

Surficial Geology of North-Central Vermont

Friends of the Pleistocene 85th Annual Reunion

June 7-9, 2024

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We invite you to the 85th annual reunion of the 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 Inn¹ in Berlin, Vermont, immediately adjacent to Exit 7 on I-89, about midway between Montpelier and Barre. Our banquet dinner Saturday evening will take place at the Barre Granite Museum. Registration details will be forthcoming shortly. We hope you can join us this coming June.



Fine-grained Glacial Lake Winooski sediments exposed along the Waterbury Reservoir.

¹An earlier version of this announcement stated that the field conference was going to be based out of Goddard College. Since that announcement, Goddard has ceased operating its campus facilities necessitating our change of venue.