

JOHNS BROOK LODGE LEAN-TOS

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay at the Johns Brook Lodge (JBL) lean-tos. There are three lean-tos at JBL (Crandall, Myers and Goodwin) and they accommodate a maximum of six people each. The lean-tos are available for reservations year-round.

Special Notice for Johns Brook Property Guests

The high water bridge over Slide Mountain Brook located .4 miles from Johns Brook Lodge was found broken beyond repair this May (2016) and will not be replaced by the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) until this fall at the earliest. During times of extremely high water this crossing could become impassable and/or potentially dangerous. Johns Brook Lodge staff will notify the Adirondak Loj front desk regularly of any notable changes in water levels in order to help maintain the safety of our guests. Please call the front desk of the Adirondak Loj a few days before your stay to get the most up to date conditions. Water levels typically rise and fall within a short period of time. Feel free to follow the weather forecast for the Lake Placid and Keene Valley area at www.weather.gov.

- ❖ **Check in** is after 2:00pm.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 11:00am.
- ❖ **Quiet hours** are strictly enforced from 10 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Late Arrivals** should check in at JBL before 9:00 a.m. in order to let staff know you have arrived. **Your bill should be settled with the reservations staff at the Adirondak Loj before you arrive.**
- ❖ **An ADK Staff Member** is on property at all times (from mid-May through mid-October) and is available in case of an emergency or serious problem. To locate the staff person, go to JBL.
- ❖ **Radios** are prohibited in the lean-tos. Please respect the rights of others to a wilderness experience.
- ❖ **Trash** – If you carried it in, carry it out. Please clean your site before you leave.
- ❖ **Bears** and other woodland animals frequent this area. Properly store your food. A bear canister is mandatory (three bear canisters per lean-to are available at Johns Brook Lodge Memorial Weekend through Columbus Day Weekend). We are unable to accommodate food storage, use of the kitchen, or bathroom usage at Johns Brook Lodge.
- ❖ **Water** is available at a spigot outside Johns Brook Lodge from Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day weekend. Otherwise, water should be filtered, chemically treated, or brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of 2 min (N.Y.S. Health Department recommendation).
- ❖ **Pets** are permitted provided they are on a leash and are not disturbing others.
- ❖ **Meals** are not available at Johns Brook Lodge.
- ❖ **Fires** are not permitted at the lean-to sites in keeping with the DEC's ban of fires in the eastern High Peaks. Please be sure to bring your cook stove for food preparation.
- ❖ **Tents** are not allowed on lean-to sites unless it is a freestanding tent (no stakes) and it is set up inside the lean-to.
- ❖ **Children** under 12 are half price for the additional per person charge. Children under 2 years old are free.
- ❖ **Methods of payment** – Guests may pay their bills by cash, check or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted).
- ❖ **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 camping. Please have your membership number available when you are settling your bill.

Thank you for your reservation. We want you to have a pleasant stay at the JBL lean-tos; 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 Adirondack Loj Road, P.O. Box 867
Lake Placid, NY 12946
(518) 523-3441, 8a.m. to 7p.m.
www.adk.org

DIRECTIONS TO JOHNS BROOK LODGE LEAN-TOS

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. 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. O'Brien and Grace Camps (3.4 mi.) are located on the south side of Johns Brook (left side of the trail coming from the Garden). A bridge marked with a sign with the names of the camps will be visible going across Johns Brook. After crossing over the bridge, continue about 150 feet upstream to Grace Camp. About $\frac{1}{4}$ mile upstream is Camp O'Brien (on the same side of Johns Brook as Grace Camp). After passing Grace Camp, take the right fork in the trail. You will first come to Goodwin lean-to, followed by Myers lean-to and lastly, Crandall lean-to. The lean-to side trail then rejoins with the trail to Camp O'Brien. Camp O'Brien is located directly across Johns Brook from Johns Brook Lodge.

We hope you enjoy your stay!