



Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
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Approximately 2,000 Rainbow Family members are currently occupying areas on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Parking challenges continue along FR 10 and in bus village. Bus parking is being monitored as more people arrive at the gathering site.

Surrounding communities continue to report issues such as panhandling for food and money, harassment of local customers at stores and gas stations, requests for use of restroom facilities, and requests for drinking water.

Law enforcement for this gathering is a cooperative effort between the Rutland County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Manchester Police Department, Bennington Police Department and Forest Service officers.

Approximately 35 named campsites are set up with names like Healing Hands, Camp Nothing, and Shining Lite. Kitchens continue to opening daily with names like Rainbow Crystal, Stockpot Café, and Disaster Kitchen. Kiddie Village is the “day care center” of the gathering.

Locals visiting the gathering site should be aware that traffic congestion is increasing.

Due to today being a scheduled court day, the law enforcement statistics will be delayed. Statistics will be displayed in tomorrow’s update that will include violation notices, warning notices and arrests from Sunday and Monday.

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Photo below: An unidentified Rainbow Family member bikes to the gathering site.

