



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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SUMMER HIKES

The SRKG board is pleased to offer walks in the summer on a variety of trails designed to appeal to a wide range of hikers. Be sure to contact the trip leader at least a day in advance to get the details concerning time and place to meet, possible car drops, and weather considerations. Always dress in layers, bring a snack and plenty of water.

June 13 (Sat) Several members of the SRKG board are planning a hike for families to Lake Solitude on Mt. Sunapee. *Andy Hager*, 526-2846, andrew@hagerinvestments.com

July 11 (Sat) Help kick off Newbury's Old Home Day with a hike from Newbury Harbor to Eagles Nest. Approximately 1.5 miles round trip. *Lisa Correa*, 518-281-1494, c.lisa@gmail.com

July 19 (Sun) Round trip hike from Stearns Rd to the summit of Bog Mountain in Wilnot. This is a perfect outing for families with children, but all hikers are welcome. *Rosanna Dude*, 828-1001, rosannaleigh@gmail.com

Aug 2 (Sun) and Aug 4 (Tues) Mount Kearsarge Rollins State Park. SRK volunteers help Student Conservation Association crew repair steps and waterbars on the Lincoln Trail. Come meet the SCA youth crew. *Gerry Gold*, 526-2857, geecubed@yahoo.com

Aug 15 (Sat) Loop hike in Andover on Ragged Mountain with views from the Bulkhead and a visit to Balanced Rock. 3.4 miles with significant vertical gain. *Lee Carvalho*, 735-5719, leecarvalho6@gmail.com

August 22 (Sat) Mountain Run!! *Nathan Richer*, 763-2127, nricher@ruger.com



This new post & beam shelter was built at Winslow State Park as a memorial to honor Dolly Conron, North Sutton resident and long-time volunteer at the park gate.

You can check your address label to determine if your membership is up-to-date. If it isn't use the form on the back of this newsletter or visit <http://www.srkg.com/join-srkg/>

Proposed Mount Sunapee Expansion Impacts SRKG Trail

by Gerry Gold

The future of winter hiking on the west side of Mount Sunapee State Park is a worry with the State about to make a decision on new ski trails. Continuity of the 75-mile, 4-season SRK Greenway hiking trail system could be broken by the proposed changes within the Park. New Hampshire and SRKGC hikers are asking for 4-season hiking, winter snowshoeing included, to be continued on the Summit Trail, even if partially rerouted to avoid ski trails. The final decision by Jeffrey Rose, head of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development will be important for the Greenway. Information is at www.nhstateparks.org/get-involved/ for the Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee.

Proposed construction of ski trails on the west side of Mount Sunapee would dramatically change the landscape of the mountain, including the much-loved gradual climb up the Summit Trail. The trail is a major section of Greenway Trail #1 linking Goshen to Newbury Harbor. The Summit Trail, completed in 1997, was specifically designed for the SRK Greenway and built to specifications of NH Parks to be outside the lease area and free from interference with ski trails. A 2014 NH court decision which instantly extended the Resort's lease area to the Park's western boundary, also automatically incorporated all of the Summit Trail within the leasehold.

ANNUAL MEETING

Highlights of the 2014 Annual Meeting included a fascinating talk by Pam Hunt of New Hampshire Audubon. Pam’s knowledge of the biology and ecology of dragonflies and damselflies is matched by her collection of images, her delightful sense of humor, and her ability to field a wide variety of questions. Thanks as always to Jean LaChance for planning, decorating, and organizing the dinner.

This annual meeting was also the release party for the new 3rd edition of the SRK Greenway Trail Guide. A committee has been

working since last fall to update and improve the maps and trail descriptions. Brian Faughnan was lead cartographer and format designer while Gerry Gold handled all the editing and final proofreading. Thanks to them and Tom Lawton, Andy Hager, Lee Carvalho, and Lisa Correa for a magnificent new guidebook. Trails on the new maps are much easier to follow and this edition includes information on spur trails. If you don’t have one yet, you can find them at local bookstores or use the membership/order form below.



CONGRATULATIONS to Betsy Saffarewich (!) and Rosanna Dude who completed the entire Greenway circuit this year and now have certificates to prove it!

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Notice that we need Town Directors from both Danbury and Warner. If you are from either town and interested in helping lead this all-volunteer organization, please contact any one of the directors to let us know.

The SRKGC Newsletter is issued four times a year. Comments and articles may be sent to SRKG PO Box 1684, New London, NH 03257. Editor: Lee Carvalho, leecarvalho6@gmail.com



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