



# On the Western Slope

## Chapter Chair



I hope that everyone had a great summer.

Autumn is a great time to hike or paddle to observe the foliage turning. Also, the insects are not so noticeable.

Note that regular deer hunting season will be starting in the

Northern zone (most of the Adirondacks), running from October 20 to December 2, 2018; and later in the Southern zone, running from November 17 to December 9, 2018.

For autumn, there are a couple of upcoming events. First, AMC's chapter-wide Fall Gathering is being hosted by the Connecticut Chapter at Woodstock Valley, CT on October 12-14, 2018. Registration is currently full, but the Connecticut Chapter has a waiting list in the event of cancellations. Check <https://www.outdoors.org/fall%20gathering> for update/contact information.

In early November, our chapter will hold its annual dinner at The Century House in Latham. Mr. Richard Guthrie, an avian expert, will be our guest speaker.

Please mark your calendars for our January 5, 2019 winter meeting at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar; details will be announced in coming months.

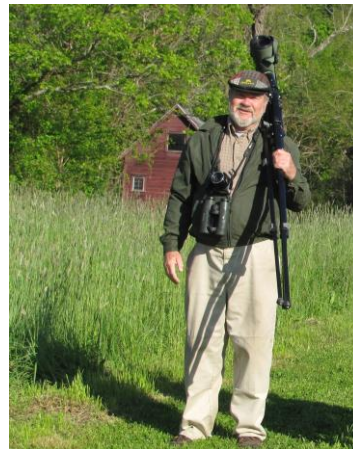
I hope to see you out there on the trails, and at future chapter events!

**Kevin Cox**

## Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet

Join us at The Century House in Latham, NY on Saturday, November 3, for our chapter annual meeting and banquet.

This year, our featured speaker will be Richard "Rich" Guthrie, retired NYS DEC biologist, naturalist, and well-known bird expert. Rich is also a popular guest



commentator on WAMC radio's call-in *Vox Pop* program on the topic of local birds; we look forward to an informational and entertaining evening!

Please see the invitation on page 5 for the evening's schedule, menu, and reservation/contact information.

*Note that all reservations with payment must be received by Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.*

There will be a brief meeting following dinner to elect the 2019 officers for the chapter. Nominees for next year's Mohawk Hudson leadership positions are:

<b>Chair</b>	Kevin Cox
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Deborah Richards
<b>Treasurer</b>	Martha Waldman
<b>Secretary</b>	Conor Gillis

### Dates to note:

- Oct 5-8 Glastenbury Loop Intermediate Backpack, Woodford, VT
- Oct 12-14 AMC Fall Gathering, Camp Woodstock, Woodstock, CT
- Nov 3 Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet, The Century House, Latham, NY
- Nov 12 EComm Meeting, EGTL 6:45 p.m.

### Save the date!

- Jan 5 Winter Chapter meeting, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, NY
- Jan 14 EComm Meeting, EGTL 6:45 p.m.
- Jan 26 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual AMC Summit, Norwood, MA

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Once there, click the “Like” image (shown at left) to “like” our page: if you have a Facebook account, log in; else, you’ll have to set one up to “like” our page. We’re up to 233 “likes” on Facebook, and 408 “enthusiasts” on [Meetup](#).

## Chapter Outings

### October / November / December 2018

**Listings below are as of the September 29<sup>th</sup> newsletter distribution date.** Leaders may post e-mail updates for their trips (published in the newsletter or not) via the AMC calendar of events which is available via the [chapter website](#). Leaders may also post updates via the chapter Yahoo group. Please join our [Yahoo group](#) (it’s free!) to see the updates and connect to others.

**All activities require advance registration:** Please contact the Leader for information about hike difficulty, meeting time and place, carpooling, and hike updates due to weather or trail conditions. If you leave a message, please include a phone number where you can be reached in case hike plans must be changed.

## October

### Fri-Mon 10/5 to 10/8 Glastenbury Loop Intermediate Backpack (YM (20s/30s) & Young @ Heart)

**(Backpacking)** Join the Mohawk Hudson and Maine Chapters for a 4 day/3 night backpacking trip of the Glastenbury Loop in Bennington, VT. We’ll start at the Long Trail parking on RT 9 in Woodford, VT, traverse the loop counterclockwise, and finish at the Bald Mt. Trail parking in Bennington (a car spot will be required). Total mileage will be about 22 miles with 2400 ft elevation gain. We’ll stay at 2 established Long Trail shelters (Melville Nauheim and Goddard), but our last night will be a wilderness campsite without facilities. This trip will include stunning views of fall foliage, a fire tower, mountaintop sunsets, and hunting for quartz crystals! Backpacking experience (hiking with 25+ lbs up to 9 miles/day) and comfort with wilderness camping required. This event is listed as Young Members (20’s/30’s & Young @ Heart) but is open to ALL. Leader: Marielle Postava-Davignon, [marielle.pd@gmail.com](mailto:marielle.pd@gmail.com). Co- Leader: Denise Fredette. For more info, please see: <https://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/106985>.

**Sat 10/6 Brush Back Trail Work on the Appalachian Trail (Conservation)** We will be brushing back sure-to-be-there new growth on our section of the AT that borders the Housatonic. All are welcome to help, young or old, as no special skills are needed. Please wear appropriate clothing for working outdoors for the weather, and for shielding oneself from ticks and poison ivy if we don't spot it. If you have them, please bring loppers, clippers, and hand saws. Lastly, bring a lunch and water. Please contact the leader if interested. Leader: John Tiffit 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) [jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com).

**Mon 10/8 Shaker Series 1: Mother Ann Lee Nature Reserve C-3-C (Hiking)** We will visit the grounds of the Shaker Heritage Society in Colonie, site of the first settlement of Mother Ann Lee and her followers and the Nature Preserve and gravesite. The buildings post-date her time there. First of 4 hikes at Shaker sites in the region. Leader: Sharon Bonk 518-674-0042 (NCA 9 p.m.) [sboqc@mindspring.com](mailto:sboqc@mindspring.com).

**Sat 10/13 Prospect Mountain Loop, Mt. Greylock State Reservation B-3-C (Hiking)** Easy to moderate 5.0 mi / 850' easy gain hike from Wilber's Clearing up to ridge walk views, down to falls and lean-to. Contact Leader: Jean André Laverdure (518-709-2990, or 518-593-2058, [jalz111er@yahoo.com](mailto:jalz111er@yahoo.com)), or Co-Leader John Tiffit (518-439-5686 NCA 9PM, [jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com)) for details.

**Sun 10/14 Shaker Series 2: Mount Lebanon Shaker Village Afternoon Ramble C-3-C (Hiking)** We will walk among the buildings of the North and Church families and the North Pastures to see the agricultural activities of this community. The Church Family site is now home to Darrow School. The North Family Site is an outdoor historic site, 2+ mi, negligible elev. gain. Leader: Sharon Bonk 518-674-0042 (NCA 9 p.m.) [sboqc@mindspring.com](mailto:sboqc@mindspring.com).

**Sat 10/20 Giant Mt and Rocky Peak Ridge A-3-A (Hiking)** We will climb up the Ridge Trail from Rt. 73 to the junction for Rocky Peak Ridge. From there, we will retrace our steps and hike to Giant. Then, we will descend back to where the cars are parked. The distance is 9 miles and the ascent about 4000 feet. Leader: Kevin Cox 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.) [mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com).

## November

**Sat 11/3 Mohawk Hudson Chapter Annual Meeting/ Banquet & Election (Meetings)** Join us at **The Century House**, 997 New Loudon Rd (Rt 9) in Latham, NY. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m.; buffet dinner at 6:45 p.m. Guest speaker: Rich Guthrie, popular bird expert. For details, see the page 1 article, and page 5 invitation and reservation info in this newsletter.

**Mon 11/5 Shaker Series 3: Shaker Mountain, Pittsfield State Forest B-3-B (Hiking)** We will ascend through the woods across from Hancock Shaker Village and pass ruins of 19th century agricultural activity and visit a worship space at the height of the hike. We will not visit the restored village. 6 miles; 800+elev. gain. Leader: Sharon Bonk 518-674-0042 (NCA 9 p.m.) [sboqc@mindspring.com](mailto:sboqc@mindspring.com).

### Hike Ratings

#### Distance

AA = +13 miles

A = 9 to 13 miles

B = 5 to 8 miles

C = under 5 miles

#### Terrain

A = very strenuous

B = strenuous

C = average

#### Leader's Pace

1 = very fast pace, 2.5 mph or faster

2 = fast pace, 2 to 2.5 mph

3 = moderate pace, 1.5 to 2 mph



**Sat 11/10 Trail Work on the Taconic Crest Trail (Conservation)** We will primarily be clearing the water bars on our section of the Taconic Crest Trail. Hopefully most of the leaves will have fallen by this time. Be advised that there is a very steep section in the beginning; young and old are welcome to join. If you have them, please bring a rake and shovel. Bring a lunch and water to enjoy at the summit (or however far we go). If interested, please contact the Leader: John Tiffit 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) [jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiffit2@nycap.rr.com).

**Wed 11/14 Shaker Series: Tyringham Cobble, Tyringham, MA C-3-B (Hiking)** This is a Trustees of Reservations property which has been transferred several times since the Shakers left in 1874. One private building remains. We will walk on former Shaker land to the Tyringham Cobble and do a loop that includes a bit of the AT. 3mi; 400'elev gain. Leader: Sharon Bonk 518-674-0042 (NCA 9 p.m.) [sboqc@mindspring.com](mailto:sboqc@mindspring.com).

**Wed 11/14 Hike at Christman's Sanctuary C-3-C (Hiking)** This is an easy hike in lovely Christman's Sanctuary (Nature Conservancy property) in Delanson. Thirty-foot waterfall, rock formations in the Bozenkill, woody trails. Bring snack and water. We will go three or four miles. There is a shelter near the waterfall where we can have our snack. This hike takes place before deer hunting season starts, and there is no hunting allowed in Christman's anyway. Leader: Nancy Crowther 518-698-0531 [nancy@crowther.org](mailto:nancy@crowther.org).

**Sat 11/17 Broad Brook Trail, Pownal, VT B<sup>+</sup>-C-3**

**(Hiking)** We will hike the Broad Brook Trail to the Seth Warner Shelter on the AT/LT, crossing the river/brook/stream 9 times, and return via the same route. Total mileage 8.5 miles, total elevation gain is a mostly gradual, approximately 1750 feet. The first couple of river crossings can be treacherous depending on recent rainfall. You may get wet. Be prepared for this and bring your sense of adventure. This hike is not for those who are fearful of water crossings. Hike will be canceled in the event of severe weather, or several preceding days of heavy rain making the river crossings too dangerous. Leader: Michelle Filiault, [arthemise29@gmail.com](mailto:arthemise29@gmail.com).

**Sun 11/18 Slide Mountain B-3-A (Hiking)** We will start at the County Route 47 trailhead for Slide Mt., follow the Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide trail to Phoenicia-East Branch trail, and then the Curtis-Ormsbee trail to the summit. We will follow the Wittenberg-Slide trail back to the trailhead. The distance is about 6 miles and the ascent 2000 feet. Leader: Kevin Cox 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.), [mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com).

**Sat 11/24 Survey of Long Path through Thacher Park (Conservation)** We will again be surveying our northern section of the Long Path going through Thacher Park. We will need to drop a car at one end. All are welcome, young or old. Please bring any cutting tools you may have along with water. You're welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy along the escarpment after we finish. Please contact the leader if interested. Leader: John Tiff 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) [jtiff2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiff2@nycap.rr.com).

## December

**Sat 12/1 High Rock: Moreau Lake State Park B-3-C (Hiking)** Easy to moderate 5.0 mi / 650' easy gain hike, looping up from Lake Bonita to High Rock onto a far-above ending at the Hudson River. There is a short 150-yard downhill trail-to-trail bushwhack through open woods. Leader: Jean André Laverdure, 518-709-2990 or 518-593-2058 [jalz111er@yahoo.com](mailto:jalz111er@yahoo.com); Co-Leader: John Tiff, 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) [jtiff2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiff2@nycap.rr.com).

**Sat 12/8 Greylock Mtn. via Hopper Trail A-3 -B (Hiking)** We will follow the Hopper trail to the summit. If the day is clear, we will have great views. Distance is 8.2 miles. Leader: Kevin Cox 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.) [mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com).

**Wed 12/12 Hike at Indian Kill Nature Preserve C-3-B (Hiking)** We will walk some of the beautiful trails of the lovely woods of the Indian Kill Preserve. The trails are fairly easy but have some steep places and wooden steps. We'll walk for two to three hours depending on group's desires. Bring lunch and water. If conditions are icy or rainy, we'll cancel. Leader: Will Crowther [will@crowther.org](mailto:will@crowther.org).

## Plan Ahead for January 2019

**Sat 1/5/2019 Winter Chapter Meeting**, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, NY. Watch for details in email messaging from AMC and the next *Western Slope* newsletter, scheduled for late December.

**Fri-Mon 1/18 to 1/21/2019 MLK Weekend in Vermont (Cross-Country Skiing (Nordic))** X-country skiing and snowshoeing. We will be staying at the Colonial House Inn and Motel. Lodging and 9 meals \$336 to \$404 ppdo. \$433 to \$471 pppo. Contact Leader Randy MacDonald at [randy04415@yahoo.com](mailto:randy04415@yahoo.com) or 518-766-7675 before 9 p.m.

The MH chapter also has an additional weekday offering:

- The *Hiking at a Relaxed Pace (HARP)* group hikes on Thursdays or Fridays. To join our e-mail list, contact Frank or Dee Wind at 518-458-1781, or [deewindtells@gmail.com](mailto:deewindtells@gmail.com).

## Volunteer News & Opportunities

**Thank You** to Conor Gillis for answering our call for a Chapter Secretary and attending the September 10th EComm meeting.

**Conservation Outreach Volunteers** – AMC places great emphasis on its chapters' grassroots conservation efforts. To that end, we invite members who wish to bring their ideas, energy and belief in the importance of conservation to participate in Mohawk Hudson's efforts to increase conservation awareness in the community.

We are looking for persons well-versed in the sciences related to conservation and willing to share their knowledge by presenting, writing, and or teaching members and non-members alike about conservation topics that support the foundation of AMC's conservation mission. If you would like to be active in this effort, please contact John Tiff at [jtiff2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jtiff2@nycap.rr.com) or 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.).

For more on AMC's policy initiatives across the Northeast, please see

<https://www.outdoors.org/conservation/land-water/policy-priorities>.

**Webmaster and Content Editor Volunteer(s)** – We plan to migrate our chapter website's content to another server over the coming months. We are looking for a few volunteers interested in using their technical skills to help migrate existing content to a new template, manage the structure of the new website, and/or maintain new website content (add/update/ remove information as needed using Wordpress). If you can put your experience to work in any of these efforts, please contact Dave Esmond at [David.Esmond1@gmail.com](mailto:David.Esmond1@gmail.com).

**Nominating Committee Volunteers** – This three-person committee identifies candidates for the chapter's four leadership positions, and fills vacancies that may arise during the year. If interested, please contact Kevin Cox at 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.) or [mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com).

## Adventure Travel Leadership Training

November 2-4, 2018 – Charlton, MA

Ever thought about taking your leadership skills to different parts of the world? Become an AMC Adventure Travel Leader! This workshop provides important training to people who have AMC chapter leadership experience to transition from leading weekend chapter activities to more complex and longer trips, domestically and overseas.

Emphasis is on planning, marketing, trip management, people skills, risk management, and reporting. Includes procedures and guidelines for researching, proposing, and leading AMC Adventure Travel trips.



Visit [this page](#) for Overview, Requirements, and FAQ information; click on "Upcoming Training" to download a registration packet. Please contact [Nancy Holland](#) with any questions.



## CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

Saturday, November 3, 2018

### THE CENTURY HOUSE EAST ROOM

997 New Loudon Rd (Rt 9)  
Latham, NY 12110

#### PROGRAM

- 6:00 PM Social Hour
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- Brief business meeting and election of 2019 officers
- 7:45 PM Speaker, Rich Guthrie, popular bird expert

#### MENU

##### *Social Hour*

- Cheese and Crackers
- Vegetable Crudités and Herb Dip

##### *Dinner Buffet*

- Kale Caesar Salad
- Chef's Seasonal Salad
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Pan-seared Tilapia
- Chef's Seasonal Vegetable
- Pasta with Mushrooms and Thyme

##### *Dessert*

- Chocolate Mousse with Toppings

The meal will be served in a buffet style and includes your choice of coffee or tea. Soda, wine, beer, and other alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at the Century House bar, directly adjacent to the East Room.

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Reservations and payment of \$40.00 per person must be received by Friday, October 26th.

When making your reservation, please note if you have any food allergies and provide your name and contact information. Make checks payable to "AMC Mohawk Hudson" and mail them to:

Kimberly Berg, Program Chair  
249 Lorraine Avenue  
Schenectady, NY 12304  
Any questions? Please call (763) 242-1867.

## AMCR – AMC's A Mountain Classroom Program

By Andy Muller, North Country Youth Education Director

AMC's successful [A Mountain Classroom](#) Program (AMCR) is now providing great environmental and leadership development programming to students in schools spanning from Maine to Pennsylvania. Serving over 9,000 youth a year, AMCR utilizes AMC sites to engage youth in science and outdoor activities for youth development.

Through the power of outdoor experiences, A Mountain Classroom increases students' ecological understanding, inspires their personal growth, and develops community.

**(Right) On a foggy, pea soup day, students from the Simon Gratz School (PA) climb the fire tower on the Appalachian Trail near AMC's Mohican Outdoor Center in NJ.**



**July 2018 Citizen Science – Invasive Plant Removal at Pine Bush Preserve**



**August 2018 Dyken Pond Environmental Center**

## Save the Date – AMC's 2019 Annual Summit!



**January 26, 2019** – [Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood MA](#)

Please join AMC in kicking off another year in the outdoors! No matter what adventures you are planning for 2019, the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summit has something for you. This event will connect both newcomers and lifelong members with valuable resources and provide opportunities for meeting people with similar interests and passions.

Annual Summit is AMC's thank you to our dedicated volunteers and members! We welcome you to sign up for a combination of workshops, trainings, and meetings that matches your interests. The full list of offerings will be available at [www.outdoors.org/AnnualSummit](http://www.outdoors.org/AnnualSummit) starting in October.

This event will feature:

- Interactive workshops led by AMC experts and outdoor pros
- Organization-wide committee meetings
- A delicious buffet lunch
- AMC's annual volunteer service awards
- The 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Meeting
- Early evening reception, with complimentary drink and hors d'oeuvres
- Updates on AMC's work in conservation, recreation, and education

For those interested in staying over Friday and/or Saturday night, AMC will arrange for special group rates. Visit our registration page after October for the details.

Registration opens November 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.outdoors.org/AnnualSummit](http://www.outdoors.org/AnnualSummit)!

**Early-Bird Special Pricing: Pay \$35 when you register before January 1, 2019.** Regular Rate of \$45 applies after January 1, 2019.

**Not getting email messages from Mohawk Hudson?**

Call AMC Membership at 1-800-372-1758 for assistance.

## Over 70+ Years Old Challenge – The Seven Sisters on the New England Trail

AMC Berkshire Chapter Activity  
Monday October 22

If you are in your 70's, 80's, or older, please join us for this difficult hike on the National New England Scenic Trail (NET). Let's show the world how strong some of us are, celebrate our ages, and promote the New England Trail and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the national trails. Since all AMC activities are open to everyone, those younger than 70 and non-members are welcome to join us. For activity and leader contact information, please see: <http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/108438>.

## Set Up Your Own AMC Activities Digest

AMC has an email notification system for AMC members interested in keeping up to date with new and upcoming activities posted on AMC's Activities Database (ActDB) on outdoors.org. The Activities Digest system can send email notifications on a daily, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis depending on how a user configures their settings.

There are some clear advantages to setting up an Activities Digest if you are interested in participating in AMC activities:

- Those who utilize digest emails find out about upcoming trips and events as they are posted since the ActDB is the first place all official AMC trips typically appear on the web. If members select the "Daily" frequency of digests, they will be the first to find out about newly-posted events that match their digest criteria.
- Using an Activities Digest will save you valuable time when planning your upcoming adventures. Since digest emails are in a list format and display activities with the specific criteria you choose, you can be notified when events are posted and thus spend less time searching for activities in the ActDB.
- You can set up a maximum of 5 different digest emails with varying criteria and frequencies, so you can choose to get notified about a variety of activities at different times.

We encourage our members to sign up for AMC's Activities Digests; it is a great way to receive notifications about trips right in your inbox. Click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions to set up your own activities digest.

## Stand up for Maine!

By Kaitlyn Bernard, Maine Policy Manager



Here in New England, much of our energy infrastructure is regional. States have varying energy demands and independently set

targets and renewable energy goals. Recently, Massachusetts put out a request for proposals to bring additional renewable energy to the state.

Central Maine Power's "New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC)" proposal was selected through that process. The proposal from Central Maine Power includes a transmission line project through Maine to transport HydroQuebec hydropower from Quebec to Massachusetts. The proposed line would include 53.5 miles of a new 150-foot-wide cleared corridor through undeveloped forest. The remaining 91.5 miles would be co-located within existing transmission corridors but would entail widening of the corridor and/or the installation of taller towers in many areas.

**The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) is opposed to the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) transmission line as currently proposed.** AMC has 4 primary concerns with this project:

- Significant scenic impact to the Kennebec Gorge, a nationally significant whitewater boating area whose value is recognized in many state laws and policies.
- Increased scenic impact to the Appalachian Trail.
- Fragmenting impact of the new corridor through undeveloped forest of high ecological value and conservation interest.
- Lack of evidence that the project will provide real greenhouse gas reduction benefits.

[You can read our full position on our website.](#)

AMC strongly believes that we need to transition away from a fossil fuel-based economy and address climate change impacts. We are more interested in exploring new models including distributed energy and local renewable generation that would eliminate the need for a 145-mile transmission line.

AMC is closely following this issue and will alert interested members when there are opportunities to weigh in. We expect opportunities for public comment to be scheduled later this fall. If you would like to stay in the loop, please join [AMC's Conservation Action Network](#) or get in touch with AMC's Maine Policy Manager Kaitlyn Bernard ([kbernard@outdoors.org](mailto:kbernard@outdoors.org)).