

# JOHNS BROOK LODGE

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay in Johns Brook Lodge. This letter is also designed to let you know what to expect: a cozy and convenient base camp in the central High Peaks Region, and what not to expect: showers, flush toilets, electricity and linens. Johns Brook Lodge is a **3.5-mile hike** from the Garden parking lot. The lodge accommodates 28 people in four rooms. Two of the rooms sleep 10 people and two of the rooms sleep 4 people. The four person family rooms have two twin bunk beds in each room. Pillows and wool blankets are provided. Guests must bring sheets or sleeping bags and towels. Propane is used for all cooking and lighting. There is a fireplace in the living room.

## **JBL CARETAKER SEASON:**

Caretaker service is available at JBL from Labor Day until late-June. During Caretaker season, a caretaker is available to provide trail information and oversee the lodge. There is no crew to serve meals, however the kitchen is available to guests to prepare the food that they pack in. The kitchen includes refrigerator space, pots, pans, dishes, and cutlery. The JBL kitchen is outfitted to prepare and serve 28 guests during full-service. Let your culinary imagination run wild, there is no need to limit yourself to freeze-dried food. Guests are expected to do their own dishes and clean up after themselves.

**Water** - Running water is available at JBL from mid-May until mid-October. From mid-October through mid-May there is no running water; during this time gathering water from the brook to boil will be a shared effort between guests, staff, and volunteers. Water needs to be filtered, chemically treated, or brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of 2 minutes (NYS Department of Health recommendation).

## **JBL FULL SERVICE:**

The full service season runs from the last weekend in June (call for exact date) till the Monday after Labor Day weekend. All meals are included in the price starting with dinner on the day of arrival and ending with a packed lunch on the day of departure.

- ❖ **Wake up bell** is rung at the start of breakfast.
- ❖ **Breakfast** is served 7:30 a.m. till 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Trail Lunches** are prepared in advance and available to take on the trail.
- ❖ **Dinner** is available at one seating beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Vegetarian Meals** and some special meals can be served. To prepare them, we do need to know at least **24 hours in advance**.

The kitchen and refrigerators are not available to guests during full-service due to logistical reasons. The lodge does have a place to store food that doesn't need to be refrigerated, so feel free to bring a few snacks.

## **INFORMATION PERTAINING TO BOTH JBL FULL SERVICE AND CARETAKER SEASON:**

- ❖ **Check in** is after 2:00 pm – Please check in upon arrival.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Quiet hours** are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. After 10:00 p.m. we request that you use flashlights when entering the bunkrooms, so as not to disturb other guests.

- ❖ **Showers and toilets** – There are two washrooms with vault toilets, however there are no showers.
- ❖ **Guests must provide** their own towels, sheets and sleeping bags, however wool blankets, pillows, and mattresses are available at JBL.
- ❖ **Pets** are not allowed in JBL and are not to be tied outside the lodge.
- ❖ **Smoking** is not permitted in JBL.
- ❖ **IF YOU CARRY IT IN, PLEASE CARRY IT OUT**, including all of your trash.
- ❖ **Children** under 12 years old are half price. Children under 2 years old are free.
- ❖ **Payment** in full is due at least **30 days prior to arrival** through the Adirondak Loj.
- ❖ **Methods of payment** – Guests may pay their bills by cash, check or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express).
- ❖ **Damages** – We reserve the right to charge your credit card for any damages to ADK property.
- ❖ **Member rates** – a 10% member discount is available to ADK members for food and lodging. Please give your membership number when settling your bill.
- ❖ **The JBL Store** is located in the lodge and carries some last minute basic necessities, novelties, and ADK merchandise. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase items in the store.

Thank you for your reservation. We want you to have a pleasant stay at JBL; so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the front desk of the Loj. To help us serve you better, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Please call or write at:  
 ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB  
 1002 Adirondak Loj Rd  
 P.O. Box 867  
 Lake Placid, NY 12946  
[loj@adk.org](mailto:loj@adk.org), (518) 523-3441, 8a.m. to 9p.m.

**DIRECTIONS TO JOHNS BROOK LODGE, FIRST PROCEED TO KEENE VALLEY:  
 FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH:**

Take I-87 (the Northway) to Exit 30. Turn north on Rt. 73. Proceed to Keene Valley

**FROM THE WEST:**

Take Rt. 3 or 86 into Saranac Lake. Continue on 86 through Lake Placid. At the second traffic light, turn right on Rt. 73. Proceed to Keene Valley.

**ONCE IN KEENE VALLEY:**

Look for High Peaks Trailhead sign (next to Ausable Inn). Turn onto Adirondack Street. At 0.6 miles the road turns right, crossing Johns Brook on a wooden bridge. Continue uphill following yellow trail markers and signs to the Garden. Pavement ends as road approaches Garden parking area. The Garden Parking lot does fill up during busy seasons. From trail register, take yellow marked Phelps trail to Grace and O'Brien Camps (3.4 mi). This is the most direct route to the camps. The trail passes Bear Brook lean-to (0.9 mi) and Deer Brook lean-to (1.3 mi) before reaching the Ranger Station (3.0 mi; open May – Oct.). Continue on the yellow trail past the Ranger Station. Johns Brook Lodge is located on the north side of Johns Brook, about 0.4 miles upstream from the Ranger Station. Do not cross over the bridge; continue on the trail to Johns Brook Lodge.

**We hope you enjoy your stay!**

## 2017 GARDEN PARKING/SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Once again the Town of Keene will manage the Garden Parking Lot in Keene Valley in accordance with an Adopt a Resource Agreement with New York State Department of Conservation. The Town of Keene will also serve as operator of a public transportation system that will serve hikers and the general public.

This program was initiated in response to the illegal and unsafe parking that prevailed. The parking fees pay for attendants on weekends, maintenance and winter snowplowing of the Garden, Rooster Comb and Roaring Brook Parking Lots, portable toilets, information kiosks and donations of rescue equipment.

Commencing Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, a fee of \$10.00 American (Canadian @ \$13.00) per calendar day, 12:01 AM to midnight, will be assessed for parking at the Garden Lot. The daily fee will continue through the month of October. An attendant will be at the Garden Lot from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Fridays and from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays during this period. Town Employees and DEC Rangers will monitor the lot during the week.

The shuttle will operate from the Southwest corner of Marcy Field, off Route 73, when the Garden Parking Lot is full, beginning with two Holiday Weekends in May, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, as follows:

Victoria Day Weekend	May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Memorial Day Weekend	May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>

Shuttle operation will resume on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, operating on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of operation. A fee of \$10.00 American (Canadian @ \$13.00) will be charged per person for a round trip. Thank you for your continued support in this project. We hope that reasonable management will ensure continued access to the High Peaks Wilderness.

The Town of Keene  
(Adopt a Natural Resource Manager for the NYSDEC)