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*Patrick Fourspring negotiating a tricky spot on the descent from Yard Mountain. See Trip Tales p. 7
Photo by Colin Thomas*

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The Newsletter for the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Environmental Groups Applaud Hochul Budget Plans

A coalition of outdoor nonprofits, including the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Catskill Center commended Gov. Kathy Hochul for proposals in her January State-of-the-State address that will not only benefit the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, but all New Yorkers.

“We thank Governor Hochul for acknowledging the important role that the Forest Preserve plays in the lives of New Yorkers, and we hope to see this proposal turned into action as part of a \$500 million Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) in the budget,” said Michael Barrett, ADK Executive Director. “Furthermore, we applaud the governor’s attention to our need for clean air, water, and green jobs by proposing the \$4 billion bond act.”

The groups look forward to seeing the bond act on the 2022 general election ballot statewide. Last year, ADK, the Catskill Center, and 24 other organizations and municipalities urged Hochul to include funding for critically needed services in the Forest Preserve and the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, including trail work, recreational infrastructure, and educational outreach. On Jan. 5, the governor responded by proposing that the EPF be used to support investments into these very efforts.

The groups also applaud Hochul for proposing funding for upgrading water infrastructure. They urge that she include \$1 billion in new funds for clean water infrastructure in her Executive Budget proposal, as clean water is essential to the health of communities in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and across New York state.

“The Nature Conservancy was thrilled to see Governor Hochul commit to conservation, stewardship and safe access in New York’s Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves in her State-of-the-State address,” said Peg Olsen, Adirondack Director of The Nature Conservancy in New York. “Our Forest Preserves are a key source of clean air, clean water and carbon storage and also provide unparalleled opportunities for people to connect with nature. In order to move our state’s ambitious climate change and conservation agenda forward, we must expand the Environmental Protection Fund to \$500 million and make urgently needed investments in the Adirondacks and Catskills as part of the next State Budget.”

Excerpted courtesy ADK, Catskill Report

Hemlock Bug, Forest Education Training Days Planned

Efforts to combat the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) in the upstate and Adirondack regions go back five years or so, when the invasive insect was first identified as it migrated north through the Hudson Valley from southeastern states.

With the hemlock a critical dominant tree species in the North Country, the adelgid poses a major threat. The ADK is partnering with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, the Lake George Land Conservancy and the Lake George Association to identify infestations of the aphid-like bug and eliminate them.

To that end, ADK, APIPP and LGLC launched a citizen-science program in February 2021. Volunteers were trained how to identify and survey for HWA. Twenty-six volunteers surveyed more than 100 trails and entered over 150 observations into the iMapInvasives data base. No new infestations were found. However, three additional sites around Lake George have since been identified.



Governor Kathy Hochul

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ADK Offers Environmental Study Scholarships

In keeping with the Adirondack Mountain Club's (ADK) dedication to the conservation and preservation of New York State's parks, preserves and wild spaces, the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK will be awarding up to three scholarships totaling \$1,500, along with a one-year membership to the chapter to high school seniors in the Schenectady area who show an interest in the preservation and protection of the environment. To qualify, applicants must be pursuing, in September of the upcoming academic year, a course of study in a field such as, but not limited to, forestry, marine biology, conservation or environmental science.

To apply:

Candidates should submit an essay describing their motivation for pursuing their particular course of study, their goals, and any current or past activities that show their commitment to protecting the environment.

Submissions should include the following information (**and must be submitted in either Word or pdf format**):

Name

Address

Contact number and email address

Parents' Name(s)

Name of High School

Name of College attending in September

Please also include the name, phone number and/or email of a reference we may contact who is able to validate the commitment described.

Send submissions no later than **April 15, 2022** to: jeve3@aol.com (Subject Line: ADK HS Scholarship)

Questions? Call Jacqueline McGinn, HS Scholarship Project Coordinator at 518-281-3673 or email her at jeve3@aol.com.

Want To Become A Trailhead Steward This Summer?

Boots on the ground folks: Here's some beta on becoming a trailhead steward, a demanding and time consuming job, but one that is critical to helping people enjoy the outdoors.

You can become a trailhead steward by contacting Bobby Clark, High Peaks Information Center Manager, at 518-523-3480 ext. 122, or email bclark@adk.org to request an application. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 14.

There will be a mandatory training for volunteers virtually over Zoom on April 16 from 9 a.m.-noon. There is the potential for a second training later on for folks whose weeks/weekends aren't until later in the season. Stay tuned.

Stewards will work with a staff member/steward coordinator on day one of a week to learn the procedures of parking policies, educating visitors and HPIC operations. Steward will work independently day two and through the rest of the week with continued communication with HPIC staff.

An ADK Trailhead Steward must be at least 21 years of age and a current member of the Adirondack Mountain Club. They will act as an onsite ambassador for ADK and share who ADK is with the public, encouraging membership and involvement. They must be comfortable working in a fast paced, stressful environment sometimes in extreme weather conditions. They should have thorough knowledge of ADK and its facilities, common hiking trails, NYSDEC regulations and Leave No Trace principles for outdoor ethics. A trailhead steward is a dedicated volunteer professional who enjoys engaging with the public to share their knowledge and assist visitors in having a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience.

The program runs from May 20 to Oct. 14. Please contact the HPIC for additional information.

Greene Takes Over As Chapter Whitewater Chair

Jason Greene is a former United States Marine and a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He developed a fascination with whitewater kayaking, seeing boaters on the water in places such as Costa Rica and the Hudson River Gorge, while rafting. Jason joined an ADK paddling trip as a novice whitewater kayaker for the first time in early 2019, after several months on the water with friends in 2018.

From that point, Jason frequented ADK trips and began to explore other rivers in New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maine, and West Virginia. He is now an ACA certified river kayaking instructor and excited to grow the Adirondack Mountain Club Schenectady Chapter white water group as chairman, succeeding Ralph Pascale. When Jason is not on the river, he enjoys mountain biking, backcountry skiing, the occasional hike, and a career as a financial advisor.

One of the jobs of the chairman is to set up a planning session to put together a trip schedule for the season, which usually happens in late winter. The whitewater crew will gather for this purpose on Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m., with the location still to be set. The location will be announced via email and chapter events announcements.



Jason Greene

Club-Wide Trip Leader Guide Under Development

The ADK Main Club has decided that it is time to produce a single trip leader guide for the entire organization, instead of having each chapter create their own guide. This will alleviate each chapter from the burden of creating (if they haven't already) and periodically reviewing and updating the guide. This will also help create consistent expectations for trip leaders across the organization.

Currently the Advisory Council Outings Committee is drafting the new guide. The template they are using is the Schenectady Chapter's Outing guide that was most recently updated in February 2018. That is a testament to how well it was written by Schenectady board members. Some interesting discussions are being had about what, if any, qualifications should be necessary to become an ADK trip leader, such as first aid training or Leave No Trace training. Also some clubs (like Sierra Club and Appalachian Mt. Club) require individuals to become "certified" to lead trips.

The committee hopes to have a draft done by the end of February. Once the draft is completed it will be circulated to all chapters for comment and ultimately approved by the Board of Directors.

--Sally Dewes

Trail Work Restart To Become Active During Summer

Trail work in the Adirondack Park – both maintenance and possibly new routes -- should become more active this spring under a revised policy by the Department of Environmental Conservation. That good news stems from DEC reversal last fall of a very restrictive policy against cutting even the smallest trees. Now saplings up to 3 inches may be removed.

The issue dates to 2013 when the state proposed building a set of snowmobile trails connecting communities in the central Adirondacks. Environmental groups challenged the plan in court, claiming that building of the trails would require removal of large numbers of trees, in conflict with the "forever wild" status of the Forest Preserve under the state Constitution. Courts agreed with the environmentalist challenge and snowmobile trail construction was blocked.

As part of the ruling, however, the definition of what is a tree was changed. Prior to the lawsuit DEC defined tree as having a diameter of 3 inches at chest-height. Smaller saplings could be removed from the trail as part of maintenance. The new DEC rule defined a tree as anything growing straight up. That meant that saplings could not be removed even if they were growing in the middle of the trail. This rule stalled most significant trail maintenance, restricting it to removal of deadfall and encroaching branches. Had that policy remained, our trails would have become impassable over time. It also made it nearly impossible to build new trails.

The Schenectady Chapter has been active in trail maintenance and development for many years, so hopefully work can resume after mud season.

-- Mike Brun

Outings

Saturday, Feb. 5

Christman Preserve - snowshoe or microspike

Class C2C

Roy Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com

The Preserve has one 30 ft. waterfall and several other picturesque cascades along the Bozenkill. The loops total about 2.5 miles. It is one of the ECOS Seven Preserve Challenge locations.

Monday, Feb. 7

Brookhaven XC Ski

Class C3C

Marc Limeri, Text 518-45-6456 or wwebbie@yahoo.com

This is rescheduled from January due to lack of snow - hopefully better luck this time! We will mostly ski on trails in the woods around the edges of the golf course. They have a professional grooming machine so the trail conditions were excellent last year (of course they had snow last year - that helped a lot!). The distance will be 3.25 - 3.5 miles depending on which trails we choose. The trip date may change depending on weather and snow conditions.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Hewitt Pond/Barnes Pond - snowshoe

Class C3C - 3.3 miles round trip

Steve Maloney, 518-429-5671

or steveamaloney23@gmail.com

We will start at the parking area at the end of Hewitt Lake Road, north of Minerva off of Route 28N. The trek will follow red trail markers starting at the register and continuing on a path along Hewitt Pond to Barnes Pond. At about the 1.6 mile mark we'll stop at a shoreline campsite for beverages and snacks. This is a moderate traverse that winds along a low ridge between the two ponds. Snowshoes/micro spikes required.

Saturday, Feb 12

Coles Woods XC Ski at Night

Class C3C

Marc Limeri, Text 518-545-6456 or wwebbie@yahoo.com

Coles Woods is off Northway Exit 19 in Queensbury. They have a 5K ski trail that is lit at night. The trail is in the woods and has a couple biggish hills so this trip is for intermediate or better skiers. You should also bring a headlamp just in case. The trail is groomed for either classic or skating style, but if you're skating note that the leader's pace is 3 mph! The lights are on until 10 p.m. and I plan to start around 7, so we should have no trouble finishing before the lights go out. The trip date may change depending on weather and snow conditions.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Ski to Pharaoh Lake

Class B2C - moderate 6 miles

Mike Brun, brunmets@verizon.net (preferred) or 518-487-8054

We will ski to the lean-to on the south shore of Pharaoh lake. If we feel energetic, we will continue to the second lean-to. Round trip is about 6 miles, rated moderate. The view of the mountain across the lake is great.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Snowshoeing, Barkersville Trails

Class C3C

Rich Vertigan, 518-522-1844 or vertiganr@gmail.com

Saratoga PLAN opened the area known as the Barkersville Trails in 2020, so it's a fairly new local preserve. Variable terrain, deep woods, and a stream provide a nice place to get away. Two loops total about 2.5 miles, so this will be an afternoon local outing. If no snow, we'll change footwear and go anyway. **No skis please.**

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Leader's Pace</u>	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Examples</u>
A+ 13 Miles or More	1. Fast	A Very Difficult	A+1A Most Difficult Trip
A 8-12 Miles	2. Moderate	B Strenuous	B2C Moderate Trip
B 5-8 Miles	3. Slow	C Average	C3D Easy Trip
C Under 5 Miles		D Easy	

How do I sign up for a hike?

For further details or to sign up for a hike, call the trip leader. Try to call at least two days in advance, as leaders may cancel on the day before an outing if there is insufficient interest. Leaders reserve the right to refuse participants for any reason, including lack of experience and/or lack of physical fitness. All equipment and supplies are the sole responsibility of the trip participants.

What do I need to bring?

The trip leader will let you know if any special equipment (crampons, snowshoes, etc.) will be needed. In general, you should always carry food, water, rain gear, map, compass, headlamp, first aid kit and extra clothing, including hat and gloves in case temperatures drop. Clothing for wet or cold weather should not be made of cotton — use a synthetic fleece or wool. If in doubt, ask the leader.

Should I reimburse drivers for gas?

Yes! Each rider should pay their driver four to five cents per mile, depending on the current cost of gasoline. With gas at \$2 per gallon, four cents per mile should be used and at \$2.50 per gallon, five cents should be used (\$3/gallon – six cents, etc).

Outings

Friday, Feb. 25

XC ski into Santanoni Great Camp

Class A2C

Sally Dewes, 518-346-1761, stanger01@gmail.com

From the trailhead, you will pass by the gate and start a ski over mellow terrain. The snow is usually good at Santanoni, the grades are gentle, and the destination at the Great Camp is beautiful. Round trip is 9.4 miles. The camp elevation gain from the trailhead to the Camp is about 320 ft.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Ski Bothenation Pond loop

Class A2B

Mike Brun, brunmcts@verizon.net (preferred) or 518-487-8054

We will ski a loop from trailhead at Old Farm Clearing in clockwise direction. The trail goes mostly through the woods over varied terrain. Total distance is about 10 miles and it is an intermediate level trip. There are some nice views of the mountains across the ponds and vlys.

Thursday, March 10

Boreas River Hewitt Eddy

Class C3C - 2.4 miles round trip or 2.8 mile loop

Steve Maloney, 518-429-5671

or steveamaloney23@gmail.com

This is an easy, level amble along the Hewitt Eddy Trail to the Boreas River. The trailhead is located 8.9 miles north of Minerva along Route 28N. Depending on the weather it is undecided if we will complete the loop or the out and back. Micro spikes/snowshoes are recommended. There should be a spot for a picnic near the eddy.

Saturday, March 12

Ski Whiteface Toll Road

Class A2B - Intermediate because of length and steepness

Mike Brun, brunmcts@verizon.net (preferred) or 518-487-8054

We will ski up the Veterans Memorial Highway on Whiteface Mountain. At the top we will leave the skis and hike the remaining quarter mile to the mountain top, weather and our energy permitting. The view from the mountain is spectacular. The road climbs continuously with 2,400 ft. elevation gain in 5 miles. Of course, that makes it for a nice downhill on the way back. The trip should take 5-6 hrs and will require skis and winter clothing (layers, no cotton).

Main Club Restates COVID-19 Safety Protocols

At this time, New York State is seeing a rapid increase in COVID cases across all counties. As such, we wanted to take a moment to provide some updates and reiterate our chapter COVID-19 protocols. They are listed below and can also be found on our website under "Chapter Outings & Gatherings": <https://adk.org/covid-19-guidelines/>

All chapter outing and gathering organizers and participants over the age of 5 are required to show proof of vaccination upon arrival unless a valid medical exemption is provided. In addition to this, organizers and participants must:

- Bring proper personal protective equipment (PPE) in the form of a face covering (mask)
- Wear a face mask when indoors or within 6 feet of others
- Not have any of the signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection at the time of the program, or within the last 10 days prior to the program.
- Not have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days or had contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case within the last 10 days.

If an organizer or participant does not meet all of the above criteria, they will not be allowed to attend a chapter outing or gathering. In addition to these measures, ADK highly discourages carpooling and large group gatherings at this time. If either of these are pursued, then they must follow all of the aforementioned guidelines and be in accordance with local health regulations.

-- Virginia Etu, Executive Assistant

New Law Mandates Boat Inspections For Invasive Species

Under legislation signed in December by Gov. Kathy Hochul, motorized boats will have to be inspected for invasive plants and other harmful organisms prior to launch in Adirondack waters. The act is a major step in protecting lakes and rivers.

“It took us a few years of coalition-building, but we are grateful to the Legislature and Governor Hochul for giving us the time to gain support for this legislation,” said William C. Janeway, executive director of the Adirondack Council. “We needed the last two summers to explain the benefits to the boating and angling communities. They heard us and agreed that these are reasonable protections. The bill then passed unanimously and the result is this excellent new safeguard for the Adirondack Park’s precious lakes and rivers.”

The new law also makes permanent the New York State Aquatic Invasive Species Transport Act, which required boaters to take precautions like cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft before launching in New York waters. That law had originally been temporary and was set to expire in 2019. It was extended twice by the Legislature so advocates could win support for this permanent measure.

The new Adirondack Park inspection requirement will take effect in May, as the boating season begins. Invasive aquatic plants and animals are among the leading causes of biodiversity loss in freshwater ecosystems. Non-native organisms also hurt recreational opportunities for swimming, fishing, and boating, which reduce property values, local tax rolls, and tourism dollars. The bill was sponsored by Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Chair Todd Kaminsky, D-Long Beach, and Assemblyman Billy Jones, D-Chateaugay. It had broad support among state and local officials. The ADK Common Ground Alliance supported passage too.

Excerpted courtesy Adirondack Council



Inspector examines boat before entering Lake George

Hemlock Bug, Forest Education Training Days Planned (cont’)

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Volunteer surveys are a critical tool in the HWA-control toolbox. ADK is excited to work with APIPP and other partners to expand the HWA backcountry monitoring program in 2022. We hope you will join us. **ADK members are encouraged to take part in a volunteer training that will be offered via Zoom at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16 (watch ADK.org for details).**

ADK’s advocacy work in Albany is also an essential part of the toolbox. ADK lobbies for the funding that supports APIPP and the HWA biological control work of the Hemlock Initiative. With ADK’s advocacy and education programs, and your eyes out in the field this winter, there is hope for Adirondack hemlocks.

Forest Preserve Education Day

In February, ADK and its partners in the Adirondacks and the Catskills are planning for a Forest Preserve Education Day. It is important to let the governor and state legislators know about the incredibly important role the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves play in New York State. During the Forest Preserve Education Day we will be asking legislators to add \$10 million to the budget to address backlogged projects, increase DEC Lands and Forests staff; staff at the Adirondack Park Agency; properly budget the forest ranger division to reflect the recent increase in recruits and other initiatives. The education day will likely be a virtual event. Sign up at ADK.org to learn more.

--Excerpted courtesy Adirondack

Trip Tales

Swede Mountain Firetower and Bartonville Mountain December 18

Seven hikers and two pups met at the Swede Mountain Firetower trailhead around 9:30 a.m. and made the short climb up to the top. Sadly, conditions didn't provide much of a view from the tower but we were graced with a few flurries on this first trail. We descended back to the cars and proceeded to the Bartonville Mountain trailhead. The snow picked up even more on Bartonville, but again conditions blocked any views of the lake. Driving home from trails, we passed a number of cars in ditches on the sides of the I87 from accumulating snow. Thankfully all of our hikers made it home safely. Participants were: Rachel Longmire, Dustin Wright, Richard Rogers, Maria Westbrook, Megan McLaughlin, Bob Cuvillo, leader Colin Thomas, and pups Willard Excelsior Bear and D'Artagnan.



The Brothers group, with Wolfjaw in background: Colin Thomas, Patrick Fourspring, Jeff Newsome, Rachel Longmire, and Dustin Wright on "The Brothers" with Wolfjaw, Armstrong, and Gothics in the background as we ascend Big Slide. Photo by Colin Thomas

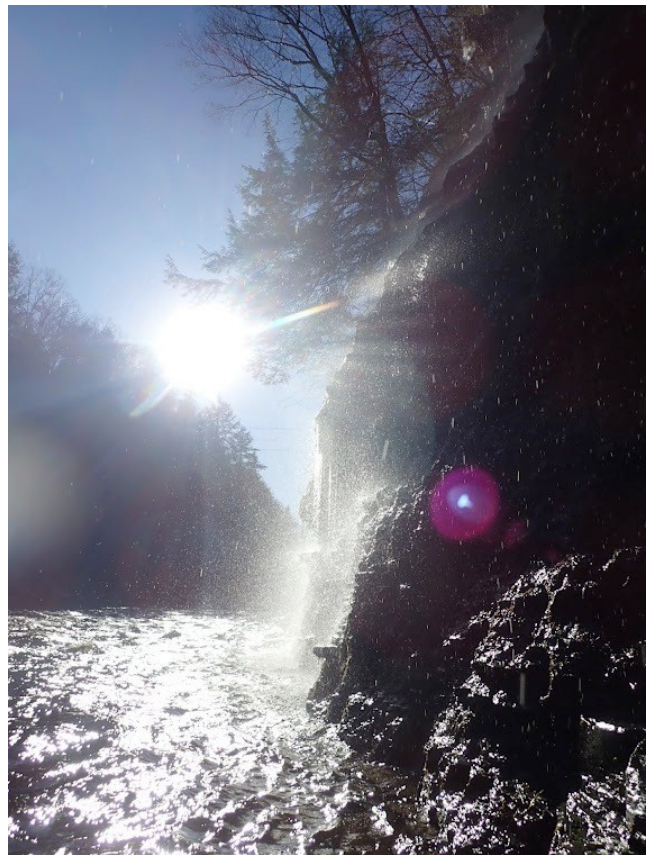
Big Slide Mountain December 31

The crew had a marvelous day climbing up and over the Brothers to the Big Slide summit and dropping down the other side to bag Yard Mountain. As we hiked up the Brothers, we continuously leapfrogged another couple. At each of the lookouts, we were treated to some fantastic views of the eastern portion of the Great Range and Giant Mountain. At the summit, we stopped for several minutes to practice a little yoga and have a snack. As a few more parties trickled in behind us, the summit started to get a little crowded, so we gathered our bags and set off down the back side of Big Slide. The viewless summit of Yard Mountain was pretty uninteresting after the Brothers and Big Slide, but the trail

provided some fun and slightly challenging icy drops. In the afternoon, we popped out at Johns Brook Lodge for a quick pit stop and more snacks. Walking back to the Garden trailhead, we encountered a number of backpackers heading for the JBL lean-tos to celebrate New Years Eve off the grid. Participants were leader Colin Thomas, Patrick Fourspring, Jeff Newsome, Rachel Longmire, and Dustin Wright.

Stony Pond January 6

With a few inches of snowfall from the night before, six of us trekked out and back to Stony Pond in Minerva with temperatures hovering around 28 degrees. The sun did try to peek through but most of the time it was a cloudy day, but our spirits remained upbeat and had an absolutely wonderful experience. We reached the frozen body of water and enjoyed some snacks while sharing a few laughs at the lean-to that sits near the pond. The participants of the four mile round trip were: leader Steve Maloney, Tom Delaney, Jim Giglio, Dena Contompasis, Ron Phillip and Sally Dewes.



Late season rain and a mild December day gave a small group of paddlers – Sally Dewes, Steve Goldstein and Pierre Cyr – an end-of-year shot at real cold water paddling on the Fish Creek under a brilliant sun. Photo by Sally Dewes.

ADK Centennial Guidebook, *Peaks and Ponds*, coming soon!

ADK is thrilled to announce the upcoming publication of our centennial guidebook, *Peaks and Ponds, Adirondack Day Hikes*, due out in early spring!

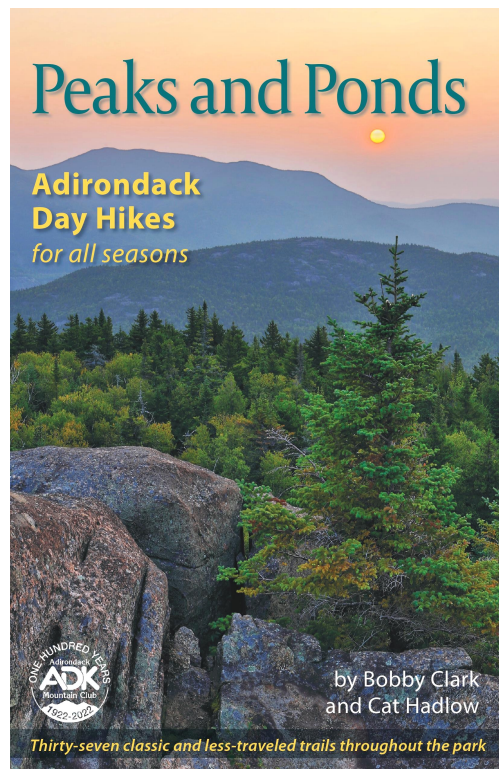
This brand-new collection of 37 classic and lesser-known day hikes honors ADK's 100-year anniversary. It will take you to beautiful remote spots throughout the park — places such as Moss Lake, Catamount Mountain, Tirrell Pond, and Kipp Mountain. It's a collaborative work by two of ADK's own staffers: Bobby Clark, manager of our High Peaks Information Center and Cat Hadlow, who works the front desk at Adirondack Loj.

The book also features snippets of ADK history. Learn about topics such as how ADK builds trails to curtail erosion, and how we helped fight the building of dams along the Hudson River. Sections about wilderness safety and ethics will help you have a safe, low-impact outing.

Also new for ADK, this 160-page, full-color volume includes **GPS coordinates and QR codes** for trailheads and parking areas. You will also find page map sketches by illustrator Terry Brosseau, scores of beautiful photographs, round-trip distances, and difficulty ratings.

Peaks and Ponds follows the 5.5" x 8.5" format of our popular samplers, *Views from on High* and *Kids on the Trail*. It will be available for just \$18.95 at ADK.org, or by calling 800-395-8080 (member discounts apply), and at select retailers.

Keep an eye on ADK.org and our newsletter for publication date information. If you have questions, please call Laura Rappaport, publications director, 518-668-4447.



DEC Asks Hikers To Report Sightings Of River Otters

If you see an otter, say something.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is requesting folks out in the wild to keep an eye out for otters or signs of them — tracks, slides and such -- to continue to monitor the successful reintroduction of this fascinating population. Have you ever seen a river otter in New York? Prior to the 1990s, river otter were absent from most of central and western New York. That all changed between 1995 and 2001, when DEC worked with trappers and other groups to reintroduce 279 otter to 16 different sites in central and western parts of the state.

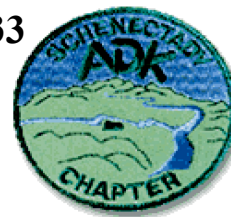
To evaluate the success of this effort and to gain a better understanding of otter populations throughout New York, DEC staff conducted over 2,000 winter sign surveys across the state in 2017 and 2018. During these surveys, biologists and technicians looked for otter tracks, latrines, and other signs of otter presence on the landscape. These surveys found that otter were well-established across the entire state and could be found in almost all suitable habitat!

This winter, DEC staff are repeating the winter sign surveys. We will compare the results to the previous surveys, allowing us to get a better idea of otter population trends and help us better guide otter management into the future.

You Can Help

In addition to the survey data, DEC collects public sighting data for river otter and other furbearer species. If you have seen an otter, fisher, bobcat, weasel, marten, or snowshoe hare in Upstate New York (or otter, beaver, gray fox, weasel, mink, coyote, or skunk in Long Island/NYC), we encourage you to report the sighting to any DEC office.

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CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS: Are held regularly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. No meetings are held in July or August. Any concerns members have may be expressed to any board member listed on the inside front cover, or attend the meetings which are open to the membership. Call a board member for date, time & directions.

CHAPTER DISCLAIMER: People who attend outings reminded that such activities entail a certain degree of danger; and persons participating do so at their own risk. This disclaimer is for both whitewater and regular outings of the chapter.

SCHENECTADY CHAPTER PATCH: This lovely patch (shown at right) can be purchased by mailing a check (payable to Schenectady Chapter ADK) to Mary MacDonald, 27 Woodside Drive, Clifton Park NY 12065. The cost is \$3 per patch, which includes the mailing cost.

TRIP LEADERS: If you do not want your trip listed in the local newspapers, call Publicity Chair Mary Zawacki at 914-373-8733 or publicity@adk-schenectady.org. This newsletter goes out over the internet.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available to rent at \$5/trip. Call Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick-up.

WEBSITE: <http://www.adk-schenectady.org> — All of the latest information will be posted on the Web, i.e. any changes or corrections. Please review our website and related Internet resources Acceptable Use Policy.

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- Individual Life \$1300
- Adult \$50
- Family \$60
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