



# TRAILMARKER

Adirondack Mountain Club

Iroquois Chapter

Est 1972

March 2016



Hadley Mt. caretakers cabin with the Fire Tower in the background.

*photo by Ed Kobos*

Our chapter, like many of our adk sister chapters is in a state of flux. People come and go per the demands of family, employment or personal setback. Nonetheless, volunteers are the backbone to the organization as a whole. By and large, the Adirondack Mountain Club functions quite smoothly given the sum total of individual efforts. That being said, the Iroquois Chapter is in need of some help. Certainly trip leaders and participants are always needed and welcomed. Two positions are now currently available: conservation chair and program chair.

The conservation position involves attending three meetings per year, March, May and November at the Albany Pine Bush Center. Meetings are from 10 AM to 3 PM. In addition there is a telephone conference in late August or early September. The ADK Conservation committee acts as an advisory group to the Board of Directors, which establishes club policy. Our chapter will pay for the mileage incurred to and from committee meetings.

The other position which has gone begging for a volunteer for over two years is the program chair position. It

involves planning for a program for eight chapter meetings, generally by contacting individuals who are willing to give a presentation. For each position, the qualifications are minimal - have a willingness to extend yourself and some of your time.

As a heads up the April meeting will be our annual Open House where we have members and/or guests set up a display of their choosing. Greg Smith, our education chair, organizes this event. Should you be willing to have a display please contact Greg or me.

Finally, despite the fluid winter conditions from below zero temperatures to pouring rain, I hope you are finding some opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities. Hopefully I will see you on a trip or at the next meeting.

Paul Sirtoli

(Please note: Paul Sirtoli has a new email address: alexsirtoli@outlook.com)

# TRAILMARKER Iroquois Chapter

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## Iroquois Chapter Officers Needed!

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled. Please step up and do your part to make our chapter a vital part of ADK!

**Conservation** Shall advocate environmental quality and undertake conservation activities associated with the Club. This person shall keep the Chapter informed and up to date on environmental and conservation issues. The issues could be local or statewide.

**Programs** This person shall get speakers or develop programs to be presented at Chapter meetings.

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## Up Coming Events

**Tuesday, March 2, 2016**

**Chapter meeting** at 7:30 PM,  
New Hartford Presbyterian Church  
Program speaker Steven Heerkens from the DEC will speak about moose.

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

**Chapter Open House** at 7:00-9:00 PM,  
New Hartford Presbyterian Church. Setup starts at 6.

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**

**Iroquois Chapter Trail Work Day**

At the DEC's request we'll work on the Middle Settlement Lake Trail (#73) from the east end of Middle Settlement Lake, past Cedar Pond up to the junction of the Middle Branch Lake Trail (#72). We'll meet at the First Niagara bank in Mapledale at 8:00 AM or at the Scussa lot near Singing Waters at 8:30-45. If you have your own lopers or saws bring them. We also have 6 pair of Stihl lopers and assorted others. If you're interested contact Carl Anderson at his contact info to the left. We'll reschedule to Sunday, May 1st due to pouring rain.

## Iroquois Chapter New Members

*We would like to welcome the following new members:*

Daniel Kemp    Andrew Koshar    Glenn Larish

# BACKTRACKS...

## Finch Mt. in the Silver Lake Wilderness

Monday, January 4, 2016

Thank goodness for sunshine and calm winds. It was ten degrees when we hit the woods and the same when we returned to the car but the sun and lack of wind made it a great day to be hiking. The trail conditions were very good and very bad. On the level or gentle inclines it was ideal, light layer of fluffy snow on a hard crust, but that crust was icy and that made the descent off the mountain a bit challenging even with microspikes. We parked near the end of Blackbridge Rd. and to avoid the highly posted land and cabin at the end of the road we headed off the north side of the road. Right away we climbed a steep hill and then set a course for the summit. There was a huge amount of blow-down and up rooted trees at the base of the steep climb. We wandered around as we approached the top to seek views in all directions. The best view was below the true summit looking down on the West Branch of the Sacandaga and the



ABOVE: Kathy Miles and Paul Sirtoli on Finch Mt. view point.

*Photo credit: Kathy Miles*

BELOW FROM LEFT: Ed Kobos, Paul Sirtoli, and Jim Lomonaco on summit of Spruce Mt.

*Photo credit: Ed Kobos*



hills surrounding it. On the way out we dropped to a small pond south of the mountain where we picked up the abandoned end of Blackbridge Rd. We were just about back to the car when Paul spotted a much defined path heading south. It was too much of a temptation. We had to check that out. We stayed with it until we reached our turn around time. We know we'll be back to do more exploring along that path. With all the snooping and wandering we added up 8.6 miles and a total ascent of 1500 feet.

*submitted by Kathy Miles*

## Hadley Mt. and Spruce Mt. Fire Towers

January 8, 2016

Paul Sirtoli and Jim Lomonaco invited me to climb both Hadley and Spruce Mountains (to pick up two more Fire Towers for Jim and one for Paul). I needed both. We decided on Hadley first, then we moved on to Spruce. We arrived at the Hadley Mt. Trail Head and found the trail to be very icy. We needed our micro-spikes for the entire climb. There were a lot of switchbacks with the corners very icy where the drainage from the mountain was frozen. About 1.4 miles into the climb we hit a nice lookout on the southern side of the trail with great views of the Great Sacandaga Lake/Reservoir. At the summit we could see a ski area to the NW. The cab was locked, but the views from the highest platform were great. We stopped at the caretakers cabin on the way down and found it to be all boarded up and locked. We thought we would eat our lunch on the porch but decided to go back to the Lookout and eat there. The descent was tricky, in spots, where the ice forced us off the trail. The drive from Hadley Mt. to Spruce Mt. took us about 35 minutes for the 19 mile trip. We arrived at the Trail Head and decided we would need our micro-spikes here too. The rerouted trail was just recently opened and added a few more tenths to the round trip mileage. The trail climbed steadily until reaching the summit. There were no views from the wooded summit. The fire tower cab was also just recently renovated and opened. I counted 97 stairs to the top (approximately 63 feet). There was a communications tower a few hundred yards away. The views from the tower of the pretty flat surrounding area were good. Pretty good for an eleven hour day.

*submitted by Ed Kobos*

## Cattle Mt.

January 15, 2016

The lengthy period of lake effect snow eventually ceased, and on a partially cloudy, windless day between storm systems Paul Sirtoli and Kathy Miles climbed to

several open ledges on the Cattle Mt. massive in the Wilcox Lake Wilderness region. Our trek began at the end of Pumpkin Hollow Road several miles south of Wells, where we walked the snow covered seasonal road to the Wilcox Lake parking area. The trail to Wilcox Lake is a marked snowmobile trail, and with only several inches of snow layered over hard packed crust. Snowmobile activity was absent. However, micro spikes were necessary despite being somewhat ineffective in the powder. Roughly 1.5 miles from the summer parking area near the Doig Creek Bridge, we commenced our bushwhack to the southeast shoulder of Cattle Mt., where the terrain is less steep. The south face slope of the mountain is too precipitous to climb safely.

The Cattle Mt. massive is divided into two summits. We bushwhacked to the southern false summit from the col separating the two knobs of the mountain. The open ledges, as seen from the trail, are about 100 feet below the rim of the southern face. Due to the icy crust covered by the snow, we prudently chose not to drop down to the ledge. Nonetheless, views south and west to Cat Head Mt, Wallace Mt, several meadows and numerous small mountains from our vantage position were still phenomenal. Following lunch, we back tracked to the col, and climbed to the northern peak ledge by circling east around its steep face, approaching from the more gradual northern shoulder. Equally impressive, many small, unnamed mountain ranges dominated the eastern view, as well as Wilcox Lake.

We exited the true summit by heading north and west toward Spruce Mt. and Taylor Vly. Eventually, in the valley between Cattle Mt. and Corrigan Hill we intersected an unmarked path that skirted the western slopes of Cattle Mt. It headed south paralleling the Doig Creek drainage. The path was maintained. No blow down obstructed it and the path led directly to the Wilcox Lake trail and the bridge crossing over Doig Creek. Arriving at the car by 4 PM, we had completed a mini loop of 8.5 miles in seven hours of hiking through a wonderful forest of open hard woods.

*submitted by Paul Sirtoli*

## **Shiras Pond in the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest**

*January 20, 2016*

Not long ago I was browsing through the newest edition of Discover the Southern Adirondacks and read about Shiras Pond. I had never noticed it on my trail maps previous to reading about it. I asked Paul about it and he said he has fished there and could get me there. It would be using a series of trails, un-marked paths and a bushwhack. The trifecta for winning outing. We found a date that fit our calendars and also had a good forecast, cold but clear skies and light breeze. We started on the Georgia Brook trail off of Route 8 and at the first junction turned toward the Pine Orchard.



Paul Sirtoli and Kathy Miles on the summit of Cattle Mt.

*Photo credit: Kathy Miles*

After a short ways on this section you need to cross Georgia Brook. We were fortunate that it was sufficiently frozen to support us because the bridge is no longer there. We continued on this trail until it made a sharp right-hand turn. To the left was the unmarked path that we would use. After about a mile the path petered out and then the bushwhack began. We reached the north end of the pond and went counterclockwise around it to the campsite on its eastern shore. At this point we had traveled 4.7 miles. After a short lunch break we headed out but not exactly as we had come in. We made a loop back to the base of Georgia Mt. then went along the base of the mountain back to pick up our tracks. This loop added a bit of mileage to our round trip which turned out to be 10.2 miles. The terrain was rolling but no real climbing so I was surprised that the GPS indicated we had climbed a total of 1070 feet. It was a full day. When we were back at the trailhead I said to Paul that the fish there must be pretty special for anyone to hike that far for them. He said that he has fished there twice and never caught anything. Fishermen... go figure.

*submitted by Kathy Miles*

## **Vly Mountain**

*January 23, 2016*

Approximately 2450 ft. high, Vly Mt. lies south of Finch Mt. in the Silver Lake Wilderness region, near Wells (Three Ponds Topographic map). Accessed by the Remington Creek trail from Black Bridge, it took Doug Tinkler, Paul Sirtoli, Dave Pisaneschi, Jim Hopson, Carolyn Eastman, Mike O'Donnell, Carl Anderson, Kathy Miles and Bob Buckley about an hour to hike to the base of the mountain. Although three inches of powder covered the hard packed trail, the group walked using snow shoes, while Mike and Carl used micro spikes. Bushwhacking up the shoulder through open hardwoods, we arrived at the relatively flat summit knob by noon, where we had lunch. Despite several group members commenting that no one would ever climb this diminutive "mountain," a red ribbon was found tied to a tree at the high point. Disappointed that we did not find any view ledges,



FROM LEFT: Mike O'Donnell, Carolyn Eastman, Paul Sirtoli, Carl Anderson, Dave Pisaneschi and Jim Hopson

*Photo credit: Doug Tinkler*

we did have decent open forest views of Finch Mt., Swart Mt., Wallace Mt., Dugway Mt., Three Ponds Mt. and other sundry hills with our ascent.

Given time constraints, Kathy and Bob returned to their car while the remaining cohort continued with the bushwhack journey. We descended off the southwest arm of the mountain into a valley whose drainage led us to small beaver meadow. The meadow is essentially a small beaver pond in an otherwise vast, open vly. Following snacks, photo ops., and some light bantering the group proceeded by following the drainage north toward the Sacandaga River. The small creek channeled through several steep ravines. We hiked on the rim of of one of the steep sides to the point where we had to turn east toward the valley situated on the south side of the Finch Mountain. Navigating through open hardwoods, we kept the massively steep and rocky ledges of Finch Mt. in view to guide our direction. Bushwhacking over very moderate grades, we eventually intersected a lengthy beaver meadow and pond southeast of Finch Mt. From the pond, we followed an old woods road back to the Remington Creek trail, thus completing an eight mile loop in seven hours of delightful hiking.

*submitted by Paul Sirtoli*

## **Mt. Colden**

*January 25, 2016*

I invited Jim Lomonaco and Kurt Seymour to join me on a climb of Mt. Colden, from the Adirondack Loj on Monday, Jan 25. I decided on Monday because I thought that the trails would be all packed down by the weekend traffic. We left Utica, at 5:30 AM. As we passed BJ's on Rt. 12, the temperature was 26 F. The weather heading north was strange. We hit some pockets of rain, near Forestport and on and off snow all the way to Tupper Lake. We arrived at the Loj and were on the trail by 9:18. The weather forecast was for some sun with a temp near 30F. We met two groups of snow shoe hikers in the Loj Parking Lot, lead by a HPIC Instructor, going to Avalanche Lake. The trail was hard packed snow about four to eight inches deep. The trail was easy to traverse, in



Mt. Colden from Marcy Dam.

*Photo credit: Ed Kobos*

just our hiking boots, all the way to Marcy Dam. There were great views of Colden, Avalanche, Wright and Whale Tail Mountains from the dam.

The Blue/Yellow trail to Avalanche Camp was also hard packed with deeper snow. When we hit the trail to Lake Arnold the snow was a bit deeper and we could see evidence of some ski tracks coming down the trail. It was still sunny to the north and hard to tell looking toward Mt. Colden. When we arrived at Lake Arnold, Mt. Colden was enveloped in clouds. We took the trail up and around the lake and hit a few steep icy spots. We stopped for lunch and decided to put our micro-spikes on at the same time. We had no problem ascending the mountain after we put them on. Near the top, we passed what looked like a trail to the North Peak of Mt. Colden but decided to keep going to the true summit. We passed two unique rock formations, the second a huge rock that had been cracked in half a long long time ago.

Arriving at the summit we were still in the clouds. There were NO VIEWS in any direction. The wind was pretty calm and the temp on top was 21 degrees. We stayed, on top, only long enough to take a few pictures. This was my 34th of the 46. We went back to the intersection to the North Peak and took the side trip. Still NO VIEWS, except for a lone rock on the west side of the ridge. There was a lot of 'frost snow' on the trees. The trip down went pretty quick. It was almost all down hill. As we arrived back at Marcy Dam, we looked back toward Colden and at that point the sun came out and bathed the summit in a yellow glow. It made for a real nice picture. We signed out at both registers arriving at the parking lot right at sunset 4:56 PM. Great trip with disappointing views, means that I will schedule another trip back there, probably this summer. Our trip back to Utica, was VERY eventful. Jim's truck lost a wheel between Lake Placid and Saranac Lake. Luckily, Kurt also drove, so Jim sent me back home with him. Jim stayed over night and after getting his truck fixed returned home late Tuesday afternoon.

*submitted by Ed Kobos*



Sugarloaf Mt.

*Photo credit: Doug Tinkler*

## Hell Devil Dam

*January 29, 2016*

Having bushwhacked to the summit of Three Ponds Mountain, as well visiting the “Three Ponds” in the Silver Lake Wilderness on separate occasions, my interest was piqued by a small, marshy pond named Hell Devil dam in the same general vicinity. Doug Tinkler and Paul Sirtoli finally were blessed with the right snow conditions as well as the time to visit the site with such an intriguing name. Situated between Sugarloaf Mt. and Three Ponds Mt., it took Doug and I nearly four hours to snow shoe through an open hardwood forest to this very remote area. Using the Remington Trail from the Black bridge in Wells, we essentially hiked the valley southwest, between the Four Staves Mountains and the very long Jack Green vly. Roughly 20 minutes from the end of the vly we discovered a well used campsite near the creek drainage. Whoever used the camp site was quite handy with a chainsaw. Beside a neatly stacked chord of fire wood there were tables and chairs hewed from logs.

The most challenging part of the bushwhack was climbing out of the steep creek ravine just beyond the campsite to the saddle between Three Ponds Mt. and a smaller mt. lying northwest. A short distance from the saddle and situated in a bowl downhill from the col lies the site. Hell Devil dam is nestled on three sides by 2600 plus foot peaks. Nine Mile Creek drains northwest into a very steep ravine through a dilapidated beaver dam. Essentially the “dam site” is a large grassy meadow surrounded by a narrow band of conifers which are quite dense in several places along the shoreline. Approximately 2800 feet high, with its partially rock faced and heavily spruce forested steep slope facing north, Sugarloaf Mt. dominates the grassy flood plain landscape.

Our hope to finding the remains of a dam, a cabin or artifacts from a century ago were dashed. The entire region was quite pristine without any hint of human interference or disturbance. Nonetheless given the geography I could easily picture a large body of water held back by an earthen dam. Rather than retrace our steps, we chose to follow Nine Mile Creek a short distance then swing north into the valley west

of the Four Staves, thereby paralleling southerly approach. We were now heading northeast toward Vly Mountain. Numerous large boulders peppered the rocky slopes bordering the narrow valley. After walking by a large vly, we exited the valley through a moderately graded col between the second and third Staves, whose slopes were essentially littered with massive boulders and rocky ledges. Heading east, we eventually intersected our snow shoe trail near Jack Green Vly thus completing a minor loop. We retraced our steps to the car thus completing a 12+ mile jaunt through a most pristine forest.

*submitted by Paul Sirtoli*

## Moose’s Hoof and Rooney Ledge (Silver Lake Wilderness)

*February 2, 2016*

There have been a couple of short hikes on my hit list for a time and on Ground Hog Day, Paul Sirtoli and I did two of them. First, we did what is called Moose’s Hoof in the new *Discover the Southern Adirondacks* trail book. We parked at the Georgia Brook trailhead and walked a short ways north on Route 8. We entered the woods and came to a tagged path that seemed to parallel the road. We stuck with it for a while hoping it would veer in our direction, but it didn’t. We left the path and headed up rather steeply to the view spot on this clearing on the height of land. The view is to the west. We had a wonderful view of Buckhorn Mountain on the other side of Route 8 with its large bare area below the summit. On the way out we decided to follow that tagged path south. It took us to the Georgia Brook trail from where we returned to our cars.

We then made a short drive to the end of Hernandez Rd. off of West River Rd. in Wells. Our destination was a large open area on a ridge between Rooney Hill and the Sacandaga River. We followed a stream that feeds Vly Creek. As we neared the end of the stream, we were drawn away from our destination by open woods on the horizon to the south.



Buckhorn Mt.

*Photo credit: Kathy Milles*

There was some steep climbing to reach the horizon but the open woods offered views toward Wallace and Cathead Mts. And of course, we spied another open horizon that we had to check out, this one with views to the east. Now we had to drop and then climb to reach our planned destination which had the best views of the day, of Moose Mt., Three Ponds Mt. Wallace Mt. and others. We took a more direct route back to our vehicles. These two short hikes turned out to be every bit as rewarding as one long one.

*submitted by Kathy Miles*

## Moose River Plains Ponds

*February 18, 2016*

Paul Sirtoli, Jim Lomonaco and I bushwhacked to some ponds, east of the Eighth Lake Campground north east of Old Forge. Paul wanted to check out the ponds for possible fishing trips, later this year. The temperature started out in single digits with bright sunshine. We arrived at the trail head and surveyed the woods. There wasn't much snow. We decided to leave our snow shoes behind and carry our micro-spikes. We headed east, on the snowmobile trail toward Mohegan Lake. We hadn't gone very far when we hit a bridge over the Eighth Lake inlet.

We headed east and at the second creek intersection we headed south all the way to the first pond. From there we would hike to three more trout ponds, making a counter-clockwise loop, back to the trail head. None of the ponds had official names. We hit the pond after being on the trail for about an hour and traveling 1.65 miles. Its elevation was 2195 ft., so we climbed 370 ft. The ice seemed thick enough to walk on, but we were very skeptical, so we walked along the edge. When we came to what looked like an inlet, we headed into the woods, heading southeast. We hit the second pond about twenty minutes later. This pond was smaller than

Ed Kobos, Paul Sirtoli and Jim Lomonaco at High Rock Pond.

*Photo credit: Ed Kobos*



the previous one and seemed to more of a flooded vly. We crossed the marshy outlet and began to climb up the ridge to our east. The woods were more open and we could see some mountains to the NE, through the trees. We stopped for lunch on an exposed log for about half an hour and then headed down toward the big pond at the end of the snowmobile trail. We walked for thirty minutes until we saw the third pond, which was easy to see through the open woods. We walked down and Paul and Jim looked for a boat that Paul heard was available for anyone to use. They didn't find one. We then headed for the last pond. We arrived at the fourth pond, about an hour and twenty minutes later. It was very picturesque.

There were large cliffs, on the far side of the pond. This is when Paul said that his buddy heard that it was called "High Rock Pond", because of the rocks. We continued to look for any sign of a boat, as we walked along the edge of the pond. We came to a little peninsula where we found an old campsite. This could have been a good spot for the boat, but there was none. From there we followed the creek back to the bridge and out to the car. We didn't know it at the time, but this would be the toughest part of our trip. The terrain around the creek was very rocky with a lot of standing water and ice. We had to be very careful not to step in a frozen hole. We followed the creek to a fairly large vly and we decided that it would be quicker to bypass the other vly, to the north, and head down a shallow valley to where we would pick up the creek, again. We must have crossed the creek a dozen times on our way to the car. At a few points we crossed, only to find out that there no easy way to continue, so we had to cross back over again. We all made it, without breaking through. From there we climbed up and down rocks until we came out near the original bridge. I looked and the ice disk had frozen into place. The entire trip was 7.3 miles long with just over 3,000 feet of climbing and it took us almost 7:30. Overall a great day in the woods.

*submitted by Ed Kobos*

### **Newsletter Submissions....**

Feel free to submit your stories and photos for inclusion in the Trailmarker. Please use a digital camera for taking photos as the resolution on a camera phone is too low to reproduce well.

**Email:** vanhattenanderson@gmail.com

**Photos:** use jpeg or tiff format

**Stories:** send as a .rtf or .doc file or include in an email message.

# TRIPS

March 13, 2016

## Mt Marshall

Last chance to get a winter 46er in. At 4360 feet, Mount Marshall is the twenty-fifth highest peak in the Adirondacks. There is no maintained trail to the summit. We will start from the Upper Works trailhead and take the Calamity Brook Trail past Flowed Lands. The herd path begins just north of the bridge over Herbert Brook. Although the summit is tree covered, there are a few good views. This is a 6 plus mile, one way hike to the summit.

Rating: A+

Meeting time: 7:00 am

William Luppino 360-0359 Boots muddy@hotmail.com

April 9, 2016

## Mt. Pakatakan and Dry Brook Ridge

At 3,460 ft. in the northern Catskill Park Dry Brook Ridge is Delaware's County highest point. The 5 plus mile trail leads to two sets of western vista's, one being a 150 long sandstone ledge for a 180 degree panoramic view. We will return via the same route for this early spring time hike.

Rating: A

Paul Sirtoli 737-8353 alexsirtoli@outlook.com

April 2, 2016

## NCT/FLT Highland Forest End to End Trail Inspection, NCT100

We will hike or snowshoe depending on snow conditions on the FLT and North Country National Scenic Trail (section of Onondaga Trail) across our county forest from Cowles Settlement Road to DeRuyter Dam Road. We will inspect the trail and make note of 2016 maintenance needs. Two level hike with shorter out and back option, 3 mi roundtrip. Park fee \$3pp.

Distance: 5.2 miles, max 200' elevation change, approx. 3 hours.

Rating: B

Meeting Time: 9:00am

Mary and Bill Coffin 687-3589 marycoffin@gmail.com

April 16, 2016

## NCT/FLT -Trail Clearing, NCT100

We will check out and reopen a section of trail that has been closed for several years south of McGraw. A new landowner is willing to reopen the trail. In early spring and conditions most likely will be wet. This section is both FLT and North Country National Scenic Trail. Distance: 3 miles, 4-5 hours.

Rating: B

Meeting Time: 9:00am

Mary and Bill Coffin 687-3589 marycoffin@gmail.com

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April 30, 2016

## Stone Dam Lake NCT 100

Walk on the 1st section of the North Country National Scenic Trail section within the Adirondack Park blue line. We will investigate the beginning of the new trail beyond Stone Dam Lake. The trail is relatively flat with a few rolling hills.

Distance: 7-9 miles, 5 to 6 hr with 50-60' elevation change.

Rating: B

Meeting Time: 8:30 am

Mary and Bill Coffin 687-3589 marycoffin@gmail.com

May 22, 2016

## North Country National Scenic Trail FLT Community Family Hike #1, NCT 100

ADKers will join people from the local community and hike a section of the FLT/North Country National Scenic Trail and Onondaga Trail in Morgan Hill State Forest (Shackham Rd to Bardeen Rd). Let's show locals what a wonderful resource the trail is to their community. Distance: 3 miles with 50' downhill at end, 30' along trail, 2 hours.

Rating: B

Meeting Place: Behind Fabius Community Center

(former church) or call leader

Meeting Time: 11:00 am

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## Chapter Outings

Rating	Effort Level	Elevation gain	Miles (round trip)	Time in Hours
A +	Very Strenuous	4000 ft +	10 +	10 +
A	Strenuous	3000 ft +	5 - 10	8 - 10
B +	Mod. Strenuous	2000 ft +	5 - 10	6 - 8
B	Moderate	1000 ft +	8 - 10	5 - 7
C +	Fairly Easy	1000 ft +	5 - 8	4 - 6
C	Easy	under 1000 ft	under 5	under 5

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
of the IROQUOIS CHAPTER of ADK

Year Ending 12/31/15

**Assets January 1, 2015:**

Checking	\$ 339.25
Savings	5084.21
CD	2000.00
Petty Cash	<u>60.93</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7484.39</b>

**Revenue:**

Dues (From ADK Headquarters)	\$ 4702.50
Calendar Sales	130.00
Chapter Note Interest	35.00
Interest	<u>18.43</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4885.93</b>

**Expense:**

Calendars	\$ 110.77
Chapter Basket	110.94
Beat the Rush	100.00
Donation – Summit Steward	2000.00
Postage	.98
Adopt-a-Highway	43.68
Trailwork tools	199.98
Trailwork kit & refreshments	73.45
Refreshments	442.85
Programs	80.00
Rent	<u>530.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3692.65</b>

**Assets December 31, 2015:**

Checking	\$ 2350.54
Savings	2303.95
CD	4000.00
Petty Cash	<u>23.18</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8677.67</b>

Submitted by David White, chapter treasurer

**Governor Cuomo's Budget  
Proposed A Fully Funded EDP!**

**Please write to your  
State Legislator and express your  
support!**

Gov. Cuomo's Executive Budget proposes to fully fund the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) at \$300M. This is a first!

Last year it was funded at only \$177M.

The categories of interest to ADK members include:

\* Open Space / Lane Conservation: \$40M, (last year it was \$26.6M)

\* State Land Stewardship: \$28M (last year it was \$18.5M)  
Note: This pays for ADK's professional trail crew.

\* Invasive species: \$10M (last year it was \$5.9M)

Please contact your legislators and ask that they support the Governor's proposed EPF budget.

Also, please request that the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) not be rained to pay for the EPF as was done last year. Rather, the EPF must be funded from monies generated by the Real Estate Transfer Tax as intended.

In your letter, please identify yourself as an ADK member.

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
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Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
NYS Assembly  
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