



Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

Upper Valley Land Trust - April 2021

Masthead Photo: Marsh Marigolds (*Caltha palustris*)



Woody Adams Conservation Forest Fundraising Complete!

UVLT and the Norwich Conservation Commission are excited to announce the completion of our fundraising campaign to purchase and protect the Woody Adams Conservation Forest! With the support of 148 individuals and families in the community we were able to raise the \$65,000 needed to complete the purchase of this important piece of upland forest habitat. We wish to thank everyone who contributed for their support of protecting these special places!

[Read the Whole Story](#)

Food Pantry Garden Expansions at Brookmead and Up on the Hill

This season UVLT plans to expand the Food Pantry Garden program to include a second garden at Up on the Hill in Charlestown, NH! All the produce from this garden will go to the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. We will also enlarge our garden at Brookmead



Conservation Area in Norwich, to include a section of the garden dedicated to a new partnership with Abenaki Land Link - a program that provides indigenous seeds to growers who then return the produce and new seeds to Abenaki Citizens.

[Read About the Expansion & Sign Up to Volunteer](#)



Why Are Paper Birch Trees so White?

Michael Carlowicz is a member of the Dartmouth class of 2022 and he did a research project for his Physiological Ecology class at Lyme Hill last term. His essay on what causes paper birch trees to have white bark is fascinating! Learn more about this evolutionary adaptation in our forests by clicking the button below.

Betula papyrifera, or the paper birch tree, is a common sight for hikers in northern North American forests. As the state tree of New Hampshire, the paper birch can be easily identified by its white-colored bark, which peels off in thin paper-like layers. Most trees have dark brown or grey bark, but the paper birch almost blends in with the snow. So why is the paper birch tree so white?

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Lunch & Learn: Using iNaturalist to Rediscover Lost Species

The Lunch and Learn series is back this winter with a group of virtual workshops and lectures for you to enjoy. Held every third Thursday through the winter months at 12pm. Bring your lunch and join us to learn about the world around us!



April 15th: Using iNaturalist to Rediscover Lost Species

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Julia Pupko from the Vermeont Center for Ecostudies will introduce us to the iNaturalist app and cover its benefits for science, specifically through the contributions that volunteer naturalists add to it. She will go over basic ways to use iNaturalist - how to upload observations both on the browser version and on the mobile app, will show people how to search iNaturalist for different observations.

Volunteer Easement Monitor Training



Looking for an excuse to get outside? Do you like to explore? Do you like hiking off-trail? Do you enjoy visiting beautiful places close to home? Join Land Steward Kaytee Currie-Huggard to become a part of our volunteer team of Land Stewards!

Join us on **April 21st at 6pm** on zoom for a one hour training on how to volunteer with UVLT to monitor conservation easements. Following the zoom training there will be an in person, outdoor training **Saturday 24th at 1pm** (location TBD). More information available at uvlt.org/calendar

[Register for the Zoom Training Here](#)



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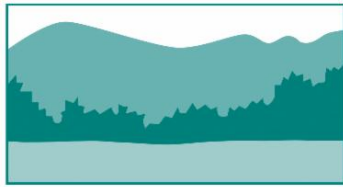
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