

## MONTPELIER SECTION REPORT

We had a good work trip on May 30th, covering the Trail from Smuggler's Notch to Sterling Pond, with five Club members going. We found the Trail in very good condition, and probably had to cut up and remove no more than a dozen trees.

Our Camel's Hump hike turned out to be quite an affair, even though a dozen people at most came out. My wife and I went up the Callahan Trail on Saturday, June 14th, and reached the top to find a veritable gale blowing. It was a beautiful sunny day, but our cheeks and hands turned numb in a very few minutes. We lost no time in getting back into the shelter of the trees. The mountain was alive with people that day. Boy Scouts, families, lone hikers, all kinds of walkers kept appearing up and down the Trail. It was amusing to see everyone crossing the peak, on their hands and knees in many cases. We returned that day, but learned later that some friends of the Club had spent the weekend on the mountain, and on Sunday five other Club members had gone up the mountain.

Fifteen members attended the corn roast at the Bloom farm in East Calais on Sunday, September 28th. A bushel of corn was roasted over an open fire. The corn was then eaten and heartily enjoyed by the group.

The Mount Hunger trip had four Club members going, but we enjoyed it immensely. It was a raw, overcast day with all kinds of weather, and when we made the top, the weather changed by the minute, but all the time blowing like mad. To add to the fun, we discovered a very well marked white-paint blazed trail all the way to the summit. A real mystery—who did it? Not our Section. Could it have been the Burlington Section? It wasn't there last spring. No reward, but our thanks to any reader who will let us know.

The remaining fall schedule includes a hike October 26th to Nichols Ledge in the Hardwick-Cabot area, and a hike to Wiley Lodge on December 7th.

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