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HIKING/BIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING NOVEMBER HIKES

DATE	TRAIL	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
November 2	Forest Bathing	
November 4	Bear Brook – Catamount Hill	Adventure+
November 7	Dimond Hill Farm (Map 22)	Saturday
November 14	Nashua River Trail	Bike
November 18	Doe Farm and Adams Point – With Lunch Served in Between	Adventure+
November 21	Spear's Park Blue Trail	Saturday

OCTOBER HIKE RECAPS

Head's Pond

Combining history and generous community support from Hooksett Kiwanis and Boy Scout Troop 292, this shady well-groomed horizontal trail took us 1 ½ miles (3 miles round trip) past three ponds with



informational signage along the way. These spring-fed ponds were once Hooksett's water supply and the final Moody Pond is the reward for the hike with large rock formations and fall foliage all around. The most famous attraction is the Painted Rock depicting scenes of significant people and activities of the Hooksett area. For those who couldn't participate, go to YouTube: "Walking Along the Heads Pond Trail." – Shirley Lamarre

Marjorie Swope

On October 7, eight members of the HHH hiking club enjoyed a lovely fall day's hike at the Marjorie Swope trail system. There was frost on the windshield in the morning but no bugs on the trail! We know to watch



out for ticks even after a frost but there is little

undergrowth on the heavily traveled trails. We chose a route that went up over Jerry Hill and included both lookouts. One overlooks Penacook Lake and the other includes Crotched Mountain and Pat's Peak with Monadnock off in the distance. – Ginny Clifford
On Sat Oct 10, fourteen of us took a quick drive to

Broken Ground

the nearby Broken Ground Trails. The weather was sunny, cool and perfect for a walk in the woods. The trail may be familiar but each season brings changes.



We saw a new beaver lodge and the

remains of 2 previous lodgings. The fall leaf colors were on display. It was a beautiful way to start a holiday weekend. – Joyce Pope

Enfield to Lebanon Bike Hike

On a cloudy cool October 14th, 9 HHH bikers (including 3 e-bikers) went hunting scarecrows, while



peddling 13 miles of the Northern Rail Trail between Lebanon and Enfield. Every autumn the Enfield Village Association coordinates the community-wide project, which stages over 100 creative scarecrows around the town and along the rail trail – and lucky



for us, this year was no different. It had rained hard for most of the previous day, but except for a few puddles and muddy areas, the riding was quite do-able on the hard packed surface. About 10 scarecrows enhanced the scenery and the colorful fall leaf display, especially along Mascoma Lake. We cooled off in some drizzle at the end, but all came back safely and said they enjoyed the ride. - Jane Heigis

Merrimack Greenway Trail

On a sunny, but surprisingly brisk (i.e. cold) October 17, a large group of HHH walkers enjoyed an “All Persons Hike” on the Merrimack Greenway Trail between the sunflower fields and the Merrimack River. The paved surface provided a stable base for those of us who have difficulty walking on the uneven ground encountered on many hikes. One notable sight was a red-tail hawk that took advantage of the windy day to hover apparently motionless above the field as it scanned for prey.

Thanks to Jane Strabizky for being the photographer for the event. – Hal Carter

Oak Hill Vista Point

Jeanie Holt was host to 17 Hiking Club members who gathered at her son’s house to hike up the “backside” of Oak Hill. The hike was about 3.2 miles long and climbed over 300 feet. But the view from the top rewarded our effort with a view of the valley and a stunning landscape “where trees were ablaze with vibrant red and golden leaves, creating a stunning tapestry of color against the crisp blue sky.” (I got that phrase from the internet but think it describes our view perfectly.) Many of us enjoyed sitting on the screened porch of the house to eat our bag lunches while Dennis Holt described the features of the house making it self-sufficient off the grid, followed by a tour of the very impressive solar energy system they are using for electricity. It was a marvelous and memorable day. – Hal Carter



Unfortunately, a two-page hard-copy Newsletter doesn’t have room for all of the photographs that are taken on our outings and that show the full extent of our adventures. The electronic version of the Newsletter has more of the photos. If you don’t currently receive the electronic version by email and would like to get it, let Hal Carter (hcarter6@gmail.com) know.



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