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What is "Wilderness"?

Wilderness is the land that was — wild land beyond the frontier...land that shaped the growth of our nation and the character of its people.

Wilderness is the land that is — rare, wild places where one can retreat from civilization, reconnect with the Earth, and find healing, meaning and significance.

What are the benefits of Wilderness?

Wilderness areas are essential to the well-being of our citizens, our country and our world. They provide us with "outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation." The Wilderness Act specified that wilderness "may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, education, scenic, or historical value."

Americans directly benefit from the recreational and educational values of wilderness. Equally important are the indirect values. The ability to pass wilderness on to your children and grandchildren is invaluable, as is simply having the knowledge that wilderness exists independent of human interference.



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**Vermont Celebration of
the 50th Anniversary of
the Wilderness Act**

Wilderness 50th



Date: 09/28/2014

**Time: 11:00am to
3:00pm**

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
BREAD LOAF CAMPUS
RTE. 125, RIPTON, VT**

Wilderness 50th Anniversary Activities – speakers, presentations, workshops and hikes

At the Barn

	Main Room
12pm - 12:30pm	Special recognitions (Sen. Jeffords and Mollie Beattie)
12:30pm - 1pm	Key Note Speaker/Performer: Erica Wheeler
1pm - 2pm	Bob Amos and the Catamount Crossing
2pm - 2:15pm	Happy 70th anniversary Smokey the Bear
2:15pm - 3pm	Bob Amos and the Catamount Crossing

Presenters

- *White Mountains National Forest (WMNF)

*Lake Champlain Basin Program (LBCP)

*Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF)

*Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (VT F&W)
- *Green Mountain Club (GMC)

*Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

*Outdoor Gear Exchange (OGE)

*Green Mountain Adventure Race Association (GMARA)

	Barn Class Room 1	Barn Class Room 2	Barn Class Room A
11am- 11:45am	The Wild Side of the White Mountain (Jana Johnson, White Mountain National Forest)	Bats (Alyssa Bennett, VT F&W Bat Program Coordinator)	When Wilderness Was Less Wild (Lee Allen, Danby; Preston Bristow, Woodstock- Green Mountain Club)
1:15pm - 2pm	The importance of wilderness areas in ecosystem integrity and water quality in the Lake Champlain Basin (Bill Howland, LCBP)	The first detector program- invasive tree pests, Asian longhorn, emerald ash borer, and hemlock wooly adelgid (Caitlin Cusack VT F&W)	Find Your Wilderness Story: Creative Sense of Place activities- Erica Wheeler (All ages)
2:15pm - 3pm	American Values American Wilderness video led by Green Mountain National Forest	Wilderness and Animals of the northeast forests (Zapata Courage)	

On the Green

	Bridge site	Battell Trail Southern Entry	Information kiosk- USFS table	Workshop table 1	Johnson State College table	Robert Frost table	Moosalamoo table	Workshop table 2 - Bread Loaf Wilderness	Information Kiosk
9am-10am									
10am-11am									
11am - 11:45am	Stream assessment activities (Jim Kellogg, DEC)	KIDS exploration hike (Charlotte and Ted Albers, GMC)	Scavenger hunt	10 Essentials for hiking (OGE)	Bear Games				Silent Cliff Family Friendly Hike (Millie Mugica, GMC); Meet at 9:45am
1:15pm - 2pm	Riparian exploration (Jim Kellogg, DEC)	KIDS exploration hike (Charlotte and Ted Albers, GMC)	Scavenger hunt	Map, Compass and Back Country Navigation (Chris Yager, President of GMARA)	Bear Games				
2:15pm - 3pm	Riparian exploration (Jim Kellogg, DEC)	KIDS exploration hike (Charlotte and Ted Albers, GMC)	Scavenger hunt	Ultralight Backpacking- lighten your load with any budget (OGE)	Bear Games	Robert Frost poetry reading hike (Nola Kevra)	Moosalamoo National Recreation Area tour (Bruce Acciavatti, MA)	Cross-cut saw and hand tools demonstration and trail maintenance in Wilderness workshop (Rich Windish, Larry Walter, Dave Hardy, GMC)	

For the Kids

11am - 3pm	Leave No Trace (Danna Strout, GMFL)
	Exploration Hike (Charlotte and Ted Albers, GMC)
	Craft Center (Sarah Willis, GMFL)
	National Fish and Wildlife Refuge WoW Express (Watershed on Wheels) trailer

