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Best wishes on Memorial Day, a day for remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed for our country. It also is a reminder for us at Ascutney Outdoors to be thankful for everyone in our community who dedicates so much of their time to so many charities and the Town. It's what makes West Windsor such a special place. We are deeply appreciative.

Summer at Ascutney Outdoors

Memorial Day also marks the start of summer, a wonderful time of year in Vermont. On the mountain, most days and evenings are quiet, a perfect time for a stroll, hike or bike ride starting from the Ascutney Outdoors Center. You're also welcome to come sit on the deck of the AOC and relax and take in the views.

While we appreciate the peaceful times, we also look forward to the excitement and vitality that comes with our community and recreational events. We got off to a great start with the Vermont Overland Trail Run in early May, and upcoming events include:

Over the 4th of July weekend, the **Weston Playhouse** is returning with a

Celebration to the mountain on the evening of July 3rd.

The **Flow State** mountain bike festival, a fundraiser for Ascutney Trails Association, is scheduled for July 28 - 30.

The highly regarded **Vermont Overland** dirt road bike race supporting AO and ATA takes place on August 26 - 27.

Ragnar will be back with it's unique format of team-relay races and camping on September 9 - 10.

The **Vermont 50,** the iconic ultra run and ride that supports Vermont Adaptive takes place on September 24 -25.

Vermont Overland Trail

The trail run was a great success thanks to the hard work of local residents (and expecting parents) Ansel and Gertrude and their team. Don't take our word for it - watch a **video** by our board member Steve Giroux.

And here's what one runner wrote Ansel in an email:

"Thank you so much for putting on The Overland Trail! It was one of our favorite races we have ever attended. The camping the night before, the fast but challenging course, the live bluegrass band mid-course, the champagne celebrations, and the afterparty were all amazing! We definitely want to be coming back for this event for years to come!

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