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GCT November News

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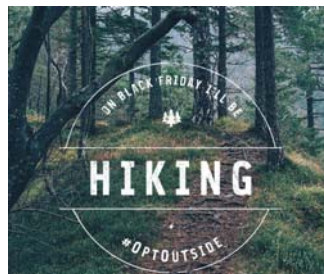
Sun, Nov 15, 2015 at 4:05 PM



Dear Susan,

Will you [#optoutside](#)?

On November 27 REI is closing their doors on Black Friday and making tracks outside. We are joining the effort, along with our friends from the Groton Trails Committee, and hope you opt to play outside instead of shopping! Join us for one of these great treks:

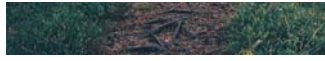


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Trail Bike Ride with Dave Burnham: This is a 12-15 mile ride through Gamlin Crystal Spring and Cronin-Massapoag, among others. It is an intermediate level ride. The ride will start from the end of Cow Pond Brook Rd. meet at 9:15, ride at 9:30. More info: [Dave Burnham](#).



Throne Hill Hike: Led by Dave Minott and David Pitkin. This is an easy 2.5 mile loop, appropriate for families and dogs. Meet at the Castle Lane entrance at 10 AM. More info: [Dave Minott](#).

Skitapet Hike in Lost Lake: Led by Suzanna Black. This is an intermediate hike, 3 miles. Dogs on leashes are OK. Meet at the Lost Lake fire department station at 1 PM. Contact [Suzanna](#) for more info.

Fitch-Woods Hike: Led by Susan Hughes. This is an easy, 2.5 mile loop for families and dogs. Meet at Williams Barn at 1 PM. Contact [Susan](#) for more information.

In addition Olin Lathrop is leading the longest continually running hike in the AMC. This hike explores the natural areas between the Nashua River and the Snake Hills. Exact route will be determined on the fly. Some bushwhacking is possible. The hike is around 7 mi, 5 hours. Bring warm clothes and lunch. Meet at 10:00am in NW corner of parking lot behind Nashoba Valley Medical Center on Groton Road in Ayer. [Olin Lathrop](#).

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Susan Hughes <susahughes@gmail.com>
To: gburne@verizon.net

Sun, Nov 15, 2015 at 5:01 PM

Sure thing, glad you like them!

Thanks,
Susan

On Nov 15, 2015, at 4:46 PM, <gburne@verizon.net> <gburne@verizon.net> wrote:

Hi Susan,
We love getting these GCT updates - you do such a great job putting it all together! I wish we could manage a donation, but with the beautiful Littleton Oak Hill Conservation land right outside our back door, we give to the LCT. However, if you can keep us on your database for these newsletters, we'd still like to receive them.
Best, Gail

From: [Susan Hughes](#)
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2015 4:05 PM
To: gburne@verizon.net
Subject: GCT November News





Dear Steve & Gail,

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edythe salzman <ezsalzman@gmail.com>
To: susanh@gctrust.org

Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 11:42 AM

What a great idea. I shared it with the Westford Conservation group.
On Nov 15, 2015, at 4:05 PM, Susan Hughes <susanh@gctrust.org> wrote:



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Pat Hartvigsen <pathartvigsen@gmail.com>
To: susanh@gctrust.org

Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 12:46 PM

Hi, Susan. This is wonderful! I am not sure yet how many family members we will still have here on Friday but I would love to join your hike and invite family to join. Can I get back to you? pat

On Sun, Nov 15, 2015 at 4:05 PM, Susan Hughes <susanh@gctrust.org> wrote:





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Susan Hughes <susahughes@gmail.com>
To: Pat Hartvigsen <pathartvigsen@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 1:07 PM

Yes! Yay!

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