



Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

Upper Valley Land Trust - Early December 2018

Masthead Photo: The Von Hippel property in Topsham, VT from inside a cellar hole. Photo by Stewardship Director Jason Berard.

Belonging to Nature

Nicole Cormen was a tireless advocate for nature and open space in Lebanon, NH. As Jeanie McIntyre put it she, "was a champion of her city, its places and its people. She gave many hours indoors, preparing for and attending City Council and Planning Board meetings and doing research, so that Lebanon's outdoors would be healthy and strong. We honored Nicole's life and legacy by dedicating Rix Ledges, a place she loved, to her. Read everything Jeanie had to say about Nicole and the dedication of Rix by clicking the button below.

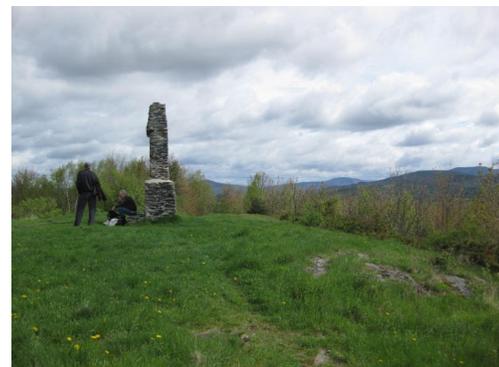
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Plaque marking the dedication of the Rix Ledges Property to Nicole Cormen. Photo by land Steward Doug Brown.

Lyme's Pinnacle

Lyme residents have been going to Pinnacle for generations to enjoy the long views in all directions. The summit of Pinnacle is a special place for people in Lyme. With longtime land owner Hellen Darion's death last spring the access to that special place has been at risk and the future of Pinnacle was uncertain. UVLT is working with the new owners of the property to permanently protect the land and restore and enhance recreational access. To do that, UVLT is establishing a dedicated management fund to care for the property, manage trails, and keep the hilltop open in perpetuity.



The iconic stone fireplace and chimney at the summit of Lyme Pinnacle

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[Read About the Fundraising Campaign](#)

Beaver Pond Farm Update

In the month and change since UVLT sent a call to action to the people of Newport, NH and the surrounding community, we have received a groundswell of financial support for the Beaver Pond Farm project! With the help of 87 individual donors we have raised \$7,800 toward our goal! If we can get just 13 more donations we will have the 100 donors needed to obtain an extra \$5,000 dollars!

Donations of *any* size count toward the 100 individuals needed. Please consider showing your support for protecting working farms today by making a donation online and using the designation "Beaver Pond Farm."

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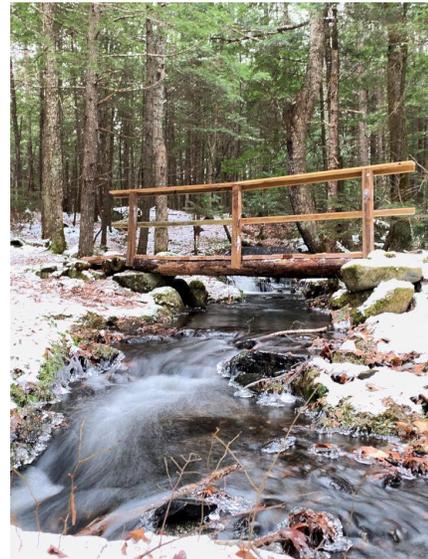


Just harvested tomatoes at Beaver Pond Farm in Summer 2018. Photo courtesy of Becky Nelson.

Introducing our Newest Conservation Area: The Dismal On Pressey Brook

Along the edge of Pressey Brook, in eastern Hanover, there's thin ice on these cold mornings. The stream winds through a huge, shrubby wetland, where beavers are preparing for winter. The summer birds are long gone, and in a few months there will be otter slides and animal tracks to follow in the snow. In every season, this is a place to be shared, a place where the land reveals so much life. This place is UVLT's newest conservation area, The Dismal on Pressey Brook.

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A newly rebuilt bridge over a stream on the property. Photo by Land Steward Doug Brown.

Be on the Lookout!



Lyme Hill Solstice Hike

Join us on our **5th Annual** gathering to celebrate the returning of the light! On **December 21st at 3pm** we will meet at the Lyme Hill parking lot to hike to the top for the sunset and then back down for s'mores and hot chocolate. Child and dog friendly!



Picaboo Holiday Cards

There is still time to order your holiday cards online from Picaboo! When you buy your cards through cards for causes 50% of the proceeds go to UVLT. [Click here](#) to get started today.



Instagram

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:

[the_upper_valley_land_trust](https://www.instagram.com/the_upper_valley_land_trust)

[For Details on Everything Going on at UVLT Click Here](#)

Make Your Gift to UVLT Today!

We are now in the middle of the season of giving. Please remember UVLT in your holiday gift list. Make a donation to our annual fund by clicking the "Donate Now" button below.

Every little bit counts and helps us to protect critical parcels of land, steward our easements, trails, and wildlife habitat, provide educational resources for students, and make sure everyone has access to the outdoors.

We couldn't do it without you.

Thank You



We know you love
the Upper Valley

We Do Too!

Make your commitment today to our region's wild places, its farmland and forests, rivers and trails, community landmarks and recreational areas.

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