



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

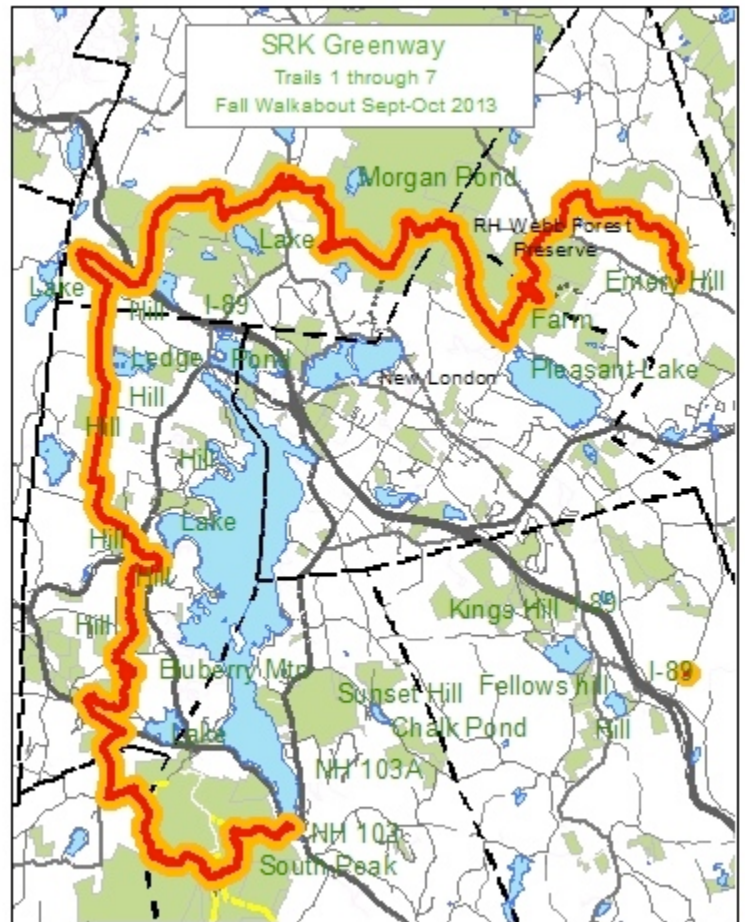
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Fall Walkabout 2013

The 20th SRK Greenway Coalition Walkabout begins Saturday, September 7th in Newbury Harbor on Trail #1 and ends October 26th on Trail #7 in Wilmot Center. The chart below shows distances and a general measurement of difficulty for each of the trails. (E = easy, M = moderate, D = difficult). If you plan to hike it is important that you contact the leader by the evening before to get details concerning where and when to meet. All hikers should bring snacks, plenty of water, and layers of clothing depending on the weather conditions and predictions. Please do not bring dogs; it is part of our contractual agreement with landowners that dogs will not be on the trails. Many experienced hikers recommend the use of poles to add stability, help the knees on downhills, and add an upper-body workout.

If you haven't already completed the circuit of all 14 trails and 75 miles of the SRK Greenway, this would be a perfect time to start that project. You can hike half the trails this fall as part of the Walkabout and on those Saturdays you will probably meet fellow hikers who might want to join you in walking the other trails on other days. Imagine it: You could be the 92nd person to accomplish the circuit and collect



a certificate at next spring's annual meeting. Ask your first hike leader for a log book which will help you keep track of your progress and then send the completed book to PO Box 1684 in New London.

Date	Length	Leader	Email	Phone	SRKG Trail Segment
Sun 9/8	5.4 M	Nick Baer	smithbaer@tds.net	526-8233	Trail 1 Newbury Harbor to Old Province Road, Goshen
Sat 9/14	7.3 M	Ron Wyman	dsunapee@aol.com	763-5822	Trail 2 Old Province Road to Sunapee Town Office
Sat 9/21	7.3 M	Brian Faughnan	bwfaughnan@comcast.com	526-8233	Trail 3 Sunapee Town Office to Deer Hill Road
Sat 9/28	4.1 E	Lisa Correa	c.lisa7716@gmail.com		Trail 4 Deer Hill Road to Springfield-New London Road
Sat 10/5	8.4 D	Andy Hager	andrew@hagerinvestments.com	526-2846	Trail 5 Springfield-NL Road to Gt. Brook Bridge, NL
Sat 10/12		Gerry Gold	geecubed@yahoo.com	526-2857	<i>How to move large rocks: Instructors from AMC's Joe Dodge Center will help us improve an eroded spot on Trail 14 in Newbury.</i>
Sat 10/19	3.2 E	Brian Faughnan	bwfaughnan@comcast.com	526-7838	Trail 6 Great Brook Bridge to NH Route 4A, Wilmot
Sat 10/26	4.4 M	Lee Carvalho	leecarvalho6@gmail.com	735-5719	Trail 7 NH Route 4A to Wilmot Center

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Q2C TRAIL WORK PROJECT BRINGS OUT VOLUNTEERS

On one cool, dry, and sunny July day we launched our 4-month Quabbin-to-Cardigan grant project after weeks of heat and humidity.

The project, “Building a Trailwork Community,” promotes volunteer trail days from July through October. Working with area Conservation Commissions, it aims to advertise local trail work events and engage local people who use our trails to help maintain those trails.

July 24th saw two groups at work. On the Summit Trail from the Goshen side of Mount Sunapee, a group cleaned and repaired waterbars and drainage ditches half way up the mountain. Dave Coulter led a shovel brigade that included SRKGC members and volunteers from the Jim Trail family, a 3-generation family vacationing at Twin Lake Village in Springfield.

Last year the family gave a day of their week vacation at TLV to help the Greenway with our trail maintenance. This year they came back for more. With that commitment, the SRKGC could count on core crews for two major tasks.

The second group trimmed, cut and blazed a short but much needed switchback reroute on the east side of Ragged Mountain. The switchback takes hikers off a steep gravel logging trail and into a woods with large red pines, clumps of hazelnut and a handsome ledge outcrop.



The Trail family at work on Mount Sunapee

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Summer Hikes Still Available

August 17 (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 continuing 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 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 sreel@tds.net 927-4920

STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Barlow Trail, part of the SRK Greenway on Mount Kearsarge, received much needed renovation in late July. In two weeks the crew of Student Conservation Association high school students (four from Manchester, one from Keene, and one from Salem, MA) repaired and built water drains and stone steps, and improved the treadway to keep water off and hikers on the trail. They accomplished more than expected and did it all with great teamwork and spirit. For three crew members this was their first experience with trailwork and camping. Cardigan Highlanders leader Craig Sanborn worked with SRKGC’s trailmaster Gerry Gold to prepare the task list for the SCA crew. A grant from the Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership paid for SCA’s staff and stipends for the crew. NH State Parks allowed the crew to camp at Winslow State Park picnic area.



Gerry Gold and the SCA Crew on Kearsarge