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The Boreas Ponds offer an image of wilderness solitude during a mid-winter ski outing.
Photo by Sally Dewes.
Boreas Ponds Classification Win for Wilderness

With ice floes breaking up and mud season upon us, the status of the Boreas Ponds Tract is finally taking shape in a way encouraging to most environmental groups, including major expansion of wilderness acreage and tight limits on motorized access.

But be aware that through this summer there probably will be little change in public access to the ponds and wild areas surrounding them. The parking area about three miles – half way – up Gulf Brook Road, which provides access to the ponds from Blue Ridge Road, will remain the stopping point for vehicles (after mud season). From that point, hikers, bikers or folks carrying canoes and kayaks will pass a barrier and continue on to the ponds under their own power.

Changes in vehicle access rules will await the details of a unit management plan by the Department of Environmental Conservation, which must follow the Adirondack Park Agency's formal classification decision in February on the 20,543-acre tract; the final step is the governor's signature, pending at press time. Neil Woodworth, executive director of the Adirondack Mountain Club, in a recent interview estimated that the UMP development could take at least through the summer. Ultimately the UMP could include a smaller parking area near LaBiere Flow – about two miles closer to the ponds to improve boater access – and even a more restricted parking area near the southern end of the ponds for people with disabilities.

So the classification decision was the major step, but with details to follow. The APA in February recommended that 11,412 acres of the tract be classified as wilderness, including 345 acres of the ponds themselves, thus prohibiting motorboats, snowmobiles and mountain bikes. The classification also sets 9,118 acres – the area of the tract south of Gulf Brook and Boreas dirt roads – as wild forest; this allows the motorized access near the ponds but not on or immediately around them. There is also allowance for a snowmobile trail to use part of the two roads in a connector trail between Newcomb and North Hudson, long an objective of local town and business interests.

The APA decision, Woodworth reports in the current edition of Adirondac, will expand the 200,000-acre High Peaks Wilderness Area (HPWA), adding MacIntyre East and West and Casey Brook to the HPWA, a total of 25,000 acres. Moreover, the Casey Brook Tract would connect the 44,700-acre Dix Mountain Wilderness to the HPWA, raising its total to some 275,000 acres, the third largest designated wilderness east of the Mississippi River.

Looking at the whole package, Woodworth said "I'm quite happy with that outcome and with the fact that we have wilderness all the way around Boreas Ponds and that we don't have snowmobile and bikes up around the north end of Boreas Ponds. The wilderness line is in the right place and there is appropriate public access."

Not all conservation groups are equally happy. Adirondack Wild and Adirondack Wilderness Advocates pushed for wilderness classification of the entire Boreas Ponds Tract. That proposal seemed never really on the table for the APA in its balancing act with local governments, business interests and environmentalists. But an idea the governor floated last year for permanent camping facilities in the immediate area of the ponds ended up out of the equation also, which was more good news.

-- Mal Provost
Conservation Report

Rail Cars Still Parked Along Boreas River

Regrettably, the issue of surplus and outmoded rail tanker cars parked along the Boreas River outside Minerva has seen little movement. The cars are still there – snowed in as we prepare for publication – and the operator of the line, Iowa Pacific Holdings, which runs the Saratoga-North Creek Railroad, seems committed to the gambit of making money by storing rail cars on the line by the hundreds at least, at a reported potential fee of $4 per day per car.

In the last edition of Lookout we reported that the owner of about 50 of the cars, Union Tank Car Company, agreed to move them out of the Adirondacks. The company is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, which responded to state and environmental pressure for removal. But winter got the drop on that plan.

The concession apparently still holds, but Iowa Pacific – which has not been able to make money any other way with its ownership of about 30 miles of the line from North Creek to Tahawus – has not changed its plans. Further, it announced recently that it may try again to haul mine tailings from the Tahawus site. All indications are for a difficult legal fight.

-- Mal Provost

Uninvited visitors – we would not call them guests – will continue to be the focus of efforts to identify and control both plants and critters during the coming green seasons.

Call them what they are: invasive species. Examples are unfortunately common, including Eurasian watermilfoil, water chestnut and hydrilla. They are often similar to native plants but as aquatic invasive species (AIS) do not have a natural balance or predator, and tend to overwhelm ponds and lakes, destroying fish habitat, clogging waterways and supply systems. And there are animal versions also, such as the spiney waterflea, zebra mussel and Asian clam. The same problem is encountered with land-based bugs such as the emerald ash borer and the hemlock woolly adelgid (a major North Country threat).

The Adirondack Mountain Club works with many volunteer and public organizations including the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) and the Department of Environmental Conservation to identify areas of infestation and develop the means to eradicate the species.

This year again the ADK will sponsor two training sessions to teach volunteers to identify and report the presence of aquatic invasive species, according to Cathy Pedler, public affairs director. The dates and locations have not been set. Pedler said the immediate objective will be to survey 15 remote water bodies specifically for AIS.

Both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species are major risks not only to the North Country environment but the Catskills and in their varying forms, throughout the United States (the Great Smokies, for example, have been hit severely by the hemlock woolly adelgid). These issues are covered extensively in the current edition of Adirondac; volunteer help is always appreciated.

Contact Pedler at cathy@adk.org to get involved.

-- Mal Provost
Promising Season Opening for Paddlers

Gear up! Practice those skills! Keep the rust off. This is what we whitewater junkies do during the winter months when the rivers are inaccessible. We were very fortunate indeed to have had not one but two pools available this year. Better to practice that roll in the 80+ degree pool than the 30+ recently thawed river.

Also a better place to help people nail their first roll. Thankfully we, the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK, have volunteers to help with what can be an intimidating task. What better place to get comfortable upside down in the water than in the warm pool with a trusted instructor. And to be honest it is a good time to get rid of some of those bad paddling habits we picked up over the summer and to hone those basic paddling strokes and skills.

Soon the open water will be upon us and we will hit the rivers paddling, ready to enjoy the Adirondacks in our unique way. We recently completed our 2018 trip leaders planning session and now have available a full spring, summer and fall of paddling opportunities. And thankfully we have a cadre of volunteer trip leaders to help make the trip both fun and safe.

And the training doesn’t stop with the winter pool sessions. We have classes available and our volunteers are always willing and eager to help share their knowledge and skills so that others can also enjoy the wonderful Adirondacks by the incredible watery trails.

So please check out the 2018 Whitewater schedule by visiting the web site http://www.adk-schenectady.org/whitewater.

--Ralph Pascale

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Lesser-Known ADK Peaks Next Innings Topic

With so many members of ADK already 46ers, this talk will be about the next 54, with which many may be less familiar. Our speaker calls these mountains “an opportunity for challenging hikes, visiting new places in the park, and lots of solitude.” Tom Folts has hiked all of them over the past 40 years, many of them multiple times. Come join Tom as he brings you to these peaks with beautiful photos and stories.

The talk and slide show will be Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Schenectady County Historical Society Museum, 32 Washington Ave. in the Stockade.

Tom Folts is retired from the DEC where he worked for the Division of Operations. He lives in Broadalbin and spends much of his time enjoying local outdoor activities including hiking, skiing and riding his bike.

Please note that our new location is in the Stockade. There is ample parking at the YWCA next door at 44 Washington Ave. Light beverages and refreshments will be provided prior to the meeting. Please come to the meeting and meet old friends, make new ones, and hear about adventures in the Adirondacks.

-- Sally Dewes

Saturday, April 7
Young Member Snowshoe Hike: Hunter Mountain
Difficulty: Hard 6.3 miles
Jason Waters, 518-369-5516 or jwate78@gmail.com
Hunter Mountain is the second highest mountain in the Catskills, and one of the Northeast 111. We will be taking the out-and-back Becker Hollow Trail. Snowshoes and/or microspikes may be required, as is winter gear if the weather is particularly cold. All friendly canines are welcome as well!

Saturday, April 14
Young Member Outing: Owl's Head Firetower
Class B2B
Dustin Wright, 603-953-8782 or pastor@messiahschenectady.org
Owl's Head Mountain Trail is a 6.3 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail located near Long Lake, New York that features a great forest setting and a fire tower! Total elevation gain is roughly 1500 feet with micro spikes and snowshoes required. Young member outings are open to all ADK members no matter your age!

Thursday, April 19 from 7pm - 9pm
Young Member Social: The Van Dyck
Dustin Wright, 603-953-8782 or pastor@messiahschenectady.org
Great conversation awaits about how we can better protect the beautiful natural places we have a blast in! All members and prospective members are welcome and apps are free! Join us as we reconnect after the holidays and plan out some future winter outings!

Thursday, April 19
Northville-Placid Trail Steward Trip to Stephens Pond
Class B3C
Roy Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com
Please join me for another semi-annual cleanup patrol on the N-P Trail, between Lake Durant and Stephens Pond. Side-cutting, drainage clearing, and blow-down removal are expected. This is an out-and-back trip of about 6 miles with a nice scenic spot by the lake for lunch.

Saturday, April 21
Peaked Mountain
Class B2B
Mike Brun, 518-487-8054 or brunmcts@verizon.net
This is a 6.2 mile round trip with 1390 ft elevation. The trail follows the west shore of Thirteenth Lake then crosses 3 vlys on the way to the base of the mountain. The last 1/2 mile is a steep ascent to the peak. Views from the top are spectacular.

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Friday, April 27
Paddle the Mohawk River
Class B2C
Roy and Sue Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com
We plan on paddling the section from Rt. 146 (Rexford Bridge) to Lock 7 and return for a round trip of about 8 miles. This takes us under the new Rexford Bridge, past the high cliffs on both the Schenectady and Saratoga County sides of the river, past the GE R&D Center and then into a shallow wide section of the river. Depending on the current we may start at Lock 7 and get pushed back to our car.

Saturday, April 28
Hike in the Shawangunk Mountains
Class B3C
Walt Hayes, 518-399-7482
This will be 5 to 8 miles of hiking on trails and old carriage roads from the trailhead in Minnewaska State Park. It may end up being two separate shorter hikes to different destinations. The trails are mostly on the top of the ridge so elevation change will be minimal but there may be some rock scrambling in the cliffsy areas. There will be a day use fee. We will visit the Peterskill area and Lake Minnewaska. About 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
Young Member Hike: McKenzie and Haystack Mountain
Difficulty: Hard 9 miles with Bushwhacking
Jason Waters, 518-369-5516 or jwate78@gmail.com
We will be hiking two more of the Saranac 6; McKenzie Mountain (3861) and Haystack (2864). This trail starts near the Whiteface Inn Lane in Lake Placid at the trailhead for the Jackrabbit ski trail. We will go up to McKenzie first and then back to the junction and up to bushwhack Haystack. McKenzie offers excellent views from both a ledge on the trail and a ledge near the summit. On a clear day, Haystack offers views to the south of the High Peaks. All friendly canines are welcome, though inexperienced hikers are not recommended on this hike.

Saturday, April 28
Wittenberg & Cornell Mountains
Class A2B+
John Susko, 518-383-1284 or jpsusko@nycap.rr.com
We’ll take the trail from Woodland Valley along the Burrows range to these two Catskill peaks. I’m hoping that the timing will be right so that the snow and ice are gone, but the leaves aren’t out yet, allowing for views all along this ridge trail. In any event, the summit of Wittenberg has possibly the best views in the Catskills. The trail to Cornell includes an interesting V-notch on the way to good views of Wittenberg. The distance is 9-10 miles with 3000 feet of ascent. Sign up from April 12 to April 26.

Thursday, May 3, 6-9 p.m.
Young Member Social: Spring Bonfire
Dustin Wright, 603-953-8782 or pastor@messiahscenectady.org
I’ll be hosting our Young Members at my place, 4 Oak Street in Rotterdam (right next to Messiah Lutheran Church) for an awesome spring bonfire! S’mores and some snacks will be provided but bring beverages and anything you like to grill. Join us as we celebrate a great season of winter hiking and get ready for an awesome summer together!

Saturday, May 5
Thacher State Park Hike
Class B2C
Norm Kuchar, 518-399-6243 or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com
This hike, originally planned for January, was cancelled due to an ice storm, so we’ll try again. Begin by stopping at the new visitor center near Indian Ladder, which has exhibits about the natural and geological histories of the park. We’ll then do a thru-hike on the Long Path through the northern section of the park, from the visitor center to the Old Stage Road parking lot. This trail passes the High Point overlook, with views of the village of Altamont, Albany, and (on a clear day) Mts. Everett and Greylock in Massachusetts and Killington and Pico Peak in Vermont. If conditions are good, we may also hike the short spur to the Hang Glider overlook. Hike distance is about 5 miles with about 400 ft. of climb.

Sunday, May 6 from 11a.m.- 3p.m.
Woods and Waters Day
at Mabee Farm Historic Site
We’re celebrating woods and waters as we bloom into May! Join us for a spring festival exploring plants and animals, streams and ponds, and how they all tie together! Woods & Waters Day at Mabee Farm will feature nature walks, fishing demonstrations, live birds of prey with a wildlife rehabilitator, camping and wilderness preparedness demos, crafts, food, drinks, and more! All FREE!
Woods & Waters Day is presented in partnership with ECOS: The Environmental Clearinghouse and the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club. For more info, please contact: director@schenectadyhistorical.org

Sunday, May 6
Bike Ride – Zim Smith Trail
Class A3D
Marc Limeri, 518-545-6456 or wwebbie@yahoo.com
This is a flat (except for 1 hill), easy bike ride over a paved and hard surfaced off-road trail (there are a few road crossings). The route is from Shenanatha Creek Park in Malta to Round Lake village and beyond to Coons Crossing Road outside of Mechanicville; the distance is 12 miles round trip. There is also an option for an ice cream stop and/or a short hike (1 mile round trip) to a heron rookery. Rain or cold weather will cancel.

Saturday, May 12
Bearpen & Vly
Class B+2B
John Susko, 518-383-1284 or jpsusko@nycap.rr.com
Bearpen Mtn. has an open area near the summit with great views to the northeast and evidence of the abandoned Bearpen Mtn. ski area. Vly has an ledge near the summit with good views to the southwest. Both are on the list of Catskill 3500 peaks. Much of this hike is along woods roads and herd paths although Vly is considered one of the trailless peaks in the Catskills. The distance is ~8 miles with 2500-3000 feet of ascent. Sign up from April 12 to May 10.

Friday, May 18
Round-the-Mountain Canoe Trip
Class A2C
Roy Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com
We start at Ampersand Bay on Lower Saranac Lake and go west to the mouth of the Saranac River. We then go down the river and through
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Lower Locks. After that we continue on through Oseetah Lake, and finish on Lake Flower in Saranac Lake. This loop circles Dewey Mountain, hence, the name. There is beautiful scenery all along the route, and quite a bit of variety in the paddling between open lake and flat water river. The trip length is just over 10 miles. The start and finish points are only about two miles apart by road, so only a short car shuttle is needed. If there are strong winds, we will use an alternate trip, probably a more sheltered river instead of a lake.

Saturday, May 19
Bailey Pond Trail and South End Hoffman Notch Trail Maintenance
Class C3C
Norm Kuchar, 518-399-6243 or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com
The Bailey Pond Trail (0.9 miles) and the south end of the Hoffman Notch trail (1.2 miles), in the Hoffman Notch Wilderness will become parts of the North Country National Scenic Trail. Last year, our chapter took on the task of maintaining these short trails, and we made our first maintenance trip in September. This year, we plan to do maintenance in the spring and fall. From the trailhead at Loch Muller, we will hike in-and-out on both trails, doing side cutting, light blowdown removal and minor fixing of drainage problems using hand clippers, loppers, hand saws and a hazel hoe. The chapter has equipment, or Bring your own. There is a great view of Hayes Mountain from the shore of Bailey Pond. Total round trip distance is about 4.2 miles, with a total climb of about 400 ft. over gentle slopes.

Saturday, May 19
Young Member Outing: Tongue Mountain Traverse
Class A+2B
Dustin Wright, 603-953-8782 or pastor@messiahschenectady.org
Bag half your Lake George 12ster peaks in one day! Journey 16.4 miles and 3379 feet of elevation gain over the six peaks of the Tongue Mountain range, a peninsula that juts into the middle of Lake George. Who knows, if its warm enough, we might even be able to take a dip in the water at Montcalm Point. Young member outings are open to all ADK members no matter your age and leashed dogs are welcome!

Sunday, May 20
Canoе/Kayak from Saratoga Waterfront Park to Lake Lonely
Class B3D
Marc Limeri, 518-545-6456 or wwebbieee@yahoo.com
After launching from the Saratoga Waterfront Park, we’ll paddle about a mile along the northwest shore of Saratoga Lake to the mouth of the Kayderosseras Creek, up the Kayderosseras for about a mile to the Lake Lonely outlet creek, about a mile to the entrance of Lake Lonely, and about a mile to the far shore of the lake. Reverse the trip for the return. A stretch of the Lake Lonely outlet creek is very narrow and twisty - it will test your boat maneuverability skills! Rain or cold weather will cancel.

Sunday, May 20
Young Member Hike: Rusk and Westkill
Difficult 10 miles with Bushwhacking
Mary Zawacki, 914-373-8733 and Dave Trestick 518-488-7886
Description: These are two separate hikes up Catskills 3500ers, located at the same trailhead. Rusk is a total bushwhack (about 3.5 miles), so please bring a compass if you’d like to learn orienteering skills. After Rusk, we’ll head across the trailhead to hike the official Westkill trail (6.5 miles), which has wonderful Catskills views. The total elevation gain between the two hikes is 3,400 ft. making this a strenuous day.

Tuesday, May 22
Hike to Mt. Antone in Merck Forest
Class B3C
Walt Hayes, 518-399-7482
This is a private preserve open to the public in Rupert, Vermont. The hiking will be 5 to 7 miles with about 1200 feet of ascent. The summit is 2600 feet above sea level with views of the Green Mountains; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 24
One or more of the Chester Challenge Series. 
Class B2B
Mary MacDonald, 518-371-1293 or xmmacdonald003@nycap.rr.com.
This will be a moderate trip near Chestertown. Bring your lunch to enjoy while embracing the views. We will look for wildflowers and signs of spring.

Friday, May 25
Warren County Bikeway to Lake George
15 mile round trip.
Roy Keats, 518-466-8544 or royskipaddle@gmail.com
This is a nice ride from Glens Falls (Quaker Road) to Lake George and return to Glens Falls. It has a variety of scenery along the way from residential to golf courses, and a historic path for our troops during the Revolutionary War. This path is on our gradual climb to a high point going over French Mountain with historic signs along the way followed by a gradual downhill to Lake George. The path is well paved and a great ride. We hope to finish with an ice cream at Sprinkles. Rain will cancel. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 23.

Friday, June 1
Blue Mountain Lake Paddle
Class: A2B
John Ravas, 518-852-6515 or adkkayaker140@gmail.com
Blue Mountain Lake offers great views, islands to explore and up to 3 lakes to paddle (including Eagle and Utowana). Depending on the weather, winds and paddler's skills, we could paddle up to 14 miles.

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Spring Trails and Jones Hill Work on Agenda

This spring and summer chapter members and other volunteers will continue to work toward development of Adirondack sections of the North Country National Scenic Trail. The 0.9-mile Bailey Pond trail and the 1.2-mile south end of the Hoffman Notch trail, in the Hoffman Notch Wilderness, will become parts of the NCNST, which is slowly being developed from North Dakota over 4,600 miles and through the Adirondacks.

Last year, our chapter took on the task of maintaining these short trails, and we made our first maintenance trip last September. This year, we plan to do maintenance in the spring and fall. The spring trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. See the current Innings and Outings schedule for details.

Last summer, the state Department of Environmental Conservation approved the building of a new 3-mile section of the NCNST, also in the Hoffman Notch Wilderness, which will go from the Big Pond Trail to the summit of Jones Hill. Jones Hill has great views of Hoffman Mountain and north to the High Peaks.

In the fall, the route was flagged and a DEC crew did the rough chain saw work. At that time, our chapter organized several work sessions to remove the cut logs and clear other smaller blowdown. We plan to continue this work this spring, in preparation for the actual building of the trail by the ADK Professional Crew during the summer. We have scheduled several pairs of dates for the work sessions. We will choose the better day a day or two ahead, based on weather forecasts. We may not need all of the sessions.

Our Dates: April 30-May 1 (Mon-Tues); May 8-9 (Tues-Wed); May 16-17 (Wed-Thurs); May 24-25 (Thurs-Fri); June 6-7 (Wed-Thurs); June 14-15 (Thurs-Fri); June 25-26 (Mon-Tues).

If you are interested in joining our volunteer group for any of these sessions, contact: Walt Hayes, (518-399-7482 / whayescbpp@aol.com) or Norm Kuchar (518-399-6243 / nkuchar@nycap.rr.com).

-- Norm Kuchar

Contact State Legislative Chairmen

It never hurts to write to political leaders to make your positions known, and there are a ton of topics active this year for sure. Over time these will include the classification of the Boreas Ponds Tract, decisions regarding parking outdated oil tanker cars along the Boreas River, and budget issues such as how many forest rangers are employed. Your voice counts.

The following are the chairmen of environmental conservation committees for 2018 in the state Senate and Assembly.

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Trip Tales

Slide Mountain (Catskills)  
**January 14**
Higher-than-expected turnout for this trip caused us to form two groups. No problem there, as half the group was up for a brisk pace, while the other half kept to a more moderate one. Rain combined with freezing temps to create beautiful displays of ice in the surrounding forests. The trails, too, were icy, and the summit felt just as cold, with the temperature registering at -25. We made our way back down quickly, but opted for the longer route, ice crunching beneath our microspikes. In attendance: Mary Zawacki and Jason Waters, trip leaders, David Trestick trip co-leader, Michael Diana, Alyssa Woodworth, John Basirico, Mike DeSosio, Marika Robak, and several others from the Kingston area.

Stephens Pond Ski - turned into Camp Santanoni  
**January 20**
This trip was changed at the last minute to a ski into Camp Santanoni because there were marginal conditions expected for Stephens Pond. Six of us had a great ski into the Great Camp. There were 2 tracks most of the way in with fresh snow. We had to use maxiglide wax a couple of times to keep the skis from getting stuck. We had lunch inside the main lodge to get away from the wind on the porch. Three different ADK Chapters were represented: Schenectady, Cold River, and North Woods. The participants were: Bill LaRocque, Greg Clark, Laurie Hughes, Marc Limeri, and Sue and Roy Keats, leaders.

Boreas Ponds  
**January 20**
A group of ADKers and friends had prime conditions as we skied into Boreas Ponds on January 20. We parked at the Gulf Brook Road lot and skied the 7+ miles to the ponds, had lunch, skied across the ponds, and returned. Conditions were excellent. It was cloudy and warm (30s) and there were several inches of new snow atop a solid base. The forecast had called for high winds but we were spared that and only had a little wind on the open ponds. We saw lots of evidence of otters but alas, no moose tracks. The group included Mike Komoroske, Bruce and Karen Terbush, Pete Nye, Mike Herman, and Sally Dewes.

Willie Marsh  
**January 24**
Willie Marsh is located in the Town of Johnstown on state land just outside the Blue Line. The bridges over the marsh were all replaced last summer and a handicap accessible picnic area has been added on a point of land sticking out into the marsh. It is a good place for an easy walk with young children. The plan for our day was to do the new bridges and revived trails and then have lunch at the picnic area. The weather was a little breezy so we did not linger on the bridges. When we got to the picnic area we agreed that lunch in a high wind would not be fun so we retreated to the cars for lunch and gave up on the afternoon part of the hike. We decided that we had never felt so cold at 25 degrees without being on top of a mountain. Charlie Beach, Norm Kuchar, Dave Loux, Rich Vertigan, and the leader, Walt Hayes.

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Blue Ledges on Hudson Gorge  
February 3
The deep cold and limited snow of mid-winter made for quite an easy hike into the Blue Ledges of the Hudson Gorge Feb. 3 for four ADKers. We decided that snowshoes would be more trouble than they would be worth, so we packed in with winter boots and microspikes. The trailhead is about 7 miles into Northwoods Club Road in Minerva (have good tires and take your time). The trail is 2.5 miles long over very moderate terrain, heading west, partly along an old logging road, then south along the ridge above the Blue Ledge Rapids of the Gorge. It ends at the informal picnic and camping area of the Blue Ledges. Despite the cold - about 10 degrees when we started out - the Hudson was running at a good clip and was largely open. The 300-foot wall on the south side of the river had hanging ice sheets. Beautiful! It was about a five hour round trip for Don Orr, Bill Ports, Sally Dewes and Mal Provost.

Balsam Mountain  
February 4
Heavy winds and powdery snowfall made this simple hike unusually challenging. Our group took the loop route, intending to bushwhack to Eagle. The howling wind and storm, however, caused us to abandon the additional three miles and make a hasty retreat to the trailhead. In attendance: Mary Zawacki, trip leader, David Trestick trip co-leader, Alyssa Woodworth, Marissa Alice, Cody Secor, Mike DeSocio, and Kristen Dieterle.

Dial & Nippletop  
March 3
After a surprisingly big snowstorm dumped a whole lot of fresh powder on the high peaks we had some incredible terrain to play in! Leaving the Ausable Club trailhead a bit before 7 a.m. we quickly made it down the Lake Road and wore snowshoes for the rest of the trip up and back the Leach Trail over the shoulder of Noonmark Mountain, Bear Den Mountain and eventually to Dial & Nippletop. The winds got a bit gusty on the peaks and unfortunately there were very little views on the summits. We were back at our cars before 6 p.m. and an incredible time was had by all! This was a few folks’ first winter ascent of a High Peak! The participants were: Ingrid Kershut, Mike DeSocio, Rich Rogers, Dan Kemp, Emily Litwin, and the leader, Dustin Wright.

Panther  
March 4
Despite the bomb cyclone, our group was undeterred and ventured into the heart of the Catskills to bag this 3500er winter requirement. Snowshoes were a necessity, as the fresh powder was over three feet deep in some places. Happily for us, the trail was well-broken, and we made good time. The skies cleared just as we reached the ridge line, and we were impressed by the stunning views of the Catskills' peaks and valleys along the trail. The highlight, however, may have been the numerous opportunities for butt-sliding afforded to us by the perfect conditions. In attendance: Mary Zawacki, trip leader, Michael Diana, Chen Yuan-Ming, Marissa Alice, and Cody Secor.

Balsam Mountain are Mike Diana, Marissa Alice, Mary Zawacki and Cody Secor.

Fifth Peak Snowshoe on Tongue Mountain  
March 4
This trip was moved one day to enable the area to be cleaned up after a big snowstorm. The day was unexpectedly cloudy with occasional bouts of snow and graupel. We had an uneventful trip to the top, and a few limited views out over the lake. The participants were: John Ravas, Kevin Ravas, John Susko, Dan Miller, and Roy Keats, leader.

Making the Fifth Peak climb are John Ravas, Dan Miller, and Kevin Ravas.  
Photo by Roy Keats
Will Our Extreme Winter Wipe Out Ticks?

I’ve been asked on four different occasions, recently, how tick populations will be impacted by the December/January below-zero cold. Some of those asking had heard reports, apparently claiming that tick populations would be decimated, if not eradicated, by the prolonged period of extremely cold weather.

We’d all certainly welcome that. It’s probable that you or someone you know has been affected by ticks and/or by Lyme disease. And any downward pressure on tick populations is welcome. But, the answer isn’t that simple.

Extremely cold temperatures do have an impact on overwintering insects and insect-like critters. (Technically, ticks are not insects. They’re arachnids, like spiders.) But determining mortality rates based on winter weather conditions is anything but certain.

Some ticks survive as eggs deposited before winter. Depending on the species, a single female tick may lay 3,000 – 8,000 eggs, after which she dies. Ticks in other stages of development also overwinter in the shelter and relative comfort of the soil or within leaf litter and ground clutter, where snow cover can actually provide additional protection from extremely cold temperatures and wind.

Even when the air temperature lingers in the double digits below zero F, things that are covered with an insulating blanket of snow will remain much nearer to 32°F. In fact, the temperature beneath the snow, in many cases, will keep the soil from freezing. I’ve been told that just one foot of snow cover will completely protect the soil, and any organisms living within the soil, from the subzero air temperatures above the snow surface. And many experts believe that, even without snow, it takes a long period of bitterly cold weather to even have a chance of knocking tick populations back.

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ADK’s Fire Tower Guide Reflects Big Changes

ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) has released the second edition of its hiking guide, Views from on High: Fire Tower Trails in the Adirondacks and Catskills. Revised and redesigned, it includes a new chapter describing fire towers outside of both parks. The intervening years have seen what coauthor Jim Schneider refers to as “fire tower fever,” a sweeping enthusiasm that has helped prompt restoration of numerous towers and their trails.

Written by John P. (Jack) Freeman and Jim Schneider, Views from on High enables hikers, history buffs, and others fond of Adirondack and Catskill trails to visit and learn about 30 historic fire towers. Detailed trail descriptions are accompanied by numerous photographs and maps as well as an essay about these structures written by historic preservationist Wesley H. Haynes. The new chapter, Beyond the Blue Line, by tower aficionado Jacob C. (Jake) Wilde, describes 13 additional fire towers, three of them demonstration towers. When ADK first published Views from on High in 2001, all five Catskill Park fire towers had been restored, but Adirondack towers were another matter. Author Jack Freeman divided them into two categories: Towers with a Bright Future and Towers That May Not Last.

Today, all five towers — on Mt. Adams and Hurricane, Lyon, Spruce, and St. Regis Mts. — have been restored and opened to the public, although ice and wind damage early this year necessitated further repairs on Mt. Adams. During the same interval, other Park fire towers were rehabilitated, most recently Stillwater Mt. This tower’s restoration in 2016 included construction of a new trail and better recognition of this remote peak’s historic role as a primary triangulation station for Verplanck Colvin’s Adirondack land survey.

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$500 Scholarships Available to Graduates

In keeping with the Adirondack Mountain Club's dedication to the conservation and preservation of New York State's parks, preserves and wild spaces, each year the Schenectady Chapter offers two high school scholarships. Each $500 scholarship is awarded to a senior in the Schenectady area who shows an interest in the preservation and protection of the environment and will be pursuing in the upcoming academic year, study in a field such as forestry, marine biology, conservation or environmental science. This is open to all area graduating students, not just ADK members and their children.

To apply:
Submit an essay describing your motivation for pursuing your course of study, your future goals and any current or past activities that show your commitment to protecting the environment.

Submissions should include the following information (Please send in either word or pdf format);
Name; Address; Contact Number & Email Address; Parents' Names; Name of High School; Name of College attending in September.
Reference: Please also include the name, phone number and/or email of a reference we may contact.

Send submissions, no later than March 30, 2018 to: jeve3@aol.com (Subject Line: ADK HS Scholarship) or mail to;

Schenectady Chapter ADK
PO Box 733
Schenectady, NY 12301-0733

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

Chapter Offers Teen Trails Scholarship

Since 1986, thousands of volunteers have worked with trained ADK trail crew leaders to give back to the trails they use by completing trail maintenance and reconstruction projects all over the Adirondacks and Catskills. Each year, the Schenectady Chapter of ADK sponsors a local teen, providing the $285 fee so they can participate at no cost. The high school projects, listed below, are designed for teenagers who want to spend a week in the woods camping in the backcountry and experiencing trail work.

Requirements:
Must be between the ages of 14 and 17 and live in the Schenectady region; Must have an interest in nature and outdoor activities; be willing to camp out in the backcountry and to participate in a physically and mentally challenging trail project.

To Apply:
See the ADK webpage, https://www.adk.org/high-school-projects/ and submit your application.
Any questions, including specific projects available, please contact Project Coordinator Jacqueline McGinn at jeve3@aol.com or call 518-281-3673.
Applications must be received by April 15, 2018.

Photo Display Set For Kelly Adirondack Center

From April 12 through May 2 the Kelly Adirondack Center, 897 St. David's Lane, Niskayuna, will host a traveling exhibit of Audubon Award winning photography. That will include a reception for Jeremy Kirchman, the New York State Museum's curator of birds, on April 26 at the KAC from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. he will discuss Adirondack birds in the Old Chapel on the Union College campus.

May 14 through 19 will be Adirondack Week. The KAC have the opening of the exhibit of photography by 46er #41 Kay Flickinger Dockstader and books owned by Grace Hudowalski, a panel discussion on the future of the 46ers, an update on the Jefferson Project's work on Lake George, and Blake Cortright will present his film The 46ers. Schedules for these events are still pending, according to Margie Amodeo, KAC director.

People can view the exhibits Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the KAC, which is an element of Union College.
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 Richard Wang at 518-399-3108 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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