Chapter members summit Mount Garfield in May. *Photo by Friendly Hiker*

**AMCSEM Hikes Mount Garfield**

*Written by Christine Racine*

Barry Young, Les Lechowicz, and Christine Racine led 12 hikers up Mt. Garfield on Saturday, May 20th. It was a fun day for all and a great way to kick off non-winter hiking.....err, well sort of! We'll get to that!

Mount Garfield is the 17th highest of the forty-eight 4,000-foot mountains in New Hampshire, at 4,500 feet in elevation. It is a 10-mile out-and-back on the Garfield Trail and Garfield Ridge Trail. The mountain affords sweeping views into the Pemigewasset Wilderness and over to neighboring Franconia Ridge, specifically with views to the backside of Flume, Liberty, Lincoln, and Lafayette, as well as Owl's Head. There is an old fire tower at the summit where only the base remains. It’s a terrific open summit to spend time on a beautiful day, which is what we got!

The day started in the 40s with temperatures reaching the 60s with a light wind. Despite the warm-up over the last week, since the White Mountains had received two feet of snow the weekend before, everyone was asked to bring micro-spikes, which turned out to be a proper decision.

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Have a Great Summer—OUTSIDE!

Summer is almost officially here and that is the time most people think about being outside. We have a full line-up of hikes—local hikes like our Red Line the Blue Hills series, and of course the more challenging hikes up north in the “Whites” or out in the Berkshires. For those of you with young children (or grandchildren!), we just posted a series of Family Hikes. There are several paddling trips on the Cape and some exciting destination bicycle rides coming up. Check out our activities on our website.

When you go on an AMC event this summer, why not ask a friend to come along? You do not have to be a member of AMC to participate in one of our events. Hopefully, your friends have a good time and will want to eventually join AMC, but membership is not necessary to go on our hikes, bike rides, and paddles.

While we have several activities going on this summer, the Executive Board will be taking a brief break from our monthly Board meetings for the summer so we can all spend more time outside too. Also, the Breeze will not be published in July and August, but please continue to send your articles and photos to the Breeze editor so everybody can read about “How I spent my summer!” come September, when we publish again.

This September we will once again return to the AMC Cold River Camp in Evans Notch, NH, for our Chapter Hut Weekend. The dates are Friday through Sunday, September 15-17, with an optional stay of Thursday night the 14th. To register, go to our activities database and see the detailed instructions. This is a popular event with several hikes of varying abilities, bike rides, and maybe a paddling event also. Don’t miss out as space is limited and usually sells out, so sign up soon.

If after looking at all the summer trips and activities, you still can’t find something you like, send me an email at chair@amcem.org and I’ll find a leader to plan a trip just for you. We have some new leaders coming on board after graduating from our Leadership Training class in April, and they are anxious to take you on a trip!

See you all outside!
Barry Young

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Contact the Chapter Chair at chair@amcem.org if you’re interested in any open position.
Remember When?
Photo submitted by Linda Church

Can you identify when and where this photo was taken and who the people in it are? Please send your responses to chair@amcem.org.

Last month’s winner was Linda Church, who replied within 15 minutes! “Walter Wells is in the middle w/ arm around a lady. The child next to him is Bobby Vogel (red coat, standing). Bob Vogel (father) is diagonal from him in back row (leaning a little). On the right in the second row at end is John Poirier (green jacket) and next to him on left is Louise Poirier. Person in light blue shirt in back row is Charlie Farrell (hat tied around neck). Place was Mt. Monroe.”

Linda will receive an REI gift card.
Mount Garfield

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The day brought muddy conditions with black flies, and near the summit the monorail was still in force with lots of snow and ice to contend with. We got a lovely blend of all seasons and a perfect bluebird day to spend quality time at the summit enjoying lunch and taking pictures.

Thanks to Barry for supporting Christine, acting as leader, and Les, acting as co-lead on this hike; both are working on their certification as Level 2 hike leaders. Interested in leading hikes, bikes, or paddles, or joining any of those activities as a participant? It’s terrific fun! Reach out to our board or for the latter, check our Activities Database for upcoming events.

Clair and Craig MacDonald balance over water crossing.  
*Photo by Tom Garrahan*

Views of Flume, left, Liberty, Lincoln, Lafayette.  
*Photo by Christine Racine*

Barry Young, left, with Level 2 leaders-in-training Christine Racine and Les Lechowicz.  
*Photo by Friendly Hiker*

The Fledgling Monorail.  
*Photo by Christine Racine*
Sun & Showers on Mt. Greylock Hike
Written by Peggy Qvicklund & Jeannine Audet

This hike up Mt. Greylock was originally planned for April 1st, but the joke was on us. Wet snow, sleet, and freezing rain moved into the area the night before—basically a set-up for slick driving and uncomfortable hiking conditions. Hikers love cold, love snow, but freezing rain? Not so much.

Mother Nature mostly cooperated for a re-scheduled hike on April 30th. The snow, slush & ice were gone, and the only trace of Old Man Winter was the muddy trails after the last of the monorail melted.

This hike was planned for a Sunday, and everyone agreed the drive was so enjoyable since the rest of Massachusetts was still sleeping! Fourteen hikers, including 2 new to our SEM Chapter activities, met at the Cheshire Harbor trailhead at 0900. Skies were clear and the temperature in the 50’s.

The head of the Cheshire Harbor trail is wide and gentle, giving everyone a chance to stretch out after the drive and to chat, catching up with old friends and getting to know new folks. The hikers enjoyed a mostly sunny ascent 1+ miles to the Peck’s Brook trail.

We turned onto Peck’s Loop, which brought us down the somewhat eroded slope of the “ravine” to the crossing of Peck’s Brook. On the opposite side of the brook, the trail headed back up the steep slope using some switchbacks, then passed through a lush hemlock forest to the connection with the Gould Trail.

Not in any rush, we took the side trail to the Peck’s Brook Shelter, perched above the brook, where we had a lovely “first lunch” break. Then onward and upward. The group continued on the Gould Trail, then met up with the AT for the short final leg to the summit.

We were looking forward to the 360-degree view, but the clouds quickly rolled in, and there were rumbles of thunder as we neared the summit (despite the weather forecast of 20 percent chance of precipitation). We reached the Memorial Tower just in time to put on our rain gear and take a group photo. A brief shower limited the views and shortened our stay.

The rain abated as we headed back down the Cheshire Harbor trail to complete the loop. Fortunately, the heavy rain held off until our drive home! The sky opened up to provide a departure downpour, just as we reached our cars at 2:30 pm.

The day was an enjoyable beginning to the summer hiking season. Lively conversation about family, work, and AMC trips peppered the hike, as well as stops to identify and photograph the flora.

Help AMC Protect Our Outdoors!

Reports on national and state issues affecting the outdoors we enjoy are all over the news these days. AMC has helpful resources to learn how the latest developments may impact the lands, rivers, and trails you use, the air we breathe even at the highest peaks, and how you can join the conversation and take action.

Most of the natural areas we enjoy are in places that are available and beautiful because people organized and spoke up in support of protecting the lands, forests, and river put-ins we use throughout the year. But we have further to go, plus the challenges of addressing climate change. Often protection takes federal and state funding. And ongoing protection of high-quality recreational experiences and landscapes takes ongoing vigilance.

As you head out this summer, especially if you lead trips on which others have a chance to learn about the place you’re exploring, check out AMC’s Conservation Blog for the latest news on issues like the Northern Pass Transmission Line, the impacts of federal budget cuts, and fun developments like the latest “urban bird city” to be named in our region.

Go one step further at AMC’s Conservation Action Center and sign up to receive updates directly. Also, touch base with your Chapter Conservation Chair, who may have local conservation information on your Chapter website or access to other resources you can use, such as Leave No Trace cards and contacts with partner organizations hosting park, trail, or river clean-ups.
Mt. Monadnock (Mostly) Without the Crowds

By Paul Miller, Hiking Leader

On June 3rd, nine AMC hikers showed up at the main parking lot at Mt. Monadnock State Park in southern NH for what I had billed as a “Monadnock Without the Crowds” hike. It was actually “Monadnock With Fewer Crowds.” While we ran into few other hikers early on or later in the hike, there was no shortage of traffic on the middle (summit) portion.

This was not unexpected. The loop I put together for this hike started at the main parking area (already pretty much filled to capacity when we arrived at 8:45 am), but avoided the main trails to the summit by looping around on the rarely-trod Parker and Lost Farm Trails; returning to the trailhead via some other less-travelled trails. The summit area of this popular mountain is almost always crowded on a typical spring weekend.

We also encountered wide variability in the weather. The clear blue skies that held so much promise at the beginning of the hike gradually gave way to partly-cloudy skies, then fully-overcast skies, and finally to light drizzle as we got close to Monadnock’s atypically low tree line—a result of a past fire that burned the soil right off the summit area. Luckily, the rain didn’t last long and we didn’t hear any rumbles of thunder, which would have forced us to abort the hike for safety’s sake as we approached this very exposed summit.

From the Lost Farm Trail, we headed up to Bald Peak on the Cliff Walk Trail, where we encountered a rather large snake lazing around on one of the steeper scrambly parts of the trail. Initially, he paid us no heed as we tried to quietly step around him, but apparently we weren’t quiet enough, because he woke up and slowly slithered out of our path.

From Bald Peak, which we had all to ourselves, we followed the uncrowded Smith Connecting Trail to the always-popular White Cross Trail, where the ambience shifted dramatically. This brought us up to the typically windy and well-populated 3,165-foot-high summit of Grand Monadnock. After tagging the summit, we found a more-or-less protected spot below the US Geological Survey marker in which to rest and eat our lunches. While the precipitation had ended by that time, the still-overcast skies cut down on the usually expansive views…but no one seemed to mind.

After lunch and conversation, we began our return trip by following the exposed Pumpelly Trail a short distance down to the Red Spot Trail. By then the skies began to clear up. This allowed us to enjoy better views of the countryside and distant hills and peaks, including whale-shaped Mt. Wachusett and even a distant peek at the Boston Skyline.

From the Red Spot Trail, we followed the wonderful (and uncrowded) Cascade Link Trail back to the main White Dot Trail, which took us back down to our cars to wrap up this approximately 6-mile loop hike, which we completed in about 6.5 hours.
Volunteer of the Month: Janet DiMattia
Written by Cathy Giordano, Cape Hiking Vice Chair

Each month we recognize one of our amazing volunteers. We are so fortunate to have people give their time, energy, and resources to make our chapter one of the best! This month the Cape Hiking Committee recognizes Janet DiMattia for her numerous contributions.

Janet’s first AMC hike in 1985, near her home in Connecticut, was particularly memorable. Stormy wet weather forced the group of complete strangers to shelter in a small boulder-lined cave. For hours, they passed the time getting to know each other while sharing m&ms and wonderful conversation. Little did Janet know this experience would create long-lasting friendships and an immense love for nature and the outdoors. It also created an enduring relationship with AMC.

As a member of the Connecticut Chapter, Janet co-led major excursions in the Canadian Rockies and in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in California. She climbed to the summit of all the 4,000-footers in New Hampshire and 93 of the highest peaks in the northeast; hiked the Grand Canyon; and trekked hut-to-hut in Normandy. Janet has led August Camp hikes for at least 4 years. She moved to Cape Cod 16 years ago and became an active SEM leader and Cape Hiking Chair for 3 years. She continues to lead Cape hikes and mentors leaders and potential leaders seeking co-leading experience.

Did I mention that Janet is a LIFE MEMBER of AMC? Janet appreciates the people she has met and the lasting friendships she has formed through AMC and we appreciate everything she contributes to our organization. Thank you for all you do, JANET!

Janet will receive a Volunteer of the Month Certificate and a $50 gift card.

Red Liners at Quincy Quarries
Written by Bill Cannon, Conservation Chair
Photos by Bill Cannon

Here are a few photos taken during our Red Line hike May 18th in the Quincy Quarries. A very colorful hike, to say the least.

A great turnout considering it reached 100 degrees during the afternoon. The hike was 3.25 miles through the quarries and some historical areas that had examples of old rigging and cranes that were used to extract the granite from the earth. One interesting fact is the granite used to build the Bunker Hill Monument was taken from the Quincy Quarries.
AMC 20s & 30s Leadership Training and Stewardship Weekend

September 15-17, 2017 – AMC Cardigan Lodge, Alexandria, NH

Want to brush up on your outdoor leadership skills? Want to connect with other outdoor enthusiasts in their 20s & 30s? Take the first step to become a trip leader for your local AMC Chapter! AMC is hosting a Leadership Training designed for 20s & 30s and it is sure to be a great time. Participants will have a chance to network with other AMC Young Members (YM) from across the region and learn important leadership skills that will set them on the path to becoming trip leaders for local AMC Chapters.

AMC is also offering a 20s & 30s Trail Stewardship course at Cardigan Lodge that weekend. If you’re interested in learning trail work skills and networking with other 20s & 30s, this weekend is for you!

Registration will be open June 15, 2017 – August 31, 2017. To register, call AMC Reservations at 603-466-2727.

Questions? Email shatch@outdoors.org

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Hiking Key:

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Indicates distance in miles
AA .... 13+
A ...... 9-13
B ...... 5-8
C ...... less than 5

Indicates pace
1 ...... very fast
2 ...... fast
3 ...... moderate
4 ...... leisurely

Indicates terrain
A ...... very strenuous
B ...... strenuous
C ...... average
D ...... easy

Found in the description
L ...... Activity leader
CL .... Activity co-leader
FT ..... First Time
NM ... New Members
AN .... Advance Notice
C........ Conservation

BIKING

Sun., Jun. 11. Cycling Chatham’s Scenic Shoreline, Harwich, MA. We will be treated to picture postcard scenery in a beautiful seaside town with its scenic shoreline, restored homes & inns, museums & historic sites. Combination of CCRT bike path, main and secondary paved roads. Rolling hills. Lunch stop. 25 miles. 13-15 mph. Helmet, water, snack required. Rain cancels. L Barbara Gaughan (781-572-1321 before 9 p.m., barbaragaughan12@comcast.net, AMCSEM Level 1 bike/hike leader) CL Joe Tavilla (AMCSEM bike leader extraordinaire.)

Sun., Jul. 2. Cycling & Ice Cream in Westport & Dartmouth, Gooseberry Island, MA. Join us for a beautiful ride in Westport & Dartmouth, MA. We will pass farms, beaches, & conservation areas. We will have options for ice cream breaks along the way. The ride will be approximately 30-35 miles, with a 12-15 mph pace. Helmet & water required. Heavy rain will cancel. Please contact registrar for additional information. L Jeannine Audet (508-493-8221 Weeknights after 7:00 pm, weekends anytime, milmod@aol.com)

Tue., Jul. 11. Nantucket Island Day Bike Trip, Nantucket, MA. Take the Steamship Authority high speed ferry from Hyannis to Nantucket for a day long riding and sightseeing adventure. We will visit the quaint villages of Siasconset, the beaches of Surfside, and with time permitting Madaket beaches. Finish off the day with fun at the Cisco Brewery for entertainment, food and libations. Tuesday, July 11, 2017 Cost of ferry is $64.00 round trip including bike. Depart Hyannis at 8:15 AM, arrive in Nantucket 9:15AM Return trip, Depart Nantucket 6:15PM, arrive Hyannis, 7:15PM We must make reservations by June 26th !! Rain date, July 12th. Rain cancels. Maximum riders 15 Must be 21 years of age to attend. First come, first serve. Sign up early as we have 6 slots filled as of 4/15/17. Contact leader for additional details. Approx 40 miles Pace of 12-15 MPH Small rolling hills. L Bernie Meggison (617-930-4029 8:00-8:00, thosemeggisons@gmail.com, AMC/SEM Bike Chair)

Fri., Jul. 21. Private Tour of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Ride, Falmouth, MA. This ride is open to any current AMC members. Maximum number of riders is 12. Register early!! After riding the beautiful Shining Sea Bikeway in N. Falmouth to Woods Hole, we will have a private special tour of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. A retired scientist and longtime friend will conduct our private tour. Hopefully, we will see the famous deep diving Alvin submarine if it is in port. After the tour, we will have lunch at the WHOI cafeteria. Then head back to N.Falmouth. It’s a mid morning start. Plan on about 4 hours Distance about 20 miles Flat trail Average speed 12-15 MPH Have bike ready, tires pumped, ready to roll Helmets required. L Bernie Meggison (617-930-4029 8:00 AM-6:00 PM, thosemeggisons@gmail.com, AMCSEM Bike Chair)

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HIKING CAPE COD

Get your 100-mile patch! Contact hikingchair@amcsem.org.
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Sat., Jun. 10. Photo Hike, Sandy Neck Beach, Sandwich/Barnstable, Cape Cod, MA. A Photo Hike on The Marshside Trail that parallels Sandy Neck Beach. The trail travels along a great marsh, dunes, a winding sandy trail, passing older summer homes. Hopefully, we will see wildlife in action as well as different fauna. The trail is approx. 10 miles long round trip, but because this is a photo hike, we will decide on a turn-around time instead of distance. We will have an early morning start to try and capture activity. Bring your own photo equipment, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, and sunscreen. There will be a parking fee. L Ken Carson (508-833-8237 between 10 am-7pm, kcciil@comcast.net)

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Sat., Jun. 10. North-South Trail Stepping Stone Falls Hike, Exeter, RI. This beautiful 7.7 mile section of the North South Trail is a must see. A series of footpaths, abandoned and gravel roads are all within the Arcadia Wildlife Management Area and follows the banks of the Falls River. This offers great opportunities to view and photograph the beauty of a fast-flowing river in the wild. Along the way we will find signs of early commerce as well as old farms from the 19th and 20th century. We will be meeting at trail mile 26.45 on Arcadia Road, Exeter RI, then travel north by car to Hazard Rd in West Greenwich RI where we will start our hike. Hike description (B-3-C) with minimum elevation gain. Direction will be e-mailed upon registration. L Fred Wason (508-838-6049, fmwason@gmail.com)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Jun. 15. Red Line the Blue Hills - Hiking, Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA. (FT) (NM) Join us to hike all the trails in the Blue Hills or just enjoy a walk in the woods. Location, terrain and elevation will vary each week. Time is approximately 6-8 pm Thursday night. Register once then show-n-go when you can make it. Once you register, an email will be sent to you every week telling you where to meet. This is a great way to end your day, get outside and strengthen your hiking legs and socialize with a nice group of people. This is the 12th year of the Red Line series! L Joe Keogh (jpkeo24@gmail.com) L Paul Brookes (603-799-4399 After 7am and before 9pm, PaulBrookes1966@outlook.com, Living in Boston I enjoy hiking around Greater Boston and beyond. You may often find me in the Blue Hills with my dog Sunny.) L Michael Swartz (swartz@brandeis.edu), R Sue Svelnis (781-849-9299 before 9 pm, suevelopnis@gmail.com)

Sat., Jun. 17. Pine Barrens Path Hike, Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth, MA. The Pine Barrens Path is an 8 mile trail running down the east side of Myles Standish State Forest. It passes some typical pine barrens and other scenic areas in the park. This hike will be about 9 miles long because we will start from the park's East Entrance, which adds another mile. (Links below go to the park trails map.) The hike took four and a half hours when we did it last summer. Bring your lunch and plenty of water. Bug and sun protection are recommended. Meet at the parking lot right at the park's East Entrance off Long Pond Road in Plymouth. We will carpool to the start of the hike which is about a 10-minute drive away. L John Bescherer (508-742-7973, john.bescherer@gmail.com, John has been leading hikes in Myles Standish since 2010 for the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Jun. 22. Red Line the Blue Hills - Hiking, Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA. (FT) (NM) Join us to hike all the trails in the Blue Hills or just enjoy a walk in the woods. Location, terrain and elevation will vary each week. Time is approximately 6-8 pm Thursday night. Register once then show-n-go when you can make it. Once you register, an email will be sent to you every week telling you where to meet. This is a great way to end your day, get outside and strengthen your hiking legs and socialize with a nice group of people. This is the 12th year of the Red Line series! L Joe Keogh (jpkeo24@gmail.com) L Paul Brookes (603-799-4399 After 7am and before 9pm, PaulBrookes1966@outlook.com, Living in Boston I enjoy hiking around Greater Boston and beyond. You may often find me in the Blue Hills with my dog Sunny.) L Michael Swartz (swartz@brandeis.edu), R Sue Svelnis (781-849-9299 before 9 pm, suevelopnis@gmail.com)

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Sat., Jun. 24. Hike Mt. Osceola and East Osceola, White Mountains, NH. Mount Osceola (4340 ft) and its East peak (4156 ft) form the north-west wall of the Waterville Valley basin in the White Mountains. While the view from East Osceola has been described as “definitely - and exclusively- coniferous”, Mount Osceola offers one of the best summit views in the White Mountains with sweeping vistas of Pemigewasset Wilderness to the north. This is an out and back hike of approximately 8.5 miles that we will be covering at a moderate pace over mostly moderate terrain. The AMC Guide does classify this hike as moderate to strenuous. AMCSEM Hiking Key - B3B. Please contact Les at lhi2015@yahoo.com to register. L Barry Young (508-339-3089 Before 9 PM, Barry.young@comcast.net) CL Leszek Lechowicz (Lhi2015@yahoo.com) CL Christine Racine (Christineracine1@gmail.com), R Leszek Lechowicz (Lhi2015@yahoo.com)

(FT) (NM) Sun., Jun. 25. Hike Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA. Visit to Arnold Arboretum including two vistas - Bonsai Exibit and "Explorers Garden". A 4-5 mile hike at moderate pace. Bring water, sturdy footwear, sun screen, bug spray, snack or lunch. Meet at the visitor center (Hunnewell Building) located at 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, at 9:15 for a prompt 9:30 start. Plenty of on street parking along the Arborway; or walk to entrance from Forest Hills Orange Line T-stop. Rain cancels; leashed dogs OK. For directions see website at https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/visit/directions/. L Barry Young (508-339-3089 Before 9 PM, barry.young@comcast.net) CL Ken Cohen (K-Cohen@comcast.net)

Sun., Jun. 25. Family Hike #2: F. Gilbert Hills State Park, Foxboro, MA. Join us for a leisurely 2 to 3 mile hike in the less-traveled, but lovely & wooded F. Gilbert Hills State Park. This hike is suited for families with children ages 3 to 10 years. It is the second in our 3 hike series for families. We will explore and learn about the local wildlife, following trails & Leave No Trace principles. Wear sturdy shoes to hiking boots, & bring water & a snack. You may wish to stay after the hike to have a picnic lunch. Heavy rain will cancel the hike. L Jeannine Audet (508-493-8221 weeknights after 7:00 pm, weekends anytime, milmod@aol.com) CL Brian Duane (781-820-9985, bduane105@comcast.net)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Jun. 29. Red Line the Blue Hills - Hiking, Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA. (FT) (NM) Join us to hike all the trails in the Blue Hills or just enjoy a walk in the woods. Location, terrain and elevation will vary each week. Time is approximately 6-8 pm Thursday night. Register once then show-n-go when you can make it. Once you register, an email will be sent to you every week telling you where to meet. This is a great way to end your day, get outside and strengthen your hiking legs and socialize with a nice group of people. This is the 12th year of the Red Line series! L Joe Keogh (jpkeo24@gmail.com) L Paul Brookes (603-799-4399 After 7am and before 9pm, PaulBrookes1966@outlook.com), Living in Boston I enjoy hiking around Greater Boston and beyond. You may often find me in the Blue Hills with my dog Sunny.) L Michael Swartz (swartz@brandeis.edu), R Sue Svelnis (781-849-9299 before 9 pm, suesvelnis@gmail.com)

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Sat., Jul. 8-10. Joe Dodge Lodge and Madison Hut Overnight, Mt. Madison, White Mountains, NH. On Saturday afternoon, prior to our group dinner at Joe Dodge Lodge, we'll take a short hike up to a scenic spot in Pinkham Notch to get to know each other and shake out any gear issues. After breakfast at JDL on Sunday, we'll carpool over to the Appalachian trailhead and hike up to the new Madison Spring Hut via either the Valley Way or Airline Trails (depending on the weather) and then summit Mt. Madison (5,367 ft.) in the afternoon to (hopefully) take in the amazing panoramic views before enjoying our Croo-served dinner in the hut. After breakfast at the hut on Monday, we may also have an opportunity to climb nearby Mt. John Quincy Adams before hiking back down to the trailhead. This is a great opportunity for strong hikers who may not have had an opportunity to spend much time above tree line to experience the beauty and drama of the Alpine Zone in the Northern Presidential. Trip is limited to 10 people, including leaders. L Paul Miller (508-369-4151 before 9:00 pm, paulallenmiller@verizon.net, Paul Miller is an experienced four-season hike leader and former Hiking Chair for the Southeast Mass. Chapter) L Michael Swartz (swartz@brandeis.edu, Michael is an experienced hiking leader for both the Boston and Southeast Mass. Chapters), R Paul Miller (169 S. Washington St., N. Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-369-4151 before 9:00 pm, paulallenmiller@verizon.net)

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Sat., Jul. 22. 52 with a View - Mts. Crawford, Resolution and Stairs Mtn., Davis Path Trailhead, Crawford Notch, NH. Are you interested in hiking where there are magnificent views instead of in the trees? Are you working on the 52 with a View list? If so, then this hike is for you. Join us for a long, but rewarding day hiking the Davis Path to Mt. Crawford (31

Sun., Jul. 23. 52 with a View - Mt. Parker, River St., White Mountains, Bartlett, NH. Are you interested in hiking where there are magnificent views instead of in the trees? Are you working on the 52 with a View list? If, so, then this hike is for you. We will be passing Cave Mtn. as we make our way up along the moderate trail with switchbacks to the open summit of Mt. Parker (3004 ft.) where there are excellent views, especially north up the Rocky Branch valley to Mt. Washington. Distance is 7.8 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2886 ft. This hike can be combined with Saturday's hike (7/22) to three other 52 with a View peaks (register separately for each hike). L Leslie Carson (508-833-8237 Before 9 pm, ltc929@comcast.net, Leslie is a 4-season SEM hike leader who also leads for AMC’s August Camp and Adventure Travel.) L Ken Carson (kccii@comcast.net)

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Sun., Jul. 23. Family Hike #3: Blue Hills Reservation, Milton MA. Join us for a 2 to 3 mile hike along the trails near the Trailside Museum. This hike is appropriate for families with children ages 3 to 10 years. Our pace will allow time to explore and talk about what we see. We will learn about following trail markers, the plants & wildlife, & Leave No Trace principles. Bring water and a snack, & wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. You may wish to bring a lunch to enjoy after the hike. Heavy rain will cancel. L Jeaninne Audet (508-493-8221 Weeknights after 7:00 pm, weekends anytime, milmod@aol.com)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Jul. 27. Red Line the Blue Hills - Hiking, Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA. (FT) (NM) Join us to hike all the trails in the Blue Hills or just enjoy a walk in the woods. Location, terrain and elevation will vary each week. Time is approximately 6-8 pm Thursday night. Register once then show-n-go when you can make it. Once you register, an email will be sent to you every week telling you where to meet. This is a great way to end your day, get outside and strengthen your hiking legs and socialize with a nice group of people. This is the 12th year of the Red Line series! L Joe Keogh (jpkeo24@gmail.com) L Paul Brookes (603-799-4399 After 7am and before 9pm, PaulBrookes1966@outlook.com, Living in Boston I enjoy hiking around Greater Boston and beyond. You may often find me in the Blue Hills with my dog Sunny.) L Michael Swartz (swartz@brandeis.edu), R Sue Svelnis (781-849-9299 before 9 pm, suesvelnis@gmail.com)

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Sat., Aug. 19. Hike to remote Mt. Isolation, New Hampshire, White Mountains, NH. Day hike remote Mt. Isolation (el. 4003 ft.) in the Dry River Wilderness of the Presidential Range. Isolation's open summit offers magnificent views in most directions. We will car spot to hike in on the Glen Boulder Trail and out on the Rocky Branch Trail. This is a strenuous hike covering 13.3 miles with elevation change of 3300 feet in 9-10 hours and includes several water crossings. For experienced WMNF hikers only. L Len Ulbricht (lenu44@gmail.com) CL Eva Borsody Das (borsody@gmail.com), R Len Ulbricht (lenu44@gmail.com)

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Sat., Jun. 10. Swan Pond and River, Dennis, MA. From the launch on Swan Pond paddle down river to mouth on Nantucket Sound. Lunch on beach. Venture into Sound if not too choppy. Return on river and circumnavigate pond for about 7-8 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with leader for directions to put-in. L Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com) CL Paul Corriveau

Wed., Jun. 14. Paddle Cotuit Bay, Cape Cod, Cotuit, MA. Rt. 6 to S on Rt. 149, R on 28 to L on Putnam St to Town Landing. Unload and Park back up on Putnam. PFD and spray skirt required. Paddle Three Bays and lunch on Dead Neck. Possible trip out into Nantucket Sound. L Bill Fischer (508-420-4137 before 9 pm, wmbabaralischer@comcast.net)

Sat., Jun. 17. Paddle Indian Ponds, Marstons Mills, MA. Paddle around the perimeter of both lakes - about six miles. Call the leader for put in directions. L Louise Foster (508-420-7245, janelouise@comcast.net)

Wed., Jun. 21. Nauset Marsh from Mill Pond, Orleans, MA. Paddle from beautiful put-in on Mill Pond to Nauset Beach. Lunch on beach. Walk to ocean and to see cut. Circle Tern and head towards town cove and return to put-in. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with co-leader for directions to put-in. L Paul Corriveau (paulcorri@gmail.com) CL Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com)

Sat., Jun. 24. Paddle Oyster River and Stage Harbor, Chatham, MA. Explore Oyster River and Stage Harbor in Chatham. PFD required and spray skirt may be required based on weather conditions. L George Wey (781-789-8005 before 9 pm, geowey16@gmail.com) CL Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com), R Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com)

Wed., Jun. 28. Mashpee Wakeby Ponds, Sandwich, Mashpee, MA. Paddle 2 fresh water ponds. Lunch at end of Wakeby Pond and return to put-in for about 7 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with leader for directions to put-in. L Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com) CL Paul Corriveau

Sat., Jul. 1. Lewis Bay, Hyannis, MA. Paddle Lewis Bay, explore Uncle Robert’s Cove, have lunch on Egg Island, and perhaps journey into Hyannis Inner Harbor and mix it up with the big boys. L Ed Foster (er fost er @comcast.net)

Wed., Jul. 5. Bass River South, Dennis, Brewster, MA. From launch paddle ‘fingers’ and bays to mouth of Bass River on Nantucket Sound. Lunch on West Dennis beach. Venture into Sound if not too choppy. Return and paddle Grand Cove for 8-9 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with co-leader for directions to put-in. L Paul Corriveau (paulcorri@gmail.com) CL Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com) CL Jean Orser, R Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com)

Sat., Jul. 8. Paddle Jackknife Cove and Pleasant Bay, Orleans / Chatham, MA. Explore Jackknife Cove and Pleasant Bay and possibly the Muddy River, as time permits. PFD and spray skirt required. L George Wey (781-789-8005 before 9:00PM, geowey16@gmail.com) CL Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com), R Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com)

Wed., Jul. 12. Mill Walker Ponds, Brewster, MA. Paddle 3 fresh water kettle ponds and narrows. See Stoney Brook Grist Mill (1873) and herring run. Lunch at Slough Road picnic area. Return to put-in for about 7 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with co-leader for directions to put-in. L Paul Corriveau (paulcorri@gmail.com) CL Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com)

Wed., Jul. 19. Paddle Meetinghouse Pond and Little Pleasant Bay, Orleans, MA. Explore Meeting House Pond, Areys Pond and Little Pleasant Bay. PFD required and spray skirt may be required depending on weather conditions. L George Wey (781-789-8005 before 9:00 PM, geowey16@gmail.com) CL Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com), R Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com)

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Sat., Jul. 22. Herring River North, West Harwich, MA. Paddle upstream to Coy Brook to end and to East Reservoir and back to Herring River for lunch at North Road Bridge. Afterwards paddle to West Reservoir and to see herring run and return to put-in for 8-9 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear PFD and bring spray skirt in case of wind. Please register with leader for directions to put-in. L Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com) CL Paul Corriveau


Sat., Jul. 29. Shoestring Bay, Cotuit, MA. Starting in Shoestring Bay; depending on conditions, there are a menu of options. Plan on 8 miles. Contact leader for put in information. L Louise Foster (508-420-72 Anytime, janelouise@comcast.net)

Wed., Aug. 2. Follins & Mill Ponds, Dennis, Brewster, MA. Paddle upstream to Coy Brook to end and to East Reservoir and to Herring River for lunch at North Road Bridge. Afterwards paddle to West Reservoir to see herring run and return to put-in for a 8-9 mile paddle. Bring lunch and water. Wear a PFD and bring a sprayskirt in case of wind. Please register with the co-leader for directions to the put-in. L Paul Corriveau (paulcorri@gmail.com) CL Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com), R Jean Orser (jeanorser@gmail.com)

Wed., Aug. 9. Paddle Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, MA. Explore coves and inlets of Wellfleet Harbor. PFD required. Spray skirt may be required depending on weather conditions. L George Wey (781-789-8005 before 9:00 PM, geowey16@gmail.com) CL Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com), R Deborah Hayden (508-548-8726 before 9:00 PM, shaferhayden@gmail.com)

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