Hikes and Outings on the Trail Around Middlebury and Conserved Lands

April — October 2014

The Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) was designed and is maintained by member supported:

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Conserving Land for Our Community’s Future

Please call MALT with questions regarding the hikes and outings. 388-1007

MALT’s Hikes and Outings Series is Co-Sponsored by these non-profit organizations:

Otter Creek Audubon Society

TAM Maps are available at our website or stop by the office to pick up a copy.

TAM WORK PARTIES & EVENTS

Saturday, May 7 — Green Up Day
TAM Trail Heads’ spruce up. Meet at Wright Park parking lot at 8:00 am. Green Up bags and gloves provided. Led by MALT Staff.

Sunday, May 22 — Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up & Green Up in Otter View Park
Pull weeds, mulch, and tidy the garden beds. Help renovate the native plantings. Light trail work. Bring your own snippers, trowels, rakes and buckets. Meet at OVP at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, June 4 — National Trails Day
Work on graveling wet areas, bridge repair, or clearing trail. 9:00 am—12 noon. Call for location. 388-1007.

Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, August 28 — Project Work on the TAM Otter Creek Gorge Section. Attend to trail sections identified as needing work over the summer. Led by Jono Chapin or Jim Bolton. 9:00 am—12 noon. Call for location. 388-1007.

September 16 and 25 — United Way Day of Caring
Work Project on the TAM. Sign up at www.unitedwayaddisoncounty.org.

Saturday, September 17 — Preparation for TAM Trek. Meet at MALT office at 9:00 am. Clear blow downs, secure trail markers, trim edges. Led by Renee Igo.

TAM Team Trek (T3)
Sunday, September 25 at 10:00 am
MALT’s Seventh Annual Trail Around Middlebury Hike-Run-Bike-athon, to benefit trail maintenance and improvement activities. Hike a little or a lot, every step makes a difference! Meet at the Marbleworks’ Green across from Noonies. For event registration materials go to MALT’s website: www.maltvt.org.
Hikes & Outings

In collaboration with:

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.

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!

Family Bird Quest
Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 am
Led by Carol Ramsayer, Otter Creek Audubon Society member. Join us as we explored this self-guided scavenger hunt about birds in Wright Park. Quests are place-based educational programs using treasure hunts to celebrate community, natural history, cultural sites, stories and special places. Meet at Wright Park lot north of Pulp Mill Bridge on Seymour St. Ext.

Hike Name
Saturday, Date at 9:00 am
Led by Leader, Who.
Learn about .... This program takes place at ....

Forest Birds QUEST
at Wright Park, everyday
May 1—October 31, 2010.

Self-guided, walking adventure focusing on birds and their habitats. Ends with the discovery of a treasure box! A set of clues and site map are located at the trailhead. Particularly appropriate for young families. Wright Park is located at the end of Seymour Street Extension, turn north just before the Pulp Mill covered bridge in Middlebury.

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Wetland Plants
Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am
Led by Shelley Gustafson, Consulting Wetland Scientist, Shelley Gustafson Environmental
Visit one of MALT’s new conservation easement properties in Cornwall. This gorgeous land is part of the Beaver Brook watershed and is home to a varied abundance of wild animals and plants. This program takes place at Mary Dodge and Michael Katz’s property. Please call MALT office for directions. 388-1007.

Wildlife Walks
Meet at 7:30 am alternate Thursdays or Saturdays in the second week of each month

Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust 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 possible. Otter View Park’s main trail and board walk are ADA accessible. Meet at Otter View Park at the corner of Weybridge Street and Pulp Mill Bridge Road.

- Thursday, May 12
- Saturday, August 13
- Saturday, June 11
- Thursday Sept 8
- Thursday, July 14
- Saturday Oct 8

Bicycle Tour of MALT
Conserved Properties
Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am
Led by David Hallam, Member and volunteer of MALT. Take a 20-25 mile bike ride around the scenic Middlebury area, and visit many of our conserved easements and properties. There will be plenty of small breaks. This outing is a collaboration with The Green Mountain Club, Breadloaf Section. Meet at MUHS parking lot on Route 7 South in Middlebury.

Hike Through History
Saturday, September 10 at 9 am