



Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
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Rainbow Family members are currently camping on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Parking challenges continue along FR 10 and in bus village. Local residents who travel to the gathering have been encouraged to travel with caution.

To date, 163 warning notices and 144 violation notices have been issued. 91 unsolved crimes are being investigated.

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. Both federal, state and local law enforcement officers are conducting these enforcement actions based on accepted legal and constitutional practices based on both state and federal law. In addition, the law enforcement agencies strictly adhere to preserving the civil right of all citizens and providing fair, equitable and reasonable treatment.

The local residents in attendance at two town hall meetings earlier this week expressed significant gratitude for the cooperative law enforcement effort in their communities.

Surrounding communities and business owners will likely see an increase in Rainbow Family activity this week as more participants arrive at the gathering. Activities in need of law enforcement attention should be brought to the attention of the incident command post at the number above or by calling 911.

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Above photo: Forest Service law enforcement officer accepts a large donation of freshly baked cookies from a local resident as thanks for their presence in the community.