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On May 1st, Vermont relaxed COVID regulations for outdoor recreational activities like hiking and biking because the risk of COVID transmission is very small. Governor Scott also announced the start of Phase 2 of the [Vermont Forward Plan](#), which allows outdoor gatherings of up to 300 unvaccinated people, plus any number of fully vaccinated people.

This is music to our ears as Ascutney Outdoors is making plans for community gatherings and the return of our most popular large events this coming summer.

Current and Coming Attractions

The Ascutney Outdoors Center is open most days to the public. It is the most popular trailhead for hiking and biking, and is a refreshing spot to relax or use the facilities afterwards.

We're also pleased that many of the most popular larger community and recreational events will be returning this summer, including:

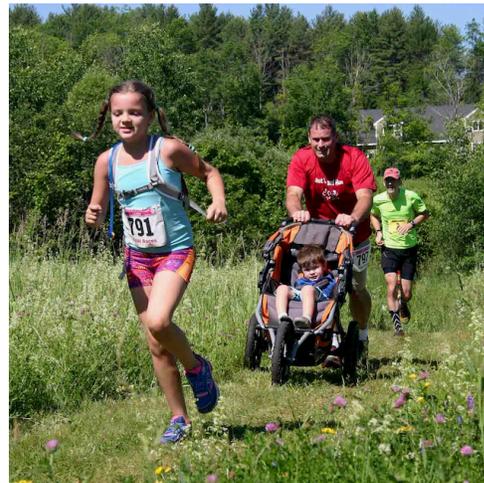
West Windsor 5 & Dime (fun family run), Independence Day Celebration, Flow State Vermont Mountain Bike Festival, Lucy Mac 5K9 run (with your best furry friends), the Vermont Overland, Vermont 50, and VERDA equestrian

Finally, we are very excited about having a grand opening of the [Ascutney \(interactive\) Discovery Trail](#) early this summer.



In Memory of Charlotte Ely MacLeay

Our dear friend [Charlotte MacLeay](#) passed away peacefully on April 25. Charlotte learned to ski on Mt. Ascutney on the trails made by her father and kept her love of skiing and the outdoors throughout her life. She was a caring nurse and educator who was known throughout Vermont for her love of family and warmth. She and her husband, Tom, were long time supporters of the community mission of Ascutney Outdoors. We will miss her.



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