

2019 VERMONT CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT.....

Vermont has experienced a rather quiet year in the Green Mountain State. The Stratton Mountain Summit Caretakers Report showed a record number of visitors (6,816), most of them traversing the Appalachian Trail and then climbing the Fire Tower for an exceptional view of the forest wilderness.

Further South, the Mt. Olga tower, located in a state park, also experienced a high number of hikers and tower visitors this Year.

The report from the Northeast Kingdom, located in the northernmost part of the state, told of a disruption of public access to the parking lot and lower portion of the trail to the Monadnock Mountain Fire Tower. Hopefully this is only a temporary disruption and will be settled before the 2020 hiking season begins.

The report also noted that the wooden steps and landings on the Bear Hill Lookout located in Allis State Park have been replaced with metal grates.

We thoroughly enjoyed attending the 2019 Eastern Conference in the Catskills hosted by the New York Chapter.....great Job Laurie!

.....Peter Hayes Vermont Director