



Finally Fall!

Mark Your Calendars for October Events

Dear Friends,

Is it me, or is a season twice as sweet when you've had to wait? Following a glorious yet summerlike September, there's a chill in the air, a frost on a few Kent meadows, and darkening days meant for warm cider and catching up on indoors-work.

Catching up for KLT means reporting out on a jam-packed summer of interns, markets, and concerts; bird-focused workshops and restoration projects; and moving forward with the protection of new land for you to explore! We have news on all of these - but first - we're sharing out upcoming dates you won't want to miss!

According to KLT's Guest Correspondent Alison Robey we can actually feel virtuous about ignoring yardwork in favor of joining fun public events like our hikes, volunteer days, the final farmers market of the season, and Kent's famous Pumpkin Run. So go ahead - Leave the Leaves and come out to play with us this October!

Life in the Leaf Pile

Alison Robey, Kent Land Trust Correspondent



It's leaf season, folks! We've reached that perfect time of year when the hills turn scarlet and gold, when the temperatures are just chilly enough for cozy jackets but just warm enough for a few more gorgeous hikes, when Kent and every other New England small town become briefly famous for a few weeks of leaf-peeping.

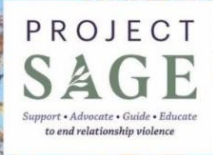
Of course, the thing about our trees putting on their annual beauty pageant is that all those leaves suddenly end up clogging up our gutters, burying our trails, and stifling our lawns under slippery

brown heaps of debris. The typical list of fall yardwork is thus chock full of tasks aimed at the repeated and never-ending removal of leaves...

Alison nails the conflicting feelings we may have towards leaves. But before you let the work part diminish your peeping enthusiasm, [read on](#) to learn why Alison believes the creature comfort of leaf litter is more important than ever before, and why we might permit ourselves "a bit less vigor" in our leaf-removing.

This Weekend!





Take back the hike!

An inclusive hike to raise awareness about domestic violence in the Northwest Corner.

On our hike, we will pay special attention to signs of wildlife in the area.

Saturday, October 18th
10:00 AM

Registration is required to communicate weather-related changes.
<https://bit.ly/KLTactivities>
info@kentlandtrust.org or 860-488-9185

REGISTRATION LINK



KLT's Skiff Mountain South
Follow Skiff Mountain Road to the top of the hill just before the Marvelwood School soccer fields.

The preserve map can be found at:
<https://www.kentlandtrust.org/anchor-page-for-skiff-mountain-south>

At just under 3 miles roundtrip, the Skiff Mountain South trail is an easy to moderate hike with a view. Please wear sturdy footwear and layered clothing. Bring a water bottle, a gas card donation for the Project SAGE clients, and your sense of adventure!



VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

EAST KENT HAMLET NATURE PRESERVE

Join Stewardship Manager Angus Gracey to learn about and help plant ecotypic plugs for our meadow restoration project.

Sunday, October 19th
9 AM -11 AM

Free and open to the public.

Registration is required to communicate weather related changes.

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*This activity is for ages 10 and up.

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REGISTER HERE



A map to the preserve can be found at:
<https://www.kentlandtrust.org/anchor-page-for-ekhnp>

Please bring if you have them: spades, buckets, pruners, gloves, and a garden knife. Extra equipment will be available. Dress in long pants and long sleeves.

Register for one or both at <https://bit.ly/KLTactivities>!

Next Friday - Final Kent Farmers Market in 2025!

Last call! Friday, September 24th will be the final market of the 2025 season. Boo-hoo, but also - Boo!

Join us to celebrate the vendors in a special Halloween market. All are invited to come in costume - including those four-legged social media stars of the ["Dogs of the Kent Farmers Market"](#) instagram account.



Next Sunday - Kent Pumpkin Run!



Join us Sunday, September 26th for Kent's wildly popular Pumpkin Run - where holiday revelers take their sneakers to the streets for up-close leaf-peeping of CT's most scenic 5-mile course. As community sponsors, we'll be on hand pre- and post-race with Halloween goodies. Visit and talk with us about our new land protection projects in progress!

[Register Here](#) for the 5-mile run or Kids' Fun Run!



Hatch Pond in Fall credit Alison Robey

The Kent Land Trust safeguards an ecosystem which in turn supports us all, at the most basic level: integrity of the air we breathe and water we drink. We envision a community where iconic landscapes are protected for today and the future. Where diverse living things continue in healthy coexistence, supported through the challenges of a changing environment. And where welcoming outdoor spaces inspire people to connect. Our role is daunting, but compelling. We promise assiduous focus on Kent's distinct needs even as we join colleagues doing the same

throughout our region and beyond. Your membership each year directly advances this vision.
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