

Sept 2017 hiking

Sep. 10 — E. Granby/Bloomfield—Cowles Park. Jeanne Delehanty, 860-748-5858. Meet at Cowles Park, East Granby, CT, at 12:30. The park is located along Rt 187 just north of its junction with Rt 189. This hike is rated moderate. After hike party in Windsor, hosted by Jeanne. Main dish provided. BYOB, chair and something to share.

Sep. 17 — Lobster Fest. No hike scheduled.

Sep. 24 — Hamden—Sleeping Giant. Hike + Picnic @ Tom & Flo Knudsen's (203- 281-6769). Meet at Sleeping Giant St. Park at 12:30 pm. Take I- 91 to exit 10; follow this connector to the end. Go north on Rte 10 for 1.8 mi to Mt Carmel Ave. Take a right on Mt. Carmel Ave. Park entrance is on the left a short distance from route 10. You can also take I-84 to exit 27 (Rte I-691 E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take route 10 South exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Ave. to park entrance on left. Park on road to avoid parking fee! There will be at least three hikes available (easy, moderate, difficult). For after the hike, BYOB and something to share.

Oct. 1 – Kensington — Ragged Mountain. Rick Sullivan, 860-324-4952. Meet at the trailhead at 12:30 pm. Take I-84 to rte 9 south to route 72. Take rte 72 to exit 7 (Corbin Ave /route 372). Take rte 372 east 1.6 miles to route 71A south. Follow 71A 1.2 miles to West Lane on right, go 1.6 miles (past stop sign) to parking on right. Google maps recognizes Ragged Mt trailhead, 437 West Lane, Kensington, CT. This hike is rated moderate to difficult in the steep sections. One of the best hikes in CT for views! Rehydration location TBD.

Oct 8 — Hike Weekend in VT.

Oct 15 — Steep Rock Preserve—Washington, CT, Joan Albert (860-418-9142). This hike is rated moderate. Meet at the parking lot across from Target on New Britain Ave near the Stanley Golf Course at 10:00 am or the school on Memorial Blvd in Bristol at 10:30 am. We will carpool from these locations to arrive at Steep Rock Preserve between 11 and 11:20 am. For those meeting us there, Google maps will recognize Steep Rock Preserve. Please be aware this area has limited if any cell service. There will be two trails to hike, one easy and one moderate. Rehydration will be at the GW Tavern, an historic old inn, close by.

Oct 22 — Southington — Crescent Pond. Hike Leader Rick Sullivan, 860-324-4952. Host Pat Revoir, 860-793-1824, cell 860-681-2957, meet at 12:30 pm. From Hartford take I-84 West, take exit 33 (Rte 72 West-Bristol) for 0.4 mile. Take exit 2 off of Rte 72, onto Rte 372/New Britain Ave. toward Plainville, take right at end of ramp onto 372E/New Britain Ave. Go 0.5 mile & turn right on Crooked St. Go 0.4 mile & turn right on Woodford Ave. Take your first left onto Ledge Rd. (Rogers Orchard). Drive 1.6 miles to Crescent Lake on your left. From Waterbury take I-84 East, take exit 34 (Crooked St./CT 372). Take right off of ramp onto Crooked St. Take right on Woodford Ave. Take your first left onto Ledge Rd. (Rogers Orchard). Drive 1.6 miles to Crescent Pond on your left. For after the hike, a grill will be available. BYOB, burgers/dogs/etc., chair and something to share.

Oct 29—Thomaston—Thomaston Dam. Lorie Bernard & Keith Benson. Meet at Noon at Lorie & Keith's home, 70 Marsh Rd, Litchfield. Note earlier start time due to earlier sunset. From the intersection of route 8 and route 118 take route 118 west to left on Clarke Rd. to right on east Litchfield Rd. to left on Buell Rd. to left on Marsh Rd. to #70 on right. If you are coming via route 8 north your GPS will guide you there by a shorter route. We will carpool to the trailhead from there as there is limited parking. Cookout after at Lorie & Keith's. Please BYOB, a side to share, and a chair. Keith & Lorie will provide hot dogs, hamburgs, and soft drinks. Note earlier start time due to earlier sunset.