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## Upper Valley Land Trust - March 2021

Masthead Photo: View of Old Kings Highway and the Saint John easements in Pomfret, VT. Photo taken by Land Steward Kaytee Currie-Huggard

### Zebedee Wetland Educational Activity Guide



Trail markers at Zebedee Wetland painted by Thetford Elementary students

In the spirit of our Lyme Hill Activity Guide that was released in the spring of 2020, we have created a brand new activity guide for Zebedee Wetland! Students are back in school, but many local families still need safe and solitary activities for weekends and days off. We hope that this new guide will give you some ideas for how to spend a Saturday morning in the outdoors and will inspire you to create your own activities while visiting new conservation areas.

[View the Guide Here](#)

### Mud Season - To Hike or Not to Hike

Winter seems to be at an end and it isn't quite spring yet here in the Upper Valley. That can only mean one thing. Our infamous fifth season is roaring in like a lion – it's mud season.

While UVLT doesn't close our parking lots and trails during mud season, we do ask our users to use caution and their best judgment when visiting our trails and conservation areas. If you're planning on visiting a trail take into account the probable trail conditions before heading out for a hike and avoid trails that might be very wet and muddy.



[Read More About Trail Usage in Mud Season](#)

## Spring has Sprung! Time to Take Down Your Bird Feeders



Winter is winding down and spring is just around the corner. We are all gearing up for spring with gardens, barbecues, and lawn mowing in our future. One thing we might forget: to take down our bird feeders. Why? Bears. As spring approaches and the weather warms bears become increasingly active in both New Hampshire and Vermont. March 31st is the traditional deadline to take down the feeders.

[Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events



The Voices of the Land book club has one book left as we move from winter to spring here in the Upper Valley. Our last meeting date is April 14th. [You can register for the next two meetings here.](#)

### Upcoming Book Discussions

**April 14th:** *Entangled Life* by Merlin Sheldrake

[Click Here to Read About Our Book Selection & to Sign Up](#)

**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.



## Follow us on Instagram

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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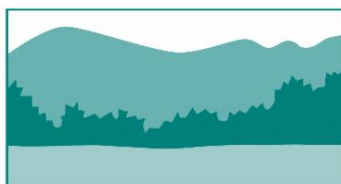
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