

Registration for the Northeastern Friends of the Pleistocene 85th Annual Reunion Surficial Geology of North-Central Vermont

June 7-9, 2024

Berlin, Vermont

Field Trip Leaders:

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We invite you to the 85th annual reunion of the Northeastern Friends of the Pleistocene which is taking place in north-central Vermont over the weekend of June 7-9, 2024. This will be the first Friends' field trip to the area since 2003. During most of the intervening 20 years our efforts have been directed towards detailed mapping of all 7.5- minute quadrangles within the Montpelier (Vermont) 30' x 60' sheet. Our reunion will celebrate the compilation of the surficial geology across these 32 quadrangles, will highlight our findings, and invite your critique of our work.

We are planning field stops that demonstrate (1) glacial/hydrologic processes operating as the ice sheet thinned and retreated across this mountainous terrane, (2) glaciolacustrine processes occurring in the glacial lakes that formed during ice sheet retreat in the regions' valleys, and (3) post-glacial processes and climate changes occurring across the area following the drainage of these lakes.

The field conference will be centered at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Berlin, Vermont, immediately adjacent to Exit 7 on I-89, about midway between Montpelier and Barre. Note that room reservations are your own responsibility and are not included in the registration fee. We have a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn and Suites that are available at \$209.00 per night (plus any taxes or fees). Please contact them directly to make reservations. You can use the following link, which takes you directly to the webpage for our Friends of the Pleistocene block of rooms <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/MD82B2> or you can call the hotel at 802-229-2222 and tell them you are with the Friends of the Pleistocene.

Outline of Trip Schedule

Note: A finalized trip schedule will be sent to registrants as the date of the trip approaches.

Bugs, Weather and Accessibility: Most of the stops will be easily accessible, but several will require walking (up to one half mile) on variable terrain and may include a limited amount of bushwacking. Although we often have some lovely June days, be prepared for bugs and rainy weather. We will run the trip pretty much regardless of the weather (unless a giant flood strikes the region as happened last June).

Friday, June 7

We will have an optional Friday afternoon field trip. See the forthcoming detailed trip schedule for meeting place and start time (probably noon).

We will not have a formal gathering on Friday night, but the organizers will be at the Comfort Inn from about 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. to welcome you. You are on your own for dinner on Friday night.

Saturday, June 8

Bus transportation will be provided. We will have a single bus and if there is overflow the remainder of participants will carpool as efficiently as possible. The starting and ending point will be at the Comfort Inn. Mid-morning coffee and snacks and lunch will be provided.

Our banquet dinner Saturday evening will take place at the Vermont Granite Museum <https://www.vtgranitemuseum.org/>. The museum is located at 7 Jones Brothers Way (off of U.S. Rt. 302) in Barre, Vermont. Appetizers will be served starting at 5:30 and dinner will be at 6 p.m. The meal will be buffet style and will include pulled pork, BBQ chicken, mac and cheese, cole slaw, green salad, potato salad, cornbread, and dessert.

After dinner, Laurie Grigg will give a talk entitled "From Till to Forest: The evolution of late-glacial climate and vegetation in central Vermont."

Sunday, June 9

The Sunday field trip will start and end at the Comfort Inn. A bus will be provided with any overflow dealt with by carpooling. There will be mid-morning coffee and snacks and lunch will be provided. The trip will end in the mid-afternoon.

There are many local attractions around central Vermont for family and friends to consider before, during, and after the trip. Start exploring at <https://www.central-vt.com/outdoors/index/>

See registration form on next page.

**Northeast Friends of the Pleistocene June 7-9, 2024
Registration Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Please list any dietary restrictions or allergies: _____

Trip Registration (Friday-Sunday) @ \$160 per person: _____

Extra Guests for Saturday banquet @ \$45 person: _____

Total _____

Full Registration Fee of \$160 per person includes bus transportation on Saturday and Sunday, morning coffee and snacks and lunches on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday banquet, and guidebook.

Please complete one form per person. Payment can be by check or PayPal. Checks should be made payable to George Springston with "FOP 2024" noted on the check. Mail the completed form and check to the address below. If paying by PayPal, email your completed form to gsprings@norwich.edu and make a PayPal "Goods and Services" payment to "rosegeo@myfairpoint.net" and include "FOP 24" in the comment box. For PayPal transactions please add 3% to cover the transaction cost. Please register early to assist us with the planning process for bus transportation and dinner reservations. **Rooms at the Comfort Inn must be reserved by May 14 in order to qualify for the conference rate, Field Trip Registrations received after May 14th will be accepted on a space-available basis!**

The completed registration form and check should be mailed to:
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Email any questions to George Springston: gsprings@norwich.edu
Please include "FOP 2024" in the subject line.