



Compliments of the Hunter Education Program

Happy Friday! This week we had a number of hunter safety course requisitions come in, and even more prospective students looking for courses. Thank you for volunteering your time and hunting expertise to continue our Vermont hunting tradition. You are the ones that make this program successful.

THANK YOU!

Accommodating Hunter Safety Students

As hunter safety educators, we want to encourage all students to participate in hunter safety courses. This includes providing access and tools for those who have learning disabilities, reading problems, hearing or sight impairment, or a physical disability. If you have a student that requires accommodations and you are unsure how to provide them, please contact us. We have tools that can make unique, and maybe challenging, situations successful.

Green Mountain Conservation Camp at Buck Lake recently borrowed a crossbow from hunter education to accommodate this young gentleman working towards his firearm and bow hunter safety. The kid was “Grinning from ear to ear afterwards!” commented Zach Schwasman, a Natural Resource Instructor.

Many of you have already experienced moments of accomplishments like this one, thank you! Let’s keep it up by sharing tips, pictures, solutions and asking questions.



NRA Range Safety Officer Course

Mike MacDuff, a Vermont hunter safety instructor and a VP for the Vermont State Rifle & Pistol Association, will be conducting a NRA Range Safety Officer Course at the Barre Fish & Game Club on Saturday, September 14th.

This course usually costs much more if you take the course elsewhere. If you want to take this course, don't wait, as it will fill quickly.

Where: Barre Fish and Game Club
31 Gun Club Road
Berlin, VT 05641

When: 9/14/2013

Cost: \$40

Register by clicking the link below and follow the instructions..

<http://www.nrainstructors.org/>

1. Find Class
2. Select: Range Safety Officer
3. Search: Vermont

Must be paid in Full by 9/1/2013- No funds after this date.

Make check out to: VTFSC

Mail to:

Mike MacDuff
135 lupine Drive
Colchester, VT 05446

Vermont's 2013 Moose Auction is Open for Bids

Always wanted a moose hunting permit but never won one in a state lottery? Here's your opportunity to bid on a permit and potentially win a hunt for Vermont's largest big game animal.

Vermont's auction for five moose hunting permits is open until August 21 with a minimum bid amount of \$1,500. Sealed bids on forms provided by Fish & Wildlife must be received by 4:30 p.m. that day.

Auction winners will choose to hunt in one of several wildlife management units (WMUs) open to moose hunting and choose to hunt during the October 1-7 archery season, or in the October 19-24 regular season.

Vermont's 2012 Moose Harvest Report with details on last year's hunt, including the towns where moose were taken, is on Fish & Wildlife's website. Look under "Hunting and Trapping" and then "Big Game."

Bids do not include the cost of a hunting license (residents \$22, nonresidents \$100) or moose hunting permit fee (\$100 for residents and \$350 for nonresidents).

Contact the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to receive a moose permit bid packet. Telephone 802-828-1190 or email (fwinformation@state.vt.us). Information about the auction is posted on Fish & Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

Proceeds from the moose hunting permit auction help fund Vermont Fish and Wildlife educational programs. Winning bids are typically at least \$4,000.

The lottery drawing for 355 regular moose season permits and 50 archery season permits will be held August 1 in Montpelier.

Waterfowl Meetings -- Aug. 6, Whitehall, NY -- Aug. 7, Burlington, VT

Public meetings on the status of waterfowl populations and waterfowl hunting seasons for the State of Vermont and Lake Champlain zone in New York will be held Tuesday, August 6, in Whitehall, New York, and Wednesday, August 7, in Burlington, Vermont. The annual meetings are being held by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

The August 6 meeting will be held at the Skenesborough Rescue Squad building in Whitehall, New York. The August 7 meeting will be held at the University of Vermont's Billings Lecture Hall. Both meetings will run from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Those attending the Burlington, Vermont meeting should park off Colchester Avenue.

Vermont and New York waterfowl hunters are encouraged to attend one of these meetings and share their preferences and opinions with other waterfowl hunters and Vermont and New York wildlife personnel.

Under Federal regulations, waterfowl seasons, bag limits, and shooting hours in the Lake Champlain Zone must be uniform throughout the entire zone. Therefore, waterfowl seasons in New York's portion of the Lake Champlain Zone must be identical to the waterfowl season in Vermont's portion of the Zone.

Comments received at the August meetings, as well as input and recommendations from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, will be reviewed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board.

F&W License Services are at National Life, Montpelier

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's main license services office is now located in the Dewey Building adjacent to the National Life Building in Montpelier.

Since the Irene flood, Vermont Fish & Wildlife personnel formerly located in Waterbury have been temporarily stationed in several communities.

"We want to remind people that our license services center is now located at the National Life complex in Montpelier," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Patrick Berry. "Our licensing personnel are available at National Life to help people who want to purchase licenses and to assist license agents from all over the state who need information and supplies."



Most Vermont hunting, fishing and trapping licenses also can be quickly and easily purchased on Fish & Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

For more information, contact Fish & Wildlife's licensing staff by telephoning 802-828-1190 or emailing them at cheri.waters@state.vt.us. They are located in the Dewey Building at 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620-3208. The Dewey Building is located at the far end of the parking lot.

From the Vermont Department of Health

Windsor's Town Plan Update Includes Healthy Community Design

New Health Community Design Resource Now Online

WINDSOR – Bordered by a wildlife preserve and tucked between a river, lake and pond, Windsor is perfectly positioned for healthy community design, according to a 20-year resident who has been deeply involved in developing the town's master plan.

“The town lends itself to walking, you can go days without getting into a car if you don't want to,” said Robert Haight, an architect and the executive director of the Windsor Downtown Committee. “One of the projects is a proposal for a walking and biking trail that runs along the river, which would be absolutely beautiful and should be easy to accomplish.”

The Vermont Department of Health has championed healthy community design to support healthy behaviors with grants to communities, and created a new “Active Living & Healthy Eating” online resource that provides an overview of the state's land use planning process, steps to creating healthy communities, action strategies and a toolkit.

Town planners in Windsor have worked to expand corridors and access to places for walking, organic gardens, and farmland that are unique to the area and invite the community to get outside and be active.

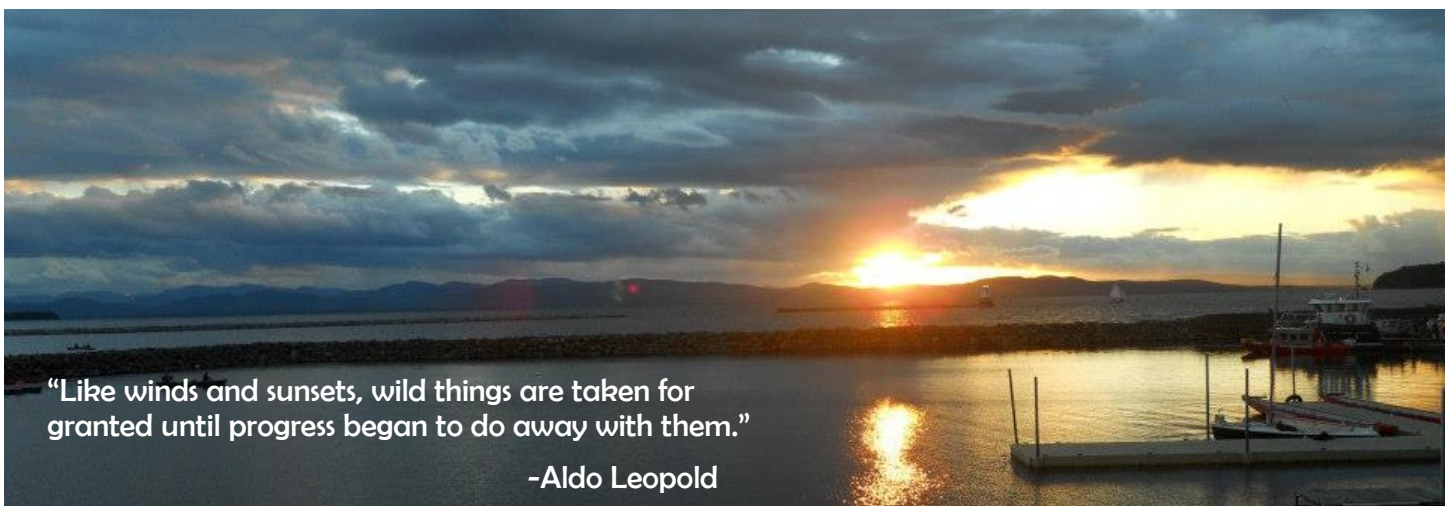
“We need to build physical activity into our everyday lives, and this requires the involvement of government, leaders, organizations, groups and community members,” said Susan Coburn, nutrition and physical activity chief for the Health Department. “Improvements in how communities are designed increases opportunities to make healthy choices for everyone, regardless of age or income.”

Sixty percent of Vermonters are overweight or obese. Research shows that healthy community design, such as improved access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity, supports lifestyle and behavioral changes, and can have more of an impact on health than medical care.

A survey of 400 residents of Windsor and the surrounding community showed that 42 percent of residents cited *I don't have the time* as a barrier to exercise, and 14 percent said they had no access to facilities or equipment, according to Melanie Sheehan, director of Community Health Outreach at Mt. Ascutney Hospital.

“The role of town planners is critical to our health goals,” Sheehan said. “Windsor town planners have done a great job because they clearly see the value in healthy design and health promotion.”

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“Like winds and sunsets, wild things are taken for granted until progress began to do away with them.”

-Aldo Leopold

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION RECEIVED AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR WOLCOTT POND

July 11, 2013

The Watershed Management Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) received a petition to amend the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules to prohibit the use of vessels powered by internal combustion motors on Wolcott Pond. The petitioners are a citizen group called **Friends of Wolcott Pond**.

The petition was received on **February 22, 2013 and last revised on April 24, 2013**. The Department is currently considering this petition and seeking public comments. A complete copy of the petition and supplemental materials are available for review at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in Montpelier and on the Department's webpage at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rulemaking/htm/petitions.htm>. The Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules can also be found on the Department's webpage at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rulemaking/htm/rules.htm>.

A public meeting will be held to hear public comments on the petition on **Tuesday, August 20, 2013** at the Wolcott Town Offices, 28 Railroad Street, Wolcott, Vermont, at 6:00 p.m. **Written comments** on the petition will be accepted at the address below until the close of the public comment period on **September 1, 2013**. Comments may also be faxed to (802) 828-1544 or e-mailed to leslie.welts@state.vt.us. All comments received by the above date will be considered in the formulation of the determination.

Watershed Management Division
Department of Environmental Conservation
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Montpelier, VT 05620
Attention: Leslie Welts, Attorney