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Winter Trips Winding Up

ALDO LEOPOLD

on March...

"A March morning is only as drab as he who walks in it without a glance skyward, ear cocked for geese..."

It is an irony of history that the great powers should have discovered the unity of nations at Cairo in 1943. The geese of the world have had that notion for a longer time, and each March they stake their lives on its essential truth. Every March since the Pleistocene, the geese have honked unity from Currituck to Labrador, Horseshoe Bay to Hudson's Bay...by this international commerce of geese, the waste corn of Illinois is carried through the clouds of the Arctic tundras, there to combine with the waste sunlight of a nightless June to grow goslings for all the lands in between. And in this annual barter of food for light, and winter warmth for summer solitude, the whole continent receives as net profit a wild poem dropped from the murky skies upon the muds of March."

A Sand County Almanac



MARSHALL BROOK WETLANDS - A hardy group explored this wild area in northeast Hanover with naturalist Alcott Smith on Feb. 25, finding fresh bobcat tracks and a beaver mansion, among other discoveries. Take the tour (through the lens of Jim Block's camera) [here!](#)

- MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AND BONFIRE ~ Saturday, March 3, 5-8pm. Wander the Slade Brook watershed by moonlight with leader Hugh Mellert, then gather around a bonfire. Bring headlamp and snowshoes (available for those who need them). Suitable for children 7 and up. Meet at 11 Old Lyme Road. For info, call 643-7778.
- RAY SCHOOL FAMILY SNOWSHOE ~ Saturday, March 10, 1-3pm. Let's go play outside on the Ray School trails! Hot cocoa and cookies to follow the trip led by Janice O'Donnell and Gail McPeek. For info, call 643-6327.

Hanover Conservancy trips are free and open to the public, and no registration is required. No dogs, please. [Look for our spring schedule on April 1.](#) To receive it, [become a Conservancy member.](#)

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Looking forward to spring trail cleanup, we'll gladly accept:

chainsaw chaps

pruners and clippers

Contact us if you have a pair to spare. Thanks!



Our Aldo Leopold Year Continues March 29

The Hanover Conservancy and Sierra Club of the Upper Valley invite you to the Howe Library for an evening screening of *Green Fire!* *Green Fire* is the first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy. The program begins at 7:00pm. [More](#) about this extraordinary film and Aldo Leopold.

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