leecarvalho6@gmail.com).

**Barbara Faughnan**