

MAINTAINING AND PROTECTING THE LONG TRAIL SINCE 1910



THE LONG TRAIL Running the length of the state of Vermont, the 272-mile Long Trail is the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the country. Following the main ridge of the Green Mountains, the footpath crosses Vermont's highest peaks and was an inspiration for the Appalachian Trail (the two trails coincide for the southernmost 100 miles of the Long Trail). The Long Trail System, which consists of the Long Trail and 175 miles of side trails, is the most extensive hiking network in the state, and it includes shelters and tent sites—no more than a day's hike apart—providing primitive accommodations for overnight visitors. The Green Mountain Club maintains the Long Trail in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation; U.S. Forest Service; National Park Service; Appalachian Trail Conference; the state of Vermont; and private landowners.

VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of the Green Mountain Club and the Long Trail. Every year, more than 800 dedicated volunteers repair and build trails and shelters, lead outings and workshops, and work on club committees.

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HISTORY The Green Mountain Club was founded in 1910 with the mission of “making the Vermont mountains play a larger part in the life of the people.” Prior to 1910, early GMC member Louis J. Paris stated that the Green Mountains were “unopened territory known only to the lumberman and the hunter.” Around that same time, schoolteacher James P. Taylor was dreaming of a trail linking the summits of the Green Mountains that would run from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border. In 1931, the long-awaited trail was completed. During a celebration, Taylor noted the extraordinary growth of the club from twenty-three founders to 1,500 members in two decades. That night, club president Mortimer Proctor lit a single flare and up and down the spine of the Green Mountain chain, fourteen flares on mountaintops were touched off, a spectacle seen as far away as Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire.

TODAY Though the Green Mountain Club has evolved into a professionally staffed, 9,000-member nonprofit organization, much remains unchanged. The club is still governed by a volunteer board of directors and remains committed to maintaining and protecting the Long Trail and advocating for hiking opportunities throughout Vermont.

PROTECTION Perhaps the largest endeavor for the Green Mountain Club in recent years has been protecting the Long Trail for future generations. Though much of the southern 200 miles were protected early on through acquisitions for the Green Mountain National Forest and the Appalachian Trail, in the early 1980s, the club learned that nearly 30 miles of the Long Trail in northern Vermont were on private land that could be put on the market, threatening the future integrity of the trail. The Long Trail Protection Campaign was launched in 1986 with the ambitious plan of acquiring land or easements wherever the trail crossed privately owned property. Nearly twenty years later, the campaign has successfully protected more than 58 miles of the Long Trail, 14 miles of side trails, and 23,500 acres of backcountry land.

FUTURE STEWARDS The club offers year-round workshops on outdoor travel, wilderness medicine, Leave No Trace practices, natural history, and leadership skills. The education program aims to promote safe travel in the backcountry, an appreciation for Vermont's mountains, and a desire to protect them for all time.

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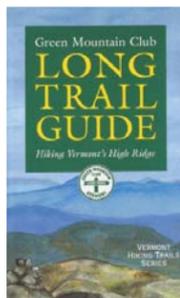
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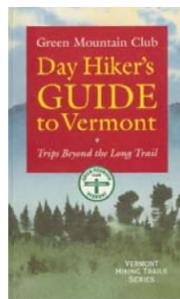
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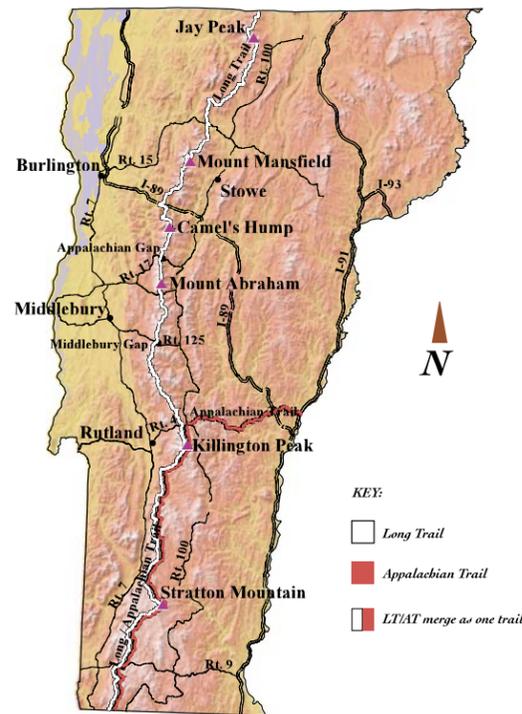
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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- The gift of the Green Mountains—an opportunity to support an organization that works to conserve and protect natural resources and hiking opportunities throughout Vermont.
- Cleared trails, sturdy shelters, and a friendly place to get hiking advice or find out the latest trail conditions.
- An invitation to join a community of dedicated volunteers—either on the trail or at headquarters.
- A subscription to the club's quarterly newsletter, the *Long Trail News*, which includes articles on Long Trail history and land protection, interviews, book reviews, and a complete calendar of upcoming events and education programs.
- A 10 percent discount on guidebooks, maps, T-shirts, and more at the Green Mountain Club online store or at the Marvin B. Gameroff Hiker Center at club headquarters on Route 100 in Waterbury Center.
- Member rates at club-sponsored workshops, events, and evening presentations.
- Access to learning opportunities, and a year-round schedule of recreational activities, including hiking, biking, paddling, and cross-country skiing.
- Discounts at participating inns, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, ski touring centers, outdoor gear retailers, and ski areas.

Beginning in 1910, the founders of the Green Mountain Club blazed and cut the Long Trail along the spine of the Green Mountains from Massachusetts to Canada, opening a world of backcountry exploration to the people and visitors of Vermont. Today, the GMC and its 9,000 members work to protect hiking trails and backcountry lands for all people for all time. Join us!



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