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Upper Valley Land Trust - September 2019

Masthead Photo: Dairy cows at the Knox-Ingalls Farm in Haverhill, NH.
Photo by Land Steward Mallory Okuly

American Chestnuts at Up on the Hill

UVLT recently planted four American Chestnut seedlings at our Up on the Hill property in Charlestown, NH. They were grown from seeds found in the wild by Doug McLane of the American Chestnut Foundation in Plymouth NH and given to UVLT earlier this summer. Up on the Hill is the perfect spot for them - it once harbored many chestnut trees that Chris and Harvey Hill still remember being present on the property years ago. A dead chestnut tree now stands in the middle of the clearing where they are planted as a reminder that they were once growing there, and now will again.

[Read More About Chestnuts](#)



UVLT Board Chair John Gerstmayr and UVLT Vice President of Stewardship and Strategic Initiatives John Roe set up the deer proof cage around a chestnut seedling. Photo by UVLT Programs Director Alison Marchione

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Harvest Celebration

September 25th 5:30-7:30 pm Sunrise Farm

Share a potluck* meal with UVLT at Sunrise Farm in Hartford, VT. Great local food begins with good land! The Upper Valley Land Trust conserves the land that keeps our region growing! Learn more about UVLT's work with farmers and farmland during this dinner.

* Please bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils to help us minimize waste. Please RSVP by calling 603-643-6626 or emailing contactus@uvlt.org

Sunrise Farm is located at 1759 North Hartland Road (Route 5), Hartford, VT

Monarch Tagging at Up on the Hill Conservation Area

In a follow up event to our Mission Monarch caterpillar monitoring UVLT staff partnered with the Sullivan County Conservation District last weekend for a Monarch Butterfly tagging event.

20 event attendees tagged 26 monarch butterflies in 1.5 hours! It was a beautiful day, with great weather for monarchs. The event was held at Up on the Hill in Charlestown, NH which is the perfect location for such a fun citizen science and education event!

[Learn More About Mission Monarch](#)



A participant in the Monarch tagging releases a butterfly from her nose! Monarchs love the salt from a sweaty face and if placed on the face will stay there from seconds to minutes to absorb the salt through their feet!



Photos by UVLT Programs Director Alison Marchione

Hands on at Lyme Pinnacle

Lyme's Pinnacle has been a pretty busy place this trail season. We have a whole blog post up about all the recreational upgrades that have happened in the last few months! Click below to check them out.

Because so much time, hard work, and love have gone into making Pinnacle an even more special place we want to celebrate that with you! Join us on October 13th from 1-3pm at the brand new parking lot off of Highbridge Road! We will hike to the top, enjoy the newly cleared view (thanks Hypertherm!) and then enjoy a bring your own picnic lunch and kite flying!

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Volunteers from Hypertherm after a hard day of working clearing the view at the top of Pinnacle. Photo by Outreach and Donor Programs Coordinator Paul Blazeovich

Upcoming Events



Volunteer With Us! UVLT Volunteer Open House

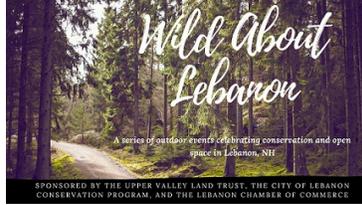
Calling all volunteers! The UVLT Open House is **October 22nd** from **5:00-7:00pm!** Join us to celebrate another successful field season and say thank you to all our dedicated volunteers.

If you have never volunteered with UVLT before or if you are a current volunteer interested in learning new and different ways to get involved, join us before hand at **4pm** for a short presentation on **all the ways to be involved and volunteer at UVLT!**



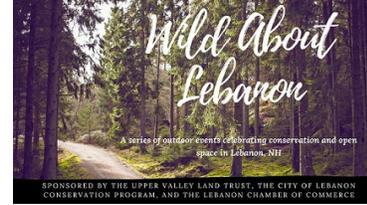
Boots & Brews at West Windsor Town Forest

Join UVLT staff for a low-key, fun hike through the West Windsor Town Forest! Meet at the Coaching Lane parking lot at **3:00pm** on **September 21st**. The hike will last approximately 1.5 hours and then we will go to the Brownsville Butcher & Pantry for drinks! The hike will be **moderately difficult** with some ups and downs.



Wild About Lebanon- Hike to Indian Ridge

Join UVLT and the City of Lebanon for a fall morning hike along Indian Ridge Meet on **October 2nd** at **9:30am** at the parking area off of Lahaye Drive near the southern entrance of DHMC. **1.6 mi** along a north south ridge and mature forest with streams and wetlands. **Strenuous difficulty.**



Paddle the Border

UVLT is is partner in this great CT River paddling event. Join us on **October 6th** from **10am-3pm** to paddle the river between Newbury and Bradford VT! Bring your own boat and take a float! The paddlers trail goes past many UVLT conserved lands and campsites.



History Walk & Talk at Smith Pond Shaker Forest

Join UVLT staff for a gentle hike through Smith Pond Shaker Forest to discuss the history of the property. We will talk about past land use, Shaker history and still present infrastructure, and the presence of the American Chestnut. Meet at the **Smith Pond Route 4a parking lot** at **10:30am** on **October 6th** and walk the **1 mi**, easy trail.



Pinnacle "Ribbon Cutting" Celebration

We are celebrating a successful year of volunteer stewardship at Pinnacle. Meet at the new **Highbridge Road parking lot** at **1:00 pm** on **October 13th** and walk to the top. Bring a picnic lunch and a kite to join us for a picnic and kite flying party.

[For Details on Everything Going on at UVLT Click Here](#)



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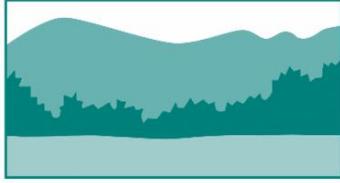
UVLT has a brand new instagram account! Follow us to see exciting pictures from the field, beautiful vistas, and happy faces of people who join us for events: [uppervalleylandtrust](https://www.instagram.com/uppervalleylandtrust)

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