

## Opposition to Parkway

Recently I read in your pages that the Green Mountain Parkway, sometimes known as the Skyline Drive, is being proposed on the site of the Long Trail. I am writing to express my sincere hope that this never transpires.

I cannot speak as one who has any special claim on Vermont, although my paternal grandfather, Orville Fisk, was born and raised in Montpelier before going West to Minnesota to take up a homestead and join Lincoln's Army. But I have come to know the Green Mountains, particularly the Long Trail, so intimately that I hate to see its invasion by a highway.

Vermont, as a member of the Union, belongs in a sense to all of us. Those of us in crowded cities look forward eagerly to the days when we can get onto its remote trails and lose ourselves once again in a bit of American wilderness. Highways destroy every solitude. Vermont has a solitude and beauty that I hope is kept inviolate throughout the centuries.

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