



# The Gansett Gazette

## Newsletter of the Narragansett Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club

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### From the Chair

Our Chapter's Annual Dinner Meeting is a wonderful time to recognize and celebrate our amazing Chapter Volunteers, to vote on the slate of incoming Executive Committee members, and to hear about a great outdoors adventure. This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 5:30 to 9 pm at the beautiful Save the Bay facility in Providence. This year's program will be by Andrew Skurka, a World class hiker who will give a slide presentation on his Alaska-Yukon Expedition. We will also be presenting our Chapter's most prestigious awards as well as celebrating those service volunteers who have given so much through activity leading, trail work, and special projects. Please join us on November 10th for a very festive evening. The Annual Meeting Registration Form will be posted on our Chapter's website and is included in this issue of the Gazette.

Bonnie

### Cardigan Lodge Fall Harvest Festival October 19-21

This highly acclaimed event is back by popular demand. We will spend two days and two nights at the AMC's beautiful Cardigan Lodge at the foot of Cardigan Mountain. A wide variety of physical and social activities are planned providing something for everyone - including the return of Saturday night Contra Dancing! Families, couples, and singles of all ability levels are welcome. Details listed in trips.

### Chapter Annual Meeting November 10, 2012

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Save the Bay campus in Providence (see registration form). Non-members are welcome. Below is the slate of candidates for the Chapter's 2012/2013 Executive Committee. You will notice there is still the Communications Chair to fill. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debbie.

Chair	Debbie Mitchell
Vice-Chair	Bob Tessitore
Secretary	Matt Putnam
Treasurer	Tom Eagan
Membership Chair	Robin Kuznitz
Activities Chair	Chris Shafer
Communication Chair	volunteer needed
Leadership Chair	Ed Poyer
Conservation Chair	Linda Pease
Trails Chair	Dav Cranmer
Past Chair	Bonnie England

Local hikes Subchair	Carol Baldwin
Biking Subchair	Marcie Madsen
Northern Hiking Subchair	Ed Poyer
Flatwater Paddling Subchair	Linda Pease
Sea Kayaking Subchair	Mike Krabach
Family Outings Subchair	volunteer needed
Young Members Subchair	Scott Disnard
XC Skiing Subchair	Sue Rollins

338-3955, saeandpetzl@gmail.com)

### ACTIVITIES

**Tue., Oct. 2. Ski Committee Dinner Meeting.** Members interested in leading and/or planning ski activities calendar, as well as new members who would like to meet like skiers are encouraged to attend. Contact Sue Rollins for reservation at area restaurant. L Sue Rollins (401-521-7188 6 to 8 PM, swrollins@cox.net)

**Wed., Oct. 3. Bob Cillette Memorial Hike and Social.** Hike for friends of the late Bob Cillette. Meet at 6pm at Easton Beach parking lot. Registration required. Rain cancels. L Janet Harris ((401) 272-6772), CL Herrick Spencer ((401) 723-1974)

**Wed., Oct. 3. JB Hudson/Breakheart/Shelter Trails hike.** 7-8 mile 4 hour hike in Arcadia Management Area, moderate pace. Bring snacks, lunch, water. 9:30am start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net), L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

**Fri., Oct. 5-8. White Mountain Day Hikes Columbus Weekend.** Take advantage of the long weekend to enjoy the White Mountains at their finest. We will utilize trails and peaks with plenty of views. Some options for hikes are Mount Jefferson, ascending via the Ridge of the Caps Trail and descending via the Jewel Trail, Mount Moriah via the Carter Moriah Trail, or Mount Moosilake. \$175 covers 3 nights stay in a motel, 3 breakfast and 2 dinners. We will be cooking our own breakfast and dinners at the motel. This trip is for fit, experienced hikers who enjoy a group experience. Register with Hsin-Chien. Send payment to L Denise Poyer, 56 Small Pox Trail, West Kingston, RI 02892 (denisepoyer@gmail.com; 783-6623), CL Hsin-Chien Tai, reg/w Hsin-Chien Tai (hsinchien.tai@gmail.com)

**Sat., Oct. 6-7. Rock Climbing - Gunks.** Rock Climbing - Gunks. Climbers capable of 5.6 routes or better. Trip size may be limited due to leader to second ratio. L Sarah Rich ((401)

**Mon., Oct. 8. Hike the Trails of Camp Yawgoog.** What better to do on Columbus Day, than Explore some New Trails at Camp Yawgoog. Plan to Hike some New & Familiar Trails. Must be comfortable hiking on Rocks. While the Hike is about 7 miles, I have a few shortcuts, for those who need to Hike less. Meet at 10:30 am. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime, igb@att.net)

**Wed., Oct. 10. Hike and Social, Lincoln Woods.** Meet 6pm at Lincoln Woods. It's a treat to see the evening sunset reflecting off the pond. Bring flashlights. L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974, spencer295@cox.net)

**Wed., Oct. 10. Ben Utter/Escoheag/Mt Tom trails hike.** Beautiful 8 mile hike starting at Stepstone Falls, hike along the river, lunch on Mt. Tom ledges. Car spot involved. 9:30am start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net), L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

**Fri., Oct. 12-14. Owl's Head Fall Hike.** Looking to bag one of those elusive peaks on your list. Join the leaders on a trek to the summit of Owl's Head. Expect a full day of moderate but steady pace hiking and exiting by headlamp. 18 miles. For very fit hikers. Includes two nights lodging at motel in Lincoln. L bernardo Aumond (baumond@yahoo.com), CL Scott Sprague, reg/w Scott Sprague ((401) 934-3103, dadders1954@hotmail.com)

**Sat., Oct. 13. Mt. Holyoke.** Hopefully foliage season. Moderate paced 7.7 mi. with many ups and downs. L Steve Harrison ((401) 270-3363 6-8 PM, hikersteve@cox.net), CL Sue Warthman, reg/w Steve Harrison ((401) 270-3363 6-8 PM, hikersteve@cox.net)

**Sat., Oct. 13. Tillinghast Pond Management Hike (TPMA).** Meet at 9:00 am for a 6-7 miles 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. Moderate hike. Rain will cancel the hike. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331 7:00PM-9:00PM, momearley@netzero.com), CL Mike Parker (Mike.parker@cox.net)

**Sat., Oct. 13. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk the

**Narragansett Chapter AMC  
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Carolina North Trail in Richmond with dogs,  
approx 4.5 miles. L Mercedes Rivero  
(marh08@gmail.com), CL Bonnie England,  
CL Judy Van Wyk

**Sun., Oct. 14. Burlingame River Trail.** 4-5  
mile hike in a less traveled part of Burlingame.  
Stop at overlook by the Pawcatuck River.  
Hopefully foliage will be good. Rain cancels.  
10:00 start. L Katherine Mears (401-348-9413  
7-9 p.m., medtho@cox.net), CL Colleen  
Quattromani

**Tue., Oct. 16. Green Falls Pond Hike.** 7 mile  
hike starts in Yawgoog, circle around the pond  
in Pachaug State Forest, through a  
breathtaking gorge and back. Moderate to  
strenuous sections. Bring water, lunch, snacks  
and sturdy boots. 9:30am start. L Marcie  
Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net), L  
Margie Parsons (401-743-3405,  
mpkayak@cox.net)

**Wed., Oct. 17. Hike and Social, W.  
Kingston.** Meet 6pm at the Bike path at the  
Kingston Train Station. Bring flashlights. L  
Sid Wax ((401) 849-2595, sid\_w@yahoo.com)

**Fri., Oct. 19-21. Cardigan Fall Harvest  
Festival weekend.** Sponsored by the  
Narragansett Chapter. This highly acclaimed  
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couples, and singles of all ability levels are  
welcome. Tent sites are available, with an  
additional charge for meals. Watch for further  
announcements and registration on the  
Narragansett Chapter Web site. L's Mike  
Martin, Thomas Grasso, Chris Shafer, Mike  
Krabach, Linda Pease, reg/w Bob Tessitore  
((401) 595-5273, bobtess@gmail.com)

**Sun., Oct. 21. Fall Foliage Hike, Wolf Hill &  
Mercer Lookout.** View the Foliage from  
Mercer Lookout & other High Points. This is a  
6 Mile Hike, with 2 Hills to Climb & plenty to  
see. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime,  
igb@att.net)

**Sun., Oct. 21. Lincoln Woods and Butterfly**

**Farm Hike.** Lincoln Woods with a cross over  
to Butterfly Farm This is a moderate hike of 6-  
7 miles with a 10 am start. The foliage should  
be as good as going to New Hampshire. We  
will meet at the entrance off of Rte 146. Enter  
park turn left or right and park. Call leader  
only if you need more info. L Richard Sullivan  
(401-338-2880,  
grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

**Wed., Oct. 24. Hike and Social, Wickford.**  
Meet 6pm behind Wilsons of Wickford. Bring  
flashlights. L Richard Sullivan (401-338-2880,  
grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

**Thu., Oct. 25. Francis Carter Preserve Hike.**  
6 mile easy hike on woodland trails. This is the  
Nature Conservancy's largest nature preserve  
in Rhode Island. Bring water snacks.  
Lunch/late breakfast at local diner afterward.  
10am start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538,  
marcie18@att.net)

**Sat., Oct. 27. Help Restore Blackstone Park.**  
Work from 9:00-noon. Construct water bars,  
reduce erosion, spread woodchips. Sunday is  
rain date. Bring water, gloves. A chance to  
make new friends while working on a great  
project. L Jack Schempp (401-331-4553 7-9,  
jschempp1@gmail.com), reg/w Chris Shafer  
(401-789-8331 7-9pm,  
christopherShafer@dem.ri.gov)

**Sat., Oct. 27. Scenic Norman Bird  
Sanctuary guided interpretive hike.** Hike out  
to Hanging Rock and explore exhibits of birds  
and other things we may see on hike in the  
natural history museum. Approximately one  
and a half hour hike. Fee \$2 per person (reg  
fee is \$7).. Maximum of 15 participants.  
Hiking boots, lunch/snack/drinks. L Larry  
Rollins (401-521-7188, rollinslf@excite.com )  
CL Sue Rollins.

**Sun., Oct. 28. Narragansett Trail Hike.** The  
Narragansett Trail has a Waterfall, & a Journey  
thru a Gorge, that will make you wonder if you  
are still in R.I. Must be comfortable hiking on  
Rocks !! Hike is 6-7 miles long. Meet at 10:30  
am. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime,  
igb@att.net)

**Sun., Oct. 28. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk  
with dogs (TBA). L Bonnie England  
(bonniedune@aol.com), L Mercedes Rivero

Hudec (marh08@gmail.com), CL Judy Van Wyk

**Tue., Oct. 30. Arcadia Trail Hike.** Beautiful 7 mile hike in the Arcadia Management Area. Hunting season has begun, at least 200 square inches of orange required. Car spot. Call for location. 9:30 start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net)

**Wed., Oct. 31. Halloween Hike and Social, Providence.** Meet at 6pm Hope High School Parking lot. Safe, visible, comfortable walking costumes are welcome. Rain cancels. L Janet Harris ((401) 272-6772)

**Sun., Nov. 4. Hike and Seek.** That's right, Hike & Seek. Me & my Band of Renegade Hikers begin our Quest to locate various points of interest. After a brief head start, it is up to you, The Tracker, to find us before we complete our task. It is up to the Trackers, to devise a plan & out guess the Renegades. Which way did they go ?? If you are up for a challenge please give me a call. Space is limited, call early. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime)

**Tue., Nov. 6. Blue Hills Skyline Trail Hike.** 7+ mile end to end Skyline Trail hike. Tough hike with lots of ups and downs. Sturdy boots, water, snacks, lunch. Early departure from RI for a long day w/car spot. Call for meet time. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net), L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

**Wed., Nov. 7. Hike and Social, Providence.** We will meet on Water St. next to the river at 6:00pm. Hike the east side and enjoy the fall weather. Bring a flash light. L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974, spencer295@cox.net), CL Janet Harris

**Sat., Nov. 10. Big River Fall Foliage Hike .** Join us on this easy accessed to trail head hike just of of exit 6 on rt95 going south. Take a left turn after the exit on to Rte 3. The meeting place is on your left hand side a thousand feet down at the edge of the road. If headed north take a riight hand turn on to exit 6 and then a following left turn onto Rte 3. Bring water, and hiking shoes for this 2-3 mile hike. We will go for lunch nearby after the hike. Rain cancels the hike. Start at 11:00am. L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974, spencer295@cox.net)

**Sat., Nov. 10. Annual Chapter Meeting and Dinner.** Join us at the "Save the Bay" building for our annual Chapter meeting Saturday evening. In addition to our "short" business meeting and awards presentations, we will have as our featured speaker Andrew Skurka, a

World class hiker who will give a slide presentation on his Alaska-Yukon Expedition. Andrew will also give a lightweight hiking clinic before the meeting at 5:30. Come and see members you may have not seen for awhile. Catch up on the latest activities you may have missed during the Summer. See Registration form for more info and to register. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), L Debbie Mitchell (dmitchell@thebravergroup.com), L Robin Kuznitz (RMD@PSH.com)

**Sun., Nov. 11. Veterans Day Tribute & Adventure Hike.** First we pay Tribute to our Veterans at the WWII Memorial located on Wolf Hill. Then we will explore some new Trails I have been wanting to explore. Must be comfortable hiking in non-familiar territory. There will be Hills to Climb & some Rocks to Hike on. Bring hiking shoes, snacks, drinks, & poles, if you use them. Also, bring any Veteran Stories to share. Meet at 10 am. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime, igb@att.net), L Linda Pease (401-351-2234 7-9pm)

**Wed., Nov. 14. Hike and Social, Jamestown.** Meet at 6pm at Jamestown Ferry dock. Bring flashlights. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid\_w@yahoo.com)

**Wed., Nov. 14. Beach Pond South, Arcadia Mgmt Area Hike.** 7 mile hike using Tippecansett, Dye Hill, Brushy Brook and Hemlock Ledges trails. Great hike. Bring lots of water, snacks, lunch. 9:30 start. L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net), L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net)

**Sun., Nov. 18. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk Duval Trail, Perryville with dogs, appx. 5 miles. L Judy Van Wyk (Peacefulpeople@yahoo.com), CL Lesli Kelleter, CL Mercedes Rivero

**Sun., Nov. 18. History hike on Barn Island.** 4.5 mile scenic hike on land adjacent to Venture Smith's land. Venture was a freed slave who was a real estate mogul starting in the 1770s when it was against the law for a slave or freed slave to own land. How did he do it? More interesting, imagine having a wife and child and being sold. Learn about this extraordinary man and enjoy the views. Google Barn island in CT and Venture Smith freed slave. Sneakers ok except if it's just rained. Bring Lunch/drink. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net), CL Colleen Quatromani (860-389-0751, cqkayaker@aol.com)

**Sat., Nov. 24. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk Tillinghast Trail W. Greenwich with dogs, appx. 5 miles. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), L Judy Van Wyk (Peacefulpeople@yahoo.com), CL Russ Miller

**Sun., Nov. 25. Walk Off The Turkey Hike Snake Den, Johnston.** Great trails and views. Walk off the turkey at a comfortable pace. New members, young/old members, families welcome. Hiking boots req'd, lunch/hydration/snacks. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net), CL Karen Rudio (508-761-6449, karenrudio@comcast.net)

**Wed., Nov. 28. Hike and Social, Wickford.** Meet at 6pm behind Wilsons of Wickford for a different and full moon hike through Wickford. Bring flashlights. L Richard Sullivan (401-338-2880, grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

#### ADVANCE NOTICES

**Sat., Dec. 1. Bluff Point Sate Park, Groton CT.** Approx 5 mile, beautiful view of Long Island Sound, if lucky might even see a submarine. Bring water and lunch or snack. If icy, bring stabilicers. Torrential rain or heavy snow cancels. Start 10:00. L Katherine Mears (401-348-9413 7-9 p.m., medtho@cox.net), CL Colleen Quatromani

**Sat., Dec. 15. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk Browning Farm Woods Trail, Perryville, appx. 3 miles. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), CL Russ Miller , CL Lesli Kelleter

**Sun., Dec. 23. Pre-Holiday Hike.** Holiday Stress Relief Hike. Climb the Ledges of the Mount Tom Trail & enjoy the Beautiful Panoramic Views. This is a 7 Mile Hike. There is No Shotgun Deer Hunting this Weekend, but still where Orange. Meet at 11 am. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime, igb@att.net)

**Sun., Dec. 30. Walk off Christmas in Uxbridge.** Scenic hiike along the Blackstone River from the Visitors Center to historic Plummer's Landing and Lookout Rock. Depending on conditions traction devices needed. Hiking boots, lunch/snacks/drinks. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net), CL Barbara Flagg (bakayaker51@verizon.net)

**Tue., Jan. 15. Hike with dogs.** Hike/walk Weetamoo Woods, Tiverton with dogs, appx. 5 miles. L Judy Van Wyk (Peacefulpeople@yahoo.com), L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), CL Lesli Kelleter , CL Russ Miller.

**AMC NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER**  
**2012 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER**

**Date:** Saturday, November 10

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

**Agenda:**

Andrew's **lightweight backpacking clinic** 5:30-6:15pm

Social time 6:00-6:30

6:30-7:45 meeting and dinner

7:45-9:15 presentation and dessert

**Cost:** \$25per person (includes appetizers, buffet dinner and soft drinks)

**Don't miss this exciting presentation by Andrew Skurka**  
**"Circling Alaska and Yukon, a 4,700-mile 6-month journey through Big Wilderness"**

For six months **Andrew Skurka** skied, hiked, and packrafted 4,700 miles in a giant loop around Alaska and Canada's Yukon. His route passed just beneath Mt. McKinley, descended famed rivers like the Copper and Yukon, and traversed the entire Brooks Range. During the most remote and committing stretch of the trip, across the Yukon Arctic and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, he went 657 miles and 24 days without crossing a road or seeing another person – an immersion in Big Wilderness that he found profoundly humbling. **Skurka** has been named "**Adventurer of the Year**" by both Outside and National Geographic Adventure, as well as "**Person of the Year**" by Backpacker. He was born and raised in Seekonk, MA.

**Registration Form**

Please return with check payable to: "**Narragansett Chapter AMC**" by **October 31st**.

Registrations **after this date** will be \$30/person.

Mail to:

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**Questions** – contact Debbie at [dmitchell@thebravergroup.com](mailto:dmitchell@thebravergroup.com)

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