

Spring Hiking 2011

May 1— BLACKLEDGE FALLS, Glastonbury MEET AT 1:00 PM NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

This is an easy, gentle hike to a pretty waterfall. Longer and shorter loops available.

Route 2 East to Exit 8 Hebron Avenue. Take a left an end of exit onto Hebron Avenue and go about 10 miles. Blackledge Falls will be on your left (if you see the Hebron Town Line sign, you have gone too far).

Route 2 West to Exit 10. Take a right at end of exit ramp onto Manchester Road. Follow Manchester Road (about 3-4 miles) to the intersection with Hebron Avenue. Take a right at that stop light and go about 6 miles or so on Hebron Avenue. Black Ledge Falls will be on your left (if you see the Hebron Town Line sign, you have gone too far). Jeanne Delehanty 860-748-5858

May 7(Saturday)—CT Breast Health Initiative's Race in the Park, Walnut Hill Park, New Britain. Join the MT Laurel team at this charity event. **10 am.** Sign up deadline is Ap 18th. **Pick up your T-shirt and race bib Friday May 6 at 5pm at J. Timothy's in Plainville.** Otherwise see Cindy or Rick at the race.

Join team MTL Skiers on to support Breast Cancer research. Log into www.ctraceinthepark.org and then go to our team site - MTL Skiers to register. Cost is \$26 for adults but pledges from yourself, family and friends can also be added. It appears that the walk is shorter this year, only 2 miles, so we hope more can join our team this year. There are also options for 5 K runs for men and women which start at different times. Cindy Kelly 860-805-1612, and Rick Sullivan 860-324-4952.

May 22-Peak Mountain-E. Granby. Michael Korby 860-214-7531. Meet at the trailhead at 12:30 pm. From I-91 take airport exit. Continue on airport access highway to exit for route 20 west and continue to the intersection of route 20 and 187. Go straight on route 20 for another .6 or .7 mi to Newgate Rd on right. Park on the right side of Newgate Rd. Hike is rated moderate...it begins with a steep section then becomes easy as the trail stays on top of the ridge the rest of the way. The views to the west are spectacular. After the hike there will be a cookout at Mike's home, 947 Newgate Rd., West Suffield. He's providing the hot dogs & hamburgers...BYOB, chairs, and a side or dessert to share.

May 29—No Hike Scheduled. Memorial Weekend.

June 5—Manchester—Case Mountain—Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952). Take I-384 east to exit 4. Left at end of ramp onto Willys St. turn rt onto route 534 (Highland Ave). Go under highway to right turn onto Birch Mtn Rd. then a quick right turn into Case Pond Parking area. From I-384 west take exit 4. Turn right at end of ramp onto Highland Ave and follow the previous directions. This is an easy 5.2 mile hike with gentle ups and downs and a great lookout point.

June 12-- Mt Higby- Middletown - cookout afterwards at the home of George and Ellen Ornato, 270 Higby Road. 860.344.8599 **12:30:** Meet and park at Tynan Park in Middletown. We will carpool from there to the trailhead off Rte 66. We will hike from there back to Tynan Park. The hike is rated moderate with a steep section to start. The Ornatos will host a cookout in their backyard immediately following the hike. BYOB and something to barbecue. Bring bathing suits for pool/hot tub. Their house is across the street from Tynan Park. Directions: From 91 North or South take Exit 20, Country Club Road From South. Take a right at the end of the exit onto Country Club Road. From North. Take a left off of the exit onto Middle Street. Go 100 ft to stop and turn left onto Country Club Road. Follow Country Club Road one mile and turn right onto Higby Road. There's a red barn on the corner. Proceed ½ mile and Tynan park is on the right, just before the stop sign. The Ornatos' home is just before Tynan Park on the left, #270. If you have food to store in the fridge or coolers to drop off, please arrive no later than 12:00 noon.

June 19—Mt Monadnock- Jaffrey, NH. Rick Sullivan (860-675-3403 home, (860-324-4952 cell) **Meet at D.O.T. commuter parking lot at I-91Exit 36 at 9am.** We'll carpool, convoy from there approximately 2.5 hours to Mt Monadnock State Park. We will split into two groups going up; one going up the very challenging Spellman trail, the other going up the easier but still strenuous Red Spot trail. These trails both meet the Pumpelly trail before the summit. For more info check the website http://www.gcc.mass.edu/brink/Travel/mt_monad/monadtr.html. Please note, these hikes are both rated difficult. They require a 1700 foot climb over 2 miles one way.