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County news



Hikers travel through crops of wild leeks. Photo by Erin Lynch.

A forest trek Walkers take advantage of free tour

By Erin Lynch

On Easter Monday, a group of 12 outdoor enthusiasts joined Greenmantle Farm and Yours Outdoors for a free walking tour entitled *In Search of Old Growth Forest*. Led by Mark Bramham the group began on his property off the Essonville Line.

Travelling through a managed forest that has been in preparation since 1984 for a maple syrup operation, the vigorous walk took

participants through old pines and crops of wild leeks to an old oak stand on crown land. Sadly, the forest is scheduled to be logged in the period of 2016 to 2021.

The climax of the walk was reaching an ancient yellow birch hollow, which is over 300 years old. Hikers were able to stand up and look at the sky through this living tree.