

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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Fall Walkabout 2016

This fall the directors have arranged for a series of walks that includes 5 of the 14 segments of the Greenway system. If you are hoping to earn a certificate for hiking all of the trials, here's a perfect opportunity to add to your collection in the company of some fine folks.

Additionally we are co-sponsoring a walk led by SPNHF's Dave Anderson. According to Dave the goal is to introduce the natural history of a 236 acre parcel which is a proposed addition to the existing Black Mountain Forest. The route will follow woods roads, logging trails and include a bit of bushwhacking.

Please contact the leader at least one day in advance of the scheduled hike. Remember to dress in layers prepared for changing weather and to bring plenty of water and snacks.



Recognize this place? One of the Fall Walkabout hikes will pass right between these glacial erratics. Shown here squeezing through the gap is Sooze Hodgson. Photo: Lee Carvalho

Remaining Summer Hikes

August 21 (Sun) An easy walk from Ring Brook in Newbury to Sutton where we celebrate Sutton's Old Home Day. 3.5 miles. Sue Reel, 927-4920

August 27 (Sat) This walk begins and ends on a quiet dirt road in North Wilmot . The goal is an exploration of remote Eagles Nest. Approx. 4 miles with some uphill. Lee Carvalho 735-5719



These happy hikers are enjoying the view from Eagle's Nest on Mt Sunapee. Lisa Correa offered the hike as part of Newbury's Old Home Day celebration. Photo: Gerry Gold

Date	Leader	Email	SRKG Trail Segment	Length (miles)
Sun 9/11	Dave Gardner & Nick Baer 927-4033	budahbing@yahoo.com	Trail 10. Between Andover and Winslow State Park. Family Hike. Approx 3 1/2 hours. Moderate	6.0
Sat 9/24	Anne Hewitt 848-5762	anne5762@live.com	Trail 11. Between Kearsarge Valley Rd and Winslow SP, over Mt. Kearsarge. Approx. 4 hours. Difficult	5.8
Sat 10/1	Dave Anderson 224-9945 ext 335	danderson@forestsociety.org	An exploration of a tract in the Black Mountain Forest area. Approx. 3 hours	
Sun 10/16	Rosanna Dude 828-1001	rosannaleigh@gmail.com	Trail 9. Between New Canada Rd and Proctor Academy, over Ragged Mtn. Approx. 5 hours. Difficult	6.1
Sat 10/22	Lee Carvalho 735 ⁻ 57 ¹ 9	leecarvalho6@gmail.com	Trail 14.Between Newbury Harbor and Chalk Pond. Approx. 2 1/2 hours. Moderate	
Sat 10/29	Nathan Richer 763-2127	nricher@ruger.com	Trail 13. Between Wadleigh SP and Chalk Pond. Approx 3 1/2 hours. Moderate	5.4

New Town Directors

The Greenway 'necklace' of trails passes through ten towns. From the beginning the coalition has organized itself by appointing two directors from each of these towns. At its monthly meetings the board members update each other about trail conditions, landowner issues, and town news that relates to the Greenway. Members are encouraged to contact their town's directors with questions and issues related to the Greenway.

The board is pleased to welcome two new town directors: Anne Hewitt from Andover and Tim Eliassen from Sunapee.

Anne, shown below on the summit of South Twin Mountain, moved to New Hampshire from Ohio in 1982. She has always loved the mountains and her idea of a good workout is hiking one or two 4,000 footers. Helping others to appreciate and enjoy hiking is important to Anne and she loves introducing new trails to fellow hikers.



Anne Hewitt, new town director from Andover.

Photo: Anne Hewitt

For twenty years Anne was employed with NH Fish & Game where she worked on the Wildlife Journal TV show, produced a safe hiking video "Miles from Nowhere" and administered the OHRV Safety Education program. Clearly Anne is a valuable addition the board and we welcome her.

Tim Eliassen served as a trustee for the local land trust in Carlisle, MA for many years before moving to Sunapee in 2006. He is now the land steward for the Forest Society's Andrew Brook property. Along with his wife Midge he is also an easement monitor for Ausbon Sargent. Avid hikers for years Tim and Midge have introduced first their daughters, then their son-inlaws and now their grandchildren to the joys of trails and summits.

Trained as a mechanical engineer, Tim started two small manufacturing companies: one in the sailboat rigging business and one in the architectural hardware business. In the yacht rigging world his company worked on America's cup and offshore racing boats. In the world of architecture they started with the glass pyramid at the Louvre in Paris and have worked on Apple stores all over the world.

Tim explains "When I saw at the past annual meeting that there was no Sunapee person on the SRKG board, I though maybe I could help and volunteered for the job." Tim brings lots of experience and talent to the board; we are grateful for his decision to represent Sunapee.

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



Tim Eliassen with his daughter on Bog Mountain.
Photo: Midge Eliassen



During Gerry Gold's hike on Trail 5 the group decided to climb down to and explore the Royal Arch cave. You can read Jim Block's report on the hike and see more of his impressive images at the website:

http://www.jimblockphoto.com/trails/kearsarge-trails/great-brook-and-srkg-5/

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Andover	Lee Carvalho	735-5719			
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Goshen	Tom Lawton	477-1995			
Newbury	Nathan Richer	763-2127			
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	Nick Baer	526-8233			
Springfield	Mike & Susan Chiarella	763-4661			
	Charles Baughman	667-3551			
Sunapee	Tim Eliassen	763-2502			
Sutton	Jean LaChance	927-4345			
	Dave Gardner	927-4033			
Warner					
Wilmot	Brian Faughnan	526-7838			
	Rosanna Dude	828-1001			