



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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March 17th Annual Meeting

Jim Block will Present a Slide Show Entitled:

Jiri to Everest Base Camp

The traditional route to Everest Base Camp (EBC) involves a hike from Jiri. Jim Block did this 4 week trek one year ago with a small group of friends. They took the hard route, detouring to cross two nearly 18,000 foot passes along the way. The day before they visited EBC, they climbed Kala Patthar (18,200 ft) to look down on base camp. Along the way they were welcomed by many villagers they had met and helped in previous treks.

Jim will present photos from the trip and tell about their adventures. Several of his travelling companions on this and other treks in Nepal will also attend our annual meeting.

Jim Block photographs the natural world, people, and almost anything he sees. Well over a thousand of his photos have been published and many have appeared on the cover of books, magazines, calendars, annual reports, and maps. Jim has enjoyed teaching digital photography to enthusiastic photographers for over a dozen years.

Jim supplies assignment and stock photographic images for a variety of regional magazines including *Upper Valley Life*, *Kearsarge*, *Northern Woodlands*, and *Down East*.

Jim teaches 8-10 photo courses each year in his Etna, NH studio. He leads small-group photo workshops in Northern New England and gives Nature and Travel photo shows.

Jim photographs a few weddings each year and does individual and family portraits in natural settings.

Many of Jim's images can be seen at www.jimblockphoto.com, a continuously evolving and expanding web site.

Meeting Details

In the activity room of Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London, the meeting will commence at 5:00pm with a scrumptious pot luck supper. (Entrees are always welcome). After a short business meeting, Jim Block will present his slide show of his trek with friends in Nepal.

Please contact Jean LaChance (927-4345) to tell her that you will be coming and what you will be bringing. If you are only interested in the program, please arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Also on the agenda is the presentation of certificates to anyone who has completed the 75-mile loop. Make sure you have someone apprised of your situation if you have accomplished this feat!



**Jim Block on Kala Patthar (18,200 ft) with
Khumbu Icefall behind him. Photo: Carolyn Frye**

Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness Snowshoe Hike

Feb. 24 (Sun), Feb 25 (Mon) or Feb 26 (Tue) 9pm

The one-time only hike departure time will be made to coincide with the best moonlight and weather conditions. If you are interested in participating, please send your email address to David Cook dwcook@tds.net and/or call between 5:30 and 6:30 each night to determine which night has been chosen for the optimum conditions. All participants need snowshoes, warm clothing and headlamps with fresh batteries, and poles are strongly recommended. The hike will be approximately 2 miles in length and 2 hours in duration. *Not for novices.* The meet, park, start and finish is where the power line crosses Whitney Brook Road. in Elkins. The route will follow trails on the Cook and Deming easements, climaxing at the ridge-top skyline vista of the Cook Easement. For further details see the SRK website. www.srkg.org.

Winter Hikes Still to Come

Feb 9 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Snowshoe over winter trails in Wilmot's Patterson Road area. Refreshments afterward at the Faughnans. 3 miles. **(M)**

Feb 16 (Sat) Peg Bastien (456-2347) Snowshoe in Warner's Chandler Reservation. Peg is hoping to lead her group up to the old fire tower. Some of the trails are rather steep, so be prepared. **(M-D)**

Feb 24,25 or 26 David Cook (456-4570) Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness! (see above for more details)

Mar 2 (Sat) Gerry Gold (526-2857) Journey along Sunapee-Pillsbury ridge to Lucia's Lookout to appreciate the unique view seen only by dedicated trekkers.10 miles **(D)**

Where Does Q2C Go From Here? by Gerry Gold

The SRK Greenway sits in the middle of a trail puzzle: how to connect Mount Monadnock at the Massachusetts border to the Appalachian Trail and White Mountain trail systems? The dream of a long-distance trail connecting Mount Monadnock to Mount Moosilauke goes back to 1909 and Appalachian Mountain Club founder Alan Chamberlain.

Last summer some SRK Greenway members attended discussion groups to rethink how trails could be developed to turn hiking ideas in realities. The meetings in Canaan, New London and Keene were organized by the Forest Society (SPNHF), the AMC, and SRKGC with support from Lelia Mellen of the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). Chris Wells of SPNHF chairs the current project committee.

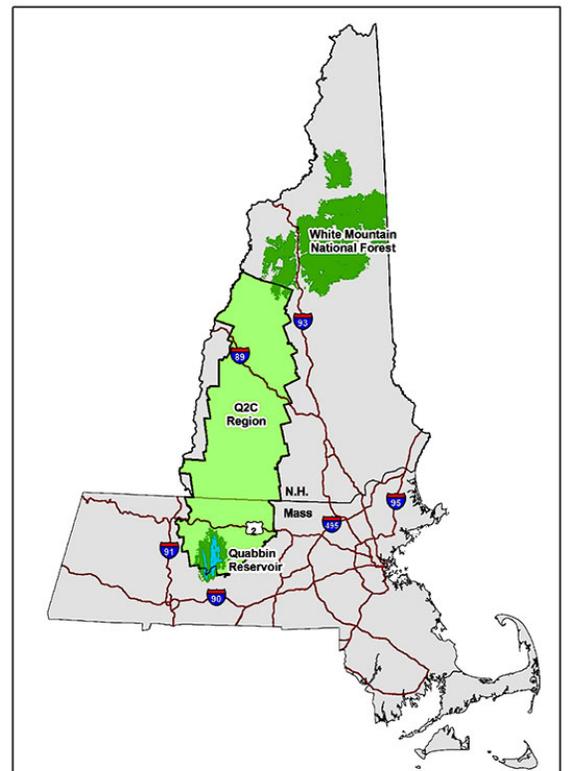
Both SPNHF and AMC are involved with the Quabbin-to-Cardigan (Q2C) Partnership, a group of over 25 organizations encouraging land conservation for recreation, animal habitat and protection of ecologically significant forests. See: <http://q2cpartnership.org/> for information. Following last summer's public meetings, Tyler Griffen, a recent Colby-Sawyer graduate working with SPNHF's Dan Sundquist, improved maps of possible trail locations north of the SRK Greenway to Cardigan and from there to the AT.

Also last summer a grant program from the Rivers & Trails Program of the National Park Service funded a Manchester High School student trail crew supervised by the Student Conservation Association to improve the SRK Greenway's Lincoln Trail on Mount Kearsarge. The SCA students constructed a boardwalk near the top of the Lincoln Trail to reduce hiker impacts on trail erosion.

In January SPNHF announced receiving an anonymous gift of \$500,000 to continue Q2C projects in New Hampshire over the next two years.

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The Quabbin-to-Cardigan focus area is in light green