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New Look for Outdoors.org

Get on your computers and see the new look for the www.outdoors.org website. The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) announced the launch of its redesigned Outdoors.org website, the one-stop guide to the Northeast outdoors. Significant new features include "one-click" activity search for thousands of AMC activities, guided programs, and volunteer opportunities. The AMC's most popular content is also updated continually, allowing visitors to quickly find current trail conditions at the AMC's New Hampshire and Maine destinations, the latest AMC blog posts, and recent AMC news on outdoor recreation and conservation. "One-click" lodging search also makes it easy to check availability at AMC lodges and huts.

2010 AMC Fall Gathering Fri-Sun., Oct. 15-17

The AMC Fall Gathering is hosted by the **Worcester Chapter**, and will be held on October 15-17 at the Prindle Pond Conference Center Hilltop, Charlton, MA. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, paddling, rock climbing or just like to socialize with other AMC members (or non-members), October is a great time to explore central Massachusetts. Plus family-oriented activities will be offered, so bring your children and grandchildren! Top it all off with lively Saturday evening entertainment and bonfire. This will be an event you won't want to miss! For more information, check out their website at www.amcFallGathering2010.com

Reel Rock Film Tour 2010 Oct. 20, 7-9 pm

The Appalachian Mountain Club Narragansett Chapter, and REI Cranston, are co-sponsoring bringing the REEL ROCK Film Tour to Rhode Island. It will be held at the Cable Car Cinema on South Main Street in Providence from 7-9 pm on Wednesday October 20th. Admission is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at REI until Monday October 18 and then only at the door. It is expected to sell-out quickly and there will be only one showing. More information on our website.

Chapter Weekend at the Cardigan Lodge

Fri-Sun., Oct 22-24

An opportunity for our Chapter members to spend a Fall weekend in the north. Built by the AMC as one of New Hampshire's first ski

lodges and newly renovated in 2005, Cardigan Lodge is set on a 1,200-acre reservation owned and managed by the AMC. We plan to have hiking, biking and paddling. There is a small wading pond, and family-friendly programs will be offered. **More information to be listed soon.**

Chapter Annual Meeting November 13, 2010

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Save the Bay campus in Providence (see registration form). Below is the slate of candidates for the Chapter's 2010/2011 Executive Committee. You will notice there are several open positions. If you are interested in volunteering for any one of these positions, please contact Tom Eagan, Chapter Chair.

Chapter Chair: Bonnie England
Vice Chair: Debbie Mitchell
Secretary: Jeannine Peterson
Treasurer: Tom Eagan
Membership Chair: Robin Kuznitz
Communications Chair: open
Activities Chair: Chris Shafer
Leadership Chair: open
Conservation Chair: Linda Pease
Trails Chairs: Elise Del Barone
Past Chair: Tom Eagan
Gazette Editor: open (non-executive position)

The program will consist of a short business meeting, a great catered dinner, and a presentation by **Erika Bloom of Mt. Kilimanjaro and her Tanzania Safari**. Register and attend this yearly event. A good time to catch up with fellow AMC members on what they have been doing this summer. We had a good attendance last year and hope that even more of the membership will attend this year. Spouses are most welcome.

Activities

Sat., Oct. 2. Fort Hill Farms and Corn Maze, Thompson, CT. Fun and educational experience where participants receive a game sheet and learn a conservation theme as they make their way through the maze. The farm also has picking patches and naturally raised cows. After completing the maze, enjoy their organic ice cream. Families and all others welcome! L Kristin Caproni (952-8698, kristincaproni1@gmail.com), L Jack Schempp (331-4553, jschempp1@live.com)

Sat., Oct. 2. Mount Welsh and Mount Dickey Hike. Foliage season, hopefully. Moderately-paced 4.4-mile hike with time for chocolate on the ledges. Carpool from RI with food afterward. L Steve Harrison (401-270-3363 7:00pm - 9:00pm, hikersteve@cox.net), CL Mike Martin, reg/w Steve Harrison (401-270-3363 7:00pm - 9:00pm, hikersteve@cox.net)

Sun., Oct. 3. West Warwick/Coventry Bike Ride. Intermediate rider pace for 35 miles, 13mph average. Rolling hills with two main road crossings. Start out on completed Washington County bike path through West Warwick into Coventry, East Greenwich, and back to Warwick. L Nancy Baker (401-737-3052 after 5:00pm, nancy_baker@brown.edu), CL Dick Schaffner (401-7816310 after 5:00pm)

Sun., Oct. 3. Riverbend Farm/Lookout Rock, Uxbridge, MA. Meet at McDonalds at Lincoln Mall, 9:00am. Route 146N to Route 116W to the mall. 4-5 mile easy to moderate hike on Blackstone Canal Path to Lookout Rock. Great for new members. Bring water, snacks, and hiking shoes. L Matt Putnam (401-862-2861 before 9:00pm)

Wed., Oct. 6. Hike and Social. 6:00pm. Meet at the Towers Courtyard. Bring flashlights. L Sue Boland (401-556-3926, sboland2@cox.net)

Sat., Oct. 9-10. Rock Climbing, Gunks - NY. Climbers comfortable on 5.4 routes or better. Lodging is up to you. Dinner at an aprÃ's restaurant. Contact the L to register and get specific trip information. May limit participation due to L to second ratio. L Dave Curry (401-739-2604, dmc Curry13@yahoo.com), CL Bill Baxter (mitziEKramer@yahoo.com)

Sat., Oct. 9. Tillinghast Pond Management Hike (TPMA). Meet at 9:00am for a 5-6 mile hike to learn and explore this new pristine area with historical and geographical facts of the TPMA provided by preserve volunteer and hike CL Mike Parker. Ideal area to view the Fall tapestry of colors. Easy hike, ideal for new members. Rain will cancel the walk. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331 7:00-9:00pm, momearley@netzero.com), CL Mike Parker (Mike.parker@cox.net)

Sun., Oct. 10. Trustom National Wildlife Refuge Hike. Start at 9:30am. 2-3 miles. Summer merges with fall in this refuge of

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ponds for wildlife with views of Moonstone
Beach and a side trip. To be enjoyed by
families and everyone else. L Adele Holcombe
(401-284-3061)

**Wed., Oct. 13. Hike and Social, Scarborough
Beach and Black Point.** Meet at 6:00pm,
Aram's. Call for directions. Bring flashlights. L
Aram Deradoorian (401-789-7811)

**Sat., Oct. 16. Mount Holyoke and Seven
Sisters Hike.** Annual trip to see views and eat
at Atkins Farm and Apollo Pizza (we are an
eating club). 7.4 miles at a moderate pace.
Carpool from RI. L Steve Harrison (401-270-
3363 7:00pm - 9:00pm, hikersteve@cox.net),
CL Mike Martin, reg/w Steve Harrison (401-
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hikersteve@cox.net)

**Sun., Oct. 17. Foliage Conservation Walk,
Swan Point Cemetery.** Swan Point will have
remarkable varieties of trees and shrubs in
autumn colors. Patty D'Ambra, noted expert
and master gardener, explains unique
characteristics, answers questions and will tell
a story or two as you enjoy this morning stroll.
L Patty D'Ambra (401-949-3374)

Sun., Oct. 17. Coastal Appreciation Paddle.
George B. Salter Memorial Grove, Warwick,
north to the Save the Bay office or further if
weather is good. Salute to the bay will be made
with ginger ale in recyclable stemware. This is
a laid-back paddle; boats 12 feet or longer will
be welcome. Dress for the water temperatures,
wetsuits best. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234,
linda.pease@cox.net), L Barbara Flagg
(bakayaker51@verizon.net)

Wed., Oct. 20. Hike and Social, Wickford.
Meet at the parking lot across from old Ryan's
market in the center of Wickford, 6:00pm.
Bring flashlights. L Dick Sullivan (401-338-
2880)

**Sat., Oct. 23. Fall Foliage Paddle on the
Pawtuxet River.** Escape civilization on
Pawtuxet River. From Pontiac Mills to Rhodes
on the Pawtuxet. Ice cream or coffee/soup
afterward. L Bill Rush (401-941-4983,
whr0316@msn.com), L Linda Pease (401-351-
2234), reg/w Bill Rush

Sun., Oct. 24. Lincoln Woods hike. Start at
10:00am for 6-7 miles of moderate hiking
through some park trails, then crossing over to
do more in Chase and Butterfly Farm. Foliage
at this time should be beautiful from many
view points. Call for meeting place. L Dick
Sullivan (401-338-2880), CL Kris Caproni
(401-952-8698)

Sun., Oct. 24. Fall Hike Great Swamp. Start
at 9:30am. Nature is preparing its departure
from this wildlife refuge. Join us for the sights
and sounds of Fall. L Adele Holcombe (401-
284-3061), CL Jill Keating (401-862-6159,
annjillian@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 27. Hike and Social, Jamestown.
Meet at 6:00pm, Jamestown Town Dock. Bring
flashlights. L Bob Richardson (401-225-4003)

**Wed., Nov. 3. Hike and Social, Newport Cliff
Walk.** Meet at CVS on Bellevue Avenue,
6:00pm. Bring flashlight. L Sid Wax (401-849-
2495, sid_w@yahoo.com)

Tue., Nov. 9. Local Hikes Meeting. Meet at
the Stop & Shop in North Kingstown, 6:30 pm.
Committee is doing two meetings/year now-
put this one high on your list to attend! Discuss
where we've been and what we've done this
year, plus what we could do for the winter
months and next year. Everyone is welcome. L
Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974,
spencer295@cox.net)

**Wed., Nov. 10. Hike and Social, Blackstone
Boulevard.** Start at 6:00pm. While hiking the
Boulevard, we'll check out the area that set off
a storm of controversy over the cutting of trees.
L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974 anytime,
spencer295@cox.net), CL Janet Harris

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program will consist of a short business
meeting, a great catered dinner, and a
presentation by Erika Bloom of Mt.
Kilimanjaro and her Tanzania Safari. Register
and attend this yearly event.

**Sat., Nov. 13. Big River Hike, West
Greenwich.** Start at 11:00 am. Thanks to Sandi
Barber, we discovered what an enjoyable 3.5
mile hike this was last spring-now for a fall
hike. Easy meeting spot just off I-95S Exit 6.
Bring hiking shoes, water and lunch, or stop

**AMC NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER
2010 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER**

Date: Saturday, November 13th

Location: Save The Bay Center - 100 Save The Bay Drive, Providence

Agenda:

6:00 – 6:30 PM	Social
6:30 – 7:15 PM	Business Meeting/Awards
7:15 – 8:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Slide Show and Presentation

Cost: \$20 per person (includes appetizers, buffet dinner and soft drinks)

Don't miss this exciting presentation by Erika Bloom, sponsored by our friends at REI Cranston.

"Mt. Kilimanjaro and Tanzania Safari"

Erika Bloom lives in Massachusetts and has been an AMC member since 1998. She started leading trips for the Southeastern Massachusetts chapter in 1999, first with local hikes, then mountain hiking in New Hampshire, and eventually for Major Excursions. While a Major Excursions leader, Erika led three AMC trips to Tanzania (two were Kilimanjaro climbs). She recently started a new company named Serengeti Pride Safaris which specializes in travel to Tanzania. Erika will present a slide show and share her experiences on Kilimanjaro and while on safari.

Registration

Please return with check payable to: "Narragansett Chapter AMC" by **October 31st**. Registrations **after this date** will be \$25/person.

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for lunch with us afterward. L Sandi Barber (401-4677881 evenings), CL Kris Caproni (401-952-8698)

opportunity for new members to meet established AMC members. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234), CL Dave Natale (igb@att.net)

Sun., Nov. 14. Rome Point, North Kingstown. Start at 10:00am. 4-5 miles of easy walking with a chance to see the returning seals. Call for directions if needed. L Dick Sullivan (401-338-2880)

Sun., Nov. 21. Parker Woodland Hike. 6-8 miles. Hike through Rhode Island history. Bring water, lunch and hiking boots. L Pam Hill (401-269-1610, pjsh40@aol.com)

Sun., Nov. 14. Wolf Hill/Mercer Lookout Hike. Hike 4-5 miles, starting at 8:45am. Meet at 215 Pleasant View Drive in Smithfield, next to the Smithfield Police Station off Route 116. Scenic fall view of Providence. Bring water and snacks. L John Feather (jfeather67@cox.net), CL Matt Putnam (401-862-2861 before 9:00pm)

Sat., Nov. 27. Walk off the Turkey at Napatree Point. Potluck social after hike. For a longer hike, register with Linda Pease at 401-351-2234. For a shorter easy town/beach stroll, register with Roberta Jacobs. Great event for new members to meet current members. L Roberta Jacobs (401-315-0165, jacobs6@cox.net)

Wed., Nov. 17. Hike and Social, Wakefield. Meet at the municipal parking lot behind Phil's Diner on Main Street, 6:00pm. Bring flashlight. L Dick Sullivan (401-338-2880)

Sat., Nov. 20. Hike With Dogs at Browning Woods Farm Trail. Start at 9:00am. Easy 3-mile loop perfect for beginner hikers and dogs. Hiking boots required. No expandable leashes; we recommend harness/leash instead of collar/leash. Bring water, snacks and pickup bags. Orange Red. L Bonnie England (401-374-2507, bonniedune@aol.com), CL Paul Wynn

Sat., Nov. 20. Area 51 Hike. Hike starts on the Blackstone Bike Path in Lincoln with two off-the-path excursions on unknown and unpaved trails. Do you know where Area 51 is or what it was? Come find out. Great

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