Join us for educational and informative outings April through October

Excursions feature different sections of the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) and other conserved lands. Hikes are led by enthusiastic naturalist educators and volunteers and feature a variety of habitats, natural areas, and wildlife.

Many of our events are collaborations with other conservation organizations. We are truly grateful to these groups that are doing excellent environmental work in Addison County and beyond.

**Families are especially encouraged** to join in on the outings. Come outside and explore these natural areas and their inhabitants with knowledgeable and engaging leaders.

**Participants meet at listed locations. Please note: start times vary!**

Most hikes return to the starting point via a loop or retracing of the original path. Hikes will be approximately two and one half hours in length and easy to moderate in difficulty. We will take time to learn and explore as we go. Please, no pets!

**NOTES**

- All hikes are free and open to the public; a $5 suggested donation is appreciated.
- Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy foot gear. All walks and hikes traverse various terrain and trail conditions may vary based on the weather.
- Hikes take place rain or shine. Approximate length of each hike is two miles.
- These are hiking trails, not paved walkways and are not recommended for strollers.

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**Hikes & Outings**

**Let’s Go Birding! A guided walk for all ages on Wright Park’s Quest Trail**

Saturday, June 15th 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Led by Otter Creek Audubon Society members.

The birds are here for the summer, filling Vermont’s woods with song and color. Join local birders as we walk the Quest Trail, a spur off the Wright Park section of the TAM. Beginners and families especially welcome. Bring your binoculars or borrow ours. Snacks provided! Family-friendly, but not appropriate for strollers.

Meet at Wright Park lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge on Seymour St. Ext. Weather questions? Call 989-7115.

**Natural history/Goethean science walk**

**Saturday, July 13th, 9am**

Led by Marc Lapin, Environmental Studies Professor at Middlebury College

As we hike in some of the most beautiful hemlock-hardwood forest in the Champlain Valley, you will get a taste of some of Goethe’s methods of scientific discovery. Most people know only of Goethe as one of the greatest German poets; fewer realize that he was a serious and revolutionary scientist who founded the study of plant morphology and contributed an alternative theory of color in response to Newton’s.

Goethe’s methods were steeped in extremely careful observation using all the senses and utilized the mind’s powers of imagination and contemplation to better understand natural phenomena. We’ll explore plants, soils and natural communities using methods akin to Goethe’s. Meet at Belden’s Falls, off of Route 7 North.

**Bicycle Tour of MALT Conserved Properties**

**Saturday, August 3rd, 8am**

Led by David Hallam, Member and volunteer of MALT, and Carl Robinson, Executive Director of MALT. Take a 25 mile ride around the scenic Middlebury area, and visit many of our conserved properties. Preregistration required, call MALT office for meeting place 388-1007.

**Rocks and Glacial Deposits of the Champlain Valley,**

**Saturday, October 5, 9 - 11 am**

Led by Ray Coish, Geology Professor at Middlebury College

Explore the fascinating geological and glacial history of the Middlebury area in a leisurely hike along the TAM over the (Chipman) Hill and through the (Means) Woods. Meet at 9 am in the large parking lot of the Co-operative Insurance Company on Washington Street Extension.

**In collaboration with:**

**Warbler Warmup**

**Sunday, May 12, 7:30am – 10:30am**

Vergennes Watershed

Ron Payne and Warren King will lead a search for newly arrived migrants. Hone your birding identification skills before leaf-out. Co-sponsored by the Watershed Center. Meet at the Bristol Waterworks, Plank Road, east of North Street, Bristol. Call Warren at 388-4082 if in doubt about the weather.

**Nature Quest Walk at Wright Park, everyday.**

Self-guided, walking adventure focusing on birds and their habitats. Ends with the discovery of a treasure box! A set of clues is located in the mailbox at the Wright Park trailhead. Particularly appropriate for families, but not for strollers. Wright Park is located at the end of Seymour Street Extension in Middlebury - turn north just before the Pulp Mill Covered Bridge.

**Wildlife Walks**

**Meet at 8 am, second alternate Thursdays or Saturdays each month.**

Otter Creek Audubon Society and MALT invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife of the marshes and meadows of Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Shorter and longer route options are possible. Otter View Park’s main trail and boardwalk are ADA accessible. Meet at Otter View Park at the corner of Weybridge Street and Pulp Mill Bridge Road. (7 am summer months)

Saturday, May 11 Thursday, August 8

Thursday, June 13 Saturday, September 13

Saturday, July 13 Thursday, October 10
TAM WORK PARTIES & EVENTS

Saturday, May 4 - Green Up Day
TAM Trail Heads' spruce up. Meet at Wright Park parking lot at 9 am. Green Up bags and gloves provided. Led by MALT staff.

Saturday, June 1st - National Trails Day
Work on graveling wet areas, bridge repair, or clearing trail. 9:00 am - 12 noon. Call for location, 388-1007, or check website.

United Way Day of Caring
September 19 and 22. Work Project on the TAM. Sign up at www.unitedwayaddisoncounty.org

TAM Trek
Sunday, September 22
MALT's 10th Annual Trail Around Middlebury Hike-Run-Bike-a-Thon, to benefit trail maintenance and improvement activities. Hike a little or a lot, every step makes a difference! There will be a full TAM race (about 16 miles), and races for other distances. Prizes for winners, including best costume! Meeting place at Middlebury College Football Stadium. For event registration materials, go to MALT's website: www.maltvt.org.

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TAM Maps are available at our website or stop by the office to pick up a copy.
Please call MALT with questions regarding the hikes and outings. 802-388-1007

Middlebury Area Land Trust's Hikes and Outings on the Trail Around Middlebury and Conserved Lands May to October 2013