



Connecting Communities

Along Our Trails 2014

IN STERLING – DECEMBER 7



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7
1:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE
A WINTER HIKE AT
WAUSHACUM
OVERLOOK**

Come celebrate the holiday season in a unique way. Visit charming Sterling and enjoy a winter walk followed by holiday music, hot chocolate and cookies at the Rittenhouse School of Music & Art. Both sites are part of the historic Butterick estate. The Waushacum Overlook property (owned by the Sterling Conservation Commission) and adjacent historic orchard (owned by the Rittenhouse estate) were placed into permanent protection through the collaborative efforts of the Town of Sterling, the late Harvey & Virginia Rittenhouse, local volunteers & donors, the Trust for Public Land, the Town of Sterling, and a Massachusetts Self-Help Grant.

Organizers & Contributors: Organized by Brian Cline and Sue Valentine of the ad hoc committee for Waushacum Overlook with the support of the Sterling Conservation Commission, the Sterling Historical Commission, the Sterling Open Space Implementation Committee, and the Rittenhouse School of Music & Art.

Distance, Time and Difficulty: This hike will be classified as moderate with some challenging footing due to slopes and unpredictable winter conditions. If snowpack is deep, other trail users typically have the trails suitably tamped down so snowshoes are normally not required unless there is a fresh, heavy snowfall. Hiking poles may be helpful depending on conditions.

Directions/parking: From Sterling Town common, take Maple Street up the hill approximately ½ mile and veer right onto Kendall Hill Road at the fork in the road. Go 4/10ths of a mile and take another right to stay on Kendal Hill Road. Proceed another ½ mile and take a right onto Tara Lane just before a large barn. The hike will start at the main trailhead located off of the Tara Lane cul de sac. Please parallel park at or near the cul de sac.

Dog Policy: Although dogs are officially allowed at Waushacum Overlook, the organizers would like to request that participants leave dogs at home for this group-hike due in part to the planned visit to a private residence.

RSVP and Contact Information: RSVPs would be greatly appreciated for coordination purposes. Please RSVP by contacting Brian Cline at 978-422-2901 (phone), 978-422-2907 (fax), or Cline.Brian@gmail.com.

Connecting Communities is offered by the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition and Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, in collaboration with trail stewards, land trusts, community leaders, historical organizations, naturalists, and volunteers, and provides free trail-inspired events from June 2014 – May 2015.



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