

Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*



Upper Valley Land Trust - May 2019

Masthead Photo: Little Dog Falls at Smith Pond Shaker Forest. Photo by Programs Director Alison Marchione.

Meadow Management at Lyme Hill Conservation Area

In 2018 UVLT was awarded a grant from the Lyme Foundation to, in addition to the continued management of the current meadow, install a quarter acre pollinator garden to the north of the parking lot. The initiative to build this pollinator garden was an outgrowth of UVLT's work as a member of the Upper Valley Pollinator Partners, a group formed to educate Upper Valley residents about the causes for the decline in pollinators, including their food and habitat requirements, and encourage the creation of new pollinator habitat across our region.

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Seven students from the Tuck School of Business volunteered with UVLT staff to start the first phase of the pollinator garden at Lyme Hill.

Earthworms: The Invasive Species You Didn't Know About

When you dig in your garden and see that dark, rich, crumbly earth you think – what lovely soil! When you find worms in your garden, happily decomposing organic material into that dark, nutrient rich soil you think – worms are an indicator of fertile well aerated soil, good for growing things in. In your garden, earthworms are helpful and non-harmful but did you know in the forest earth worms can be deadly?



Earth worms are nearly all invasive

Trail Opening Day at Brookmead Conservation Area



Opening Day at the Brookmead Trails!

Join us for the afternoon of May 18th to celebrate the official 2019 opening of the Brookmead Trails! UVLT will be raising money during this event for a stewardship fund that will go toward maintaining the property as a recreational area and upgrading the cabin so that the space is usable both for UVLT and the community.

Schedule of Events

4pm: Fun Run with walking and biking options. \$25 entry fee. Registration available [here](#) by \$25 donation with the designation Brookmead Stewardship Fund. (More race info coming soon).

5pm: Gather at the cabin for a cook out with music and drinks. Music by Rob Lees and Cody Williams of Still Hill.

We will be raffling off "[Sip](#)"tember Fest tickets and giving custom Brookmead t-shirts away to race participants and donors.

Vernal Pool Restoration at Ticknor Woodlands

Late in 2017, UVLT conserved a 110 acre parcel right in downtown Lebanon with the city. This property, known as Ticknor Woodlands, had water resources that had been disturbed by human interaction on the property. As a part of a grant to UVLT by the NHDES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, UVLT restored a large vernal pool on the lower portion of the property.

On **May 23rd** at **6pm** we will be holding an educational and interactive talk on site (located off of **Dulac Street**) to display the before and after of the pool restoration, count egg masses, look for frogs and salamanders, and learn why this property is important to Lebanon.



The vernal pool at Ticknor Woodlands. Photo by VP of Conservation Peg Merrens.

[Learn More About Vernal Pool Restoration](#)

Calling All Volunteers!

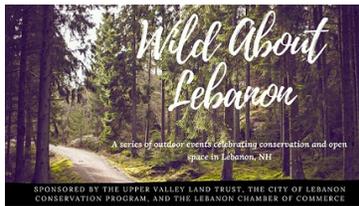
Do you love to garden? Want to garden for a good cause?

UVLT is starting a food pantry garden at Brookmead Conservation Area on Turnpike Road in Norwich! We need a handful of dedicated volunteers to help make this dream a reality. We expect to hold work days weekly through the summer and fall (days & time TBD). All food will be donated to Willing Hands to feed our neighbors in need.

If you're interested in volunteering at our food pantry garden please contact Programs Director Alison Marchione at alison.marchione@uvlt.org.



Upcoming Events



WAL Mascoma Greenway

Join UVLT and the Mascoma Greenway to walk, bike, or inline skate on **Saturday May 11th!** Groups of walkers and bikers will leave from the **Mascoma St** parking lot shortly after 1 - but you can go it alone as well. This event runs **1 -3pm**. Technica will be there with their Rollerblade van so that you can try out inline skating!



Visit the Ticknor Woodlands Restored Vernal Pool

On **Thursday May 23rd at 6pm** we will gather at the Ticknor Woodlands property of **Dulac St** in Lebanon for an educational outing. We will discuss the restoration process, look at egg masses and/or tadpoles, and discuss why vernal pools are such important wildlife habitat.



Annual Celebration

Join us for our Annual Celebration! This year we will be at **AVA Gallery** in downtown **Lebanon, NH**. Mark your calendars for **June 12th at 5pm**. \$25 tickets for dinner can be purchased by calling the office with a credit card or stopping by with a check.

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