



TRAILMARKER

Adirondack Mountain Club

Iroquois Chapter

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Kim and Gail Hoffman, Amy DeVries and Karen Hoffman on a beaver dam south of Middle Settlement Lake during the Iroquois Chapter trail work day April 29th. They were part of a two crew team that cleared trails around Middle Settlement Lake.

Photo credit: Carl Anderson

President's Message

Despite the threat of drizzle with an unseasonably cool temperature, nearly twenty hardy Iroquois Chapter members partied at the June picnic at the New Hartford town park. There was a wide assortment of food, including gluten free, that everyone enjoyed. I wish to recognize and thank Doug Tinkler for barbecuing the hamburgers to custom order. Those hamburgers were great! Hopefully for next year the weather will be more cooperative to encourage more members to attend.

Our chapter was well represented at Heart Lake for National Trails Day on June 3. The Hoffman clan: Kim, Karen, and Gail worked on the Iron Mt. trail, while Bob Hutchins and Doug Tinkler built a bridge on the Scarface Mt. trail. As always, the Saturday night entertainment and feast, along with the social camaraderie were absolutely wonderful. Consider volunteering next year; the camping is free, the

work is plentiful and the fun is contagious.

I am pleased to announce that David Jones has volunteered to be the chapter program coordinator. Should you have any ideas or thoughts about future programs, please feel free to contact Dave (or me). His e-mail is listed in the Trailmarker. Along the same vein, I wish to THANK all the individuals who currently hold positions in the chapter. Your efforts help the organization to function smoothly.

Summer marks the end of our regular monthly meetings until September. At that time there will be opportunities for members to become involved with ad hoc committee's pertaining to the election of officers and winter outing planning. Please keep these in mind as you recreate through out the summer. Meanwhile, I will see you in September or on the trail.

Paul Sirtoli

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Up Coming Events

Sunday, July 30, 2017

ididaride! group departure 8:30 AM

Road bike tour of the central Adirondacks on routes 28/30 starting from North Creek. The ididaride! will benefit ADK's Wilderness Protection Programs.

Contact: <https://www.adk.org/play/cycling-information/ididaride/> for detailed information, cost and registration.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Chapter meeting at 7:00 PM, September 5, 2017

New Hartford Presbyterian Church

Our program speaker will be Susan Luther Kiesel. She is a professional photographer and her discussion will be on moose in NYS.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Chapter meeting at 7:30 PM, October 3, 2017

New Hartford Presbyterian Church

Our program speaker will be Julia Gorman who will discuss two programs within ADK. The Summit Steward Program and the 3 Seasons Heart Lake school outreach program.

Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-a-Highway

Anyone interested in volunteering for adopt-a-highway clean-up should contact Doug Tinkler @ 315-271-4759 or dt46x40@yahoo.com.

The next clean-up date will occur as needed.

ADK Adopt-a-lean-to

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity contact me with questions at 315-271-4759 or email at dt46x40@yahoo.com.

Iroquois Chapter New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Mike Bondy • Kimberly Neary • Larry Renodin

Ken Muzzy • Gilbert M. Thisse

Duane and Patricia Wheeler

TRIPS

Sun, July 9, 2017

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., 3 miles). Let's show locals what a wonderful resource the trail is to their community. Bring lunch and water.

Rating: C-C+

Meeting Place: Contact leader

Meeting time: 12 pm

Contact: Mary and Bill Coffin, maryccoffin@gmail.com

Sat, July 15, 2016

Paddle Raquette Lake Inlets

We will paddle and investigate several Raquette Lake inlet streams: possibly Brown Tract Pond Inlet and/or South Inlet. Both are scenic, meandering streams with interesting bog plants along the shorelines. Wear PFD and bring your own canoe/kayak.

Rating: C

Meeting Place: Contact leader

Meeting time: 8:30AM, Contact leader

Contact: Mary Coffin, maryccoffin@gmail.com, 315-687-3589

July 20-23, 2017

The Cranberry Lake 50

Looking for members to join me on a 3 or 4 day backpacking trip of the 50 miles of trails and roads around Cranberry Lake. This gorgeous lake is the third largest in the Adirondack park. The trails will offer true wilderness experience. Side excursions are possible if there is interest and/or time. If interested contact me and we will discuss trip details further.

Rating: A+

Meeting Place: TBA

Meeting time: TBA

Contact: William Luppino 360-0359 or
Bootsmuddy@hotmail.com

Sunday, July 30 2017

Ampersand Mt.

I last climbed this wonderful peak 40+ years ago as part of a Saranac Lake canoe excursion. Join me as I re-hike the roughly 3 mile trail to an old haunt. There will be an elevation gain of approximately 1800 ft. Views from the summit are exceptional. Bring a bathing suit for a quick dip at Long Lake beach on the way home. A miserable rainy day will postpone this trip to a mutually agreed upon future date.

Rating: B+

Meeting Place: TBA

Meeting Time: TBA

Contact: Paul Sirtoli at 315-737-8353 or alexsirtoli@outlook.com

Sun Aug 6, 2017

Community Family Hike #2: Webber Rd to Armstrong Pond NCT 100

Families are encouraged to join us for this part of the FLT/NCT Onondaga Trail Webber Rd to Armstrong Pond near New Woodstock. We will hike through mature mixed hardwoods and enjoy a snack at a lovely pond.

Rating: C-C+

Meeting Place: Contact leader

Meeting time: 12pm, noon

Contact: Mary and Bill Coffin, maryccoffin@gmail.com,
315-687-3589

Sat Aug 12, 2017

North Country Trail Team Work Hike, NCT 100

Join us as we touch up trail on a section of the FLT/NCT in Cortland County. We provide tools. Bring work gloves, lunch and water.

Rating: C

Meeting Place: Contact leader

Meeting time 9:00 am

Contact: Mary and Bill Coffin, maryccoffin@gmail.com,
315-687-3589

August 20, 2017

TR Mountain Revisited

Let's hike to the summit of TR Mountain, named in honor of Teddy Roosevelt. From the ADK Loj we will hike up the Van Hoevenburg Trail going past the trail junction for Phelps Mt. Then cross the bridge over Phelps Brook we will then continue a half mile to the herd path to the summit. Distance from the Loj is 4.3 miles expect a round trip of 4 to 5 hours at a moderate pace. Bring your own snacks and water. Poor weather or too small a group will postpone to another date.

Rating: A+

Meeting Place: TBA

Meeting time: TBA

Contact: William Luppino 360-0359 or
Bootsmuddy@hotmail.com

September 2017

Hudson Valley Ramble

Chapter members Carol and David White are leading hikes in the Hudson Valley Ramble during th month of September. The Hudson River Valley Ramble is an annual event series that celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, as well as the amazing landscape, communities and trails throughout the region. The 18th Annual Ramble will take place on September 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, 30 and October 1, 2017! For more information check out their website at <http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble>

For additional trip offerings, last minute additions and updates check out our Meet-up page at <https://www.meetup.com/Iroquois-Chapter-of-the-Adirondack-Mountain-Club/>

BACKTRACKS...

Iroquois Chapter trail work day

April 29, 2017

Ten Iroquois Chapter members including Gail, Karen and Kim Hoffman, Amy DeVries, Bob Hutchins, Al Ash, Ralph Feola, Bob Meyers and Paul Sirtoli gathered at the parking lot near Tamarack Lake south of Middle Settlement Lake for our annual chapter trail work day. Our plan was to split our crew in half and clear the trails surrounding the lake including the 73, 76, and 75. One crew would head up the 73 and the other would proceed up the Brown's Tract Tr. and continue up the 75, meeting at the leanto at Middle Settlement.

Over the years the idea of having trail day on the last Saturday of April was to avoid the black fly swarms that often occurred in May. That strategy worked quite well for awhile with the idea that snow would be melted and the bugs not hatched out. I remember some late April work days with patches of snow still on the ground. The last few years though, that doesn't seem to be the case. This year the black flies seemed to hatch out the week before as was the case the year before. So my strategy will be to move the trail day back to the third Saturday in April, with the hope that we beat the black fly hatch.

Our two crew approach worked very well with both groups passing near the leanto. This also allowed us to check out the massive beaver dams that occupy each route. The Brown's Tract Tr. dam incorporates the trail and is one of the largest I've ever seen. We met back at the lot around 5 PM after a full day of trail work. My thanks to all of the crew for a job well done. Also, a special call out to the Hoffmans, Gail, Karen, and Kim for their exceptional volunteer trail efforts, as mentioned in the Chairman's Report for National Trails Day at Heart Lake, but also their year-after-year participation in our chapter trail work days. They're a great example for us all to follow.

Submitted by Carl Anderson



From left: Bob Meyers, Ralph Feola, Bob Hutchins, Amy DeVries, Carl Anderson and Al Ash
photo Paul Sirtoli

Johns Brook Lodge work weekend

May 12-14, 2017

Despite the dire weather forecast, it was a productive weekend at JBL. Carolyn Eastman, Tom Smith and Paul Sirtoli joined twelve other ADK volunteers to complete many projects, including but not limited to putting up gutters, staining, moving wood, clearing debris around the yard and building a small addition at Grace Camp. The JBL staff fed us so well that I departed Sunday morning a few pounds heavier.

Should you wish to experience firsthand the JBL hospitality, consider volunteering for the fall work weekend on October 13-15. The building is heated with a wood stove, the bunks have thick cushions, the food is plentiful and really good. The volunteers are awesome, and the work shared by all is not burdensome. JBL is a 3.5 mile hike in from Keene Valley on a well used trail from the garden parking area. Should you have the time and inclination, you will not be disappointed with weekend stint at John Brook Lodge. As for that dire forecast, the weekend actually turned out to be quite nice, with rain arriving by late afternoon when all chores were completed.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

Beech Mountain

May 17, 2017

While lounging on the rocky cornice of Middle Mt. in the Lake George Wild Forest in early spring, I noted Beech Mt. to the northwest. A fairly large, rocky knob, interspersed among many small saplings, enticingly beckoned me to check it out. So, with Kathy Miles (Foothills Chapter), David Pisaneschi (Albany Chapter) in tow, we commenced our search for the Beech Mt. Rocky Knob off trail 64 (National Geographic Map, Lake George, 743) south of Graphite. Trail 64 is essentially an extension of Wardsboro Road from route 9N near the Tongue Mt. range. In the winter it serves as a snowmobile trail, while today it was nothing more than a rutted, muddy seasonal use gravel road.

We started from the north end of the dirt road, heading south through private land (Graphite Sportsman Club) until we intersected another gravel/snow mobile road. The sign indicated that it lead to Jabe Pond. This road we followed to the height of land, at which point we began bushwhacking through open hardwoods toward the summit at 2080 ft. Upon our arrival, we were quite delighted to discover that the actual summit comprised of rock, grass, moss and lichen was very open, and afforded wonderful views of Lake George and the Green Mountains to the north and east.

We lingered for lunch and photos, but with the persistent black fly nuisance, commenced our search for the



Dave Pisaneschi, Kathy Miles, Paul Sirtoli Summit of Beech Mt.

photo Kathy Miles

rocky knob, situated below the roundish summit. Walking south and downhill through an amazingly open forest, we eventually located the rocky promenade in roughly a quarter of a mile. Bathed by a cool breeze on an otherwise very warm day, we took the opportunity to tarry and enjoy the phenomenal view of Northwest Bay of Lake George, Middle Mt., Catamount Mt., and the Wardsboro Road valley.

Since the terrain before us was nearly a cliff, we backtracked a bit and headed west and north back to trail 64. As the day was now quite warm, we scuttled our plan to visit Spectacle Ponds, and chose to return to the car. Our eight mile trek took us 6 hours with 1100 ft. of elevation gain.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

Warren County Bikeway

May 21, 2017

For this Iroquois Chapter scheduled trip, Rosemary Daley and Dave Pisaneschi (Albany Chapter) joined Bob Myers and me to ride the paved Warren County Bikeway on a cool, but otherwise delightful day. The bike way lies between Glens Falls and Million Dollar Beach in Lake George village. It is approximately nine plus miles long, crosses several county roads as well as shares the road with vehicle traffic for roughly one mile in various sections. The trail is rail road grade, with several sections going uphill, although not steep. It courses through a variety of landscapes, generally forest, in addition to passing Glen Lake, an adjacent wetland, a golf course, as well as urban sections of Glens Falls. Historical markers and maps are on the trail. Signs for side trails, with mileages/time will direct riders to other trails, shopping areas or points of interest.

Arriving at Million Dollar Beach in early afternoon, we utilized our time by eating lunch and wandering around the uncrowded village sidewalks. For this weekend, the DEC building and accompanying beach site were closed. Nonetheless, we were entertained with an individual parasailing over Lake George.

Should you be in the area, consider riding the trail, and perhaps taking a swim or a shoreline cruise while in the village. It would be a relaxing day.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

Stewart Mt.

May 27, 2017

Reputedly the most difficult bushwhack in the Sentinel Range Wilderness (east of Lake Placid) Stewart Mt. reportedly has an elevation of 3,603 ft., and is a member of the Adirondack 100 Highest Mountain list. It was a cool, cloudy day when Jim Lomonaco and I challenged the summit. To our favor, the weather condition kept the Adirondack pestilence at bay, but the overcast sky prevented Jim's GPS from tracking his preset way points and our track. Relying on map, compass and bushwhacker intuition, we plowed into the woods knowing that from prior reports we would encounter areas of dense conifer vegetation as well as questionable footing over moss covered rock crevices. All this while climbing a steep gradient to the summit.

About a mile into the bushwhack, small cliffs, expected dense vegetation, and a very rocky ravine forced us from our intended compass heading onto the shoulder of an unnamed 3600 ft. mountain just north of Stewart Mt. There are occasions in life when an overt error turns out to be a blessing in disguise; at this point in our trek, we were blessed. The climb up the unnamed peak was less dense, and had better footing than the popularly advertised route. We were further blessed with finding a rocky knob affording great views of Whiteface Mt. Continuing our climb somewhat away from Stewart Mt., we did encounter patches of dense conifer/cripple bush, but more often than not, the fir/spruce conifer copse was fairly open to allow relative easy navigation. Just shy of the 3600 ft. summit by a few hundred feet, we set a heading directly for the Stewart summit, bushwhacking just below a "land bridge" between the two peaks. We climbed steadily and relatively unimpeded through the conifer forest, weaving around conifer quagmires. Perhaps we had the



Paul Sirtoli, David Pisaneschi, Bob Myers.

photo Rosemary Daley

luck of the Irish, but we managed to arrive at the summit in 3.5 hours. A written report stated that the summit was marked by an “S” carved on a fir tree. This we found, and the elevation 3603 ft. was confirmed by Jim’s GPS elevation tab. Sensing that this was not the “high spot” we continued southwest along the tight ridge line where we encountered a summit elevation of 3,612 ft. Amazingly we also found an open canopy giving us a great view of Sentinel and Kilbourne Mountains.

After using 45 minutes for lunch and limited exploration we began our descent. The dense overcast sky still prevented Jim’s GPS from tracking. Nonetheless, we chose an alternate route down. Jim was curious about the route up the mountain as written by authors who have climbed Stewart prior to our climb. It was a horrible mistake. Our route down was very steep, blow down all over, many small cliff ledges and rock crevices covered by moss. In a word the descent was awful, taking us five plus hours. Thankfully, we arrived at the car by 7 PM, with day light to spare. Our excursion took 9 hours to cover about five plus miles.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

Little Santanoni Mountain

June 1, 2017

At 3,504 feet, Little Santanoni Mt. was on our short list of mountains to climb last, simply because it is about a twenty mile round trip. Despite the threat of rain on an otherwise cool day, Jim Lomanaco and I decided that the Santanoni trek was the lesser challenge to tackle than the Sawtooth group of mountains.

We rode our mountain bikes on the well maintained dirt road that leads to the Santanoni Great Camp in Newcomb. At the Moose Pond trail head, we hoofed our way on the maintained horse trail to the south end of Moose Pond, intersecting the non-maintained connector trail to the Cold

River Horse Trail. This we followed to Ermine Brook. After wading through the high water, we commenced our bushwhack several hundred yards further down the trail.

The open hardwood forest was conducive to bushwhacking. About half way to the summit, we encountered several areas of fern and trout lily glades in a mostly deciduous forest. As we gained altitude, the conifers dominated the landscape. There was little blow down in this remarkably open forest. Compared to prior trips, this was a “cake walk,” thus we moved right along without difficulty.

The summit had no views; we encountered only minor glimpses of Moose Pond in either direction. Following a quick lunch, we decided not to tempt fate, and returned via the same route.

The bulk of the mileage is on woody lanes over gently rolling hills and on occasion snaking around wet areas. Although not maintained, the connector trail, an old road was quite easy to follow. The bushwhack was roughly four miles. Now to the Sawtooth range.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

Sawtooth #5 Mountain

June 9, 2017

Unlike Sawtooth #1, 2, and 3, where Jim Lomanaco and I battled dense vegetation and endless blow down, Sawtooth #5 (3, 445 ft.) was a breath of fresh air. The bushwhack portion of this monotonous 10.5 hour, 18+ mile round trip on the Ward Brook trail was roughly 3+ miles. To our delight, we bushwhacked through mostly open conifer forest, encountering a dense pocket of vegetation a short distance from the false summit. This we avoided by taking a slightly different route down the ridge line upon our descent. Jim’s GPS recorded our highest elevation to be 3,459 ft., and like most of the other 100 highest, there were no views. Hopefully, #4 will be just as easy.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli



Whiteface Mt. from Stewart Mt

photo Jim Lomanaco



Little Santanoni Mt.

photo Jim Lomanaco

Slide Mt (Sentinel Range)

June 14, 2017

Given our early morning start from Utica, Jim Lomonaco and I commenced our climb of Slide Mt. (3,580 ft.) at noon. Our false start on the North Notch trail on Riverside Road (Lake Placid) cost us over two hours in driving and hiking time. Two maps, and a local author's guide book indicated that the marked trail led to the notch between Slide and Kilburn Mts., at which point we had planned to bushwhack to the Slide Mt. summit. Rather, North Notch trail actually leads to Holcomb Pond, .6 mile from the road.

Thus at late morning we were driving to Alstead Hill Road outside of Keene for the "official" start. After walking three quarters of a mile on the jack rabbit trail to a large foot bridge, we followed a creek to the col between Black and Slide Mountains. From the col, we took a direct route to the Slide summit. Amazingly, the bushwhack through the mixed coniferous and deciduous woods was relatively easy for most of the round trip. About a quarter mile from the summit we did encounter several dense patches of conifers/blow down, but compared to other mountains in the Sentinel range, navigation was quite tolerable. Nonetheless, we used about thirty minutes of time searching for the official high point - there were several bumps on the ridge several feet within the 3580 ft. elevation. A red foot trail disc marks the true summit.

Following a quick ten minute break, we made a fast exit as the black flies were voracious. We chose a slightly different route down to hopefully avoid the dense section, and in this regard we were fortunate. The six mile trek took us 5.5 hours. Now, for Sawtooth number four - perhaps outside of bug season - and we'll be done climbing the Adirondack 100 highest mountains!

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli

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.

New York State Citizen's Right to Clean Water, Clean Air and a Healthful Environment

Join the effort to provide all New Yorkers with a constitutional right to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment by amending the state's Bill of Rights. The basic human right to clean air and water and a healthful environment has been starkly absent from the list of constitutional protections, but recent threats to our water and air have reminded us that we cannot take for granted that these life sustaining elements will be protected. It is critical that we recognize the basic human rights to clean air and water and a healthful environment and detail these in the Article 1 Bill of Rights.

For more information and to contact your state senator, copy and paste the link below to visit ADK's website:

<https://www.adk.org/gain-the-right-to-clean-air-and-water/>

How to Join Meet-Up

Our chapter Meet-up page is a now over a month old and membership and participation is growing. To date we have 25 individuals signed up with more joining every day. Most of those that have joined our meet-up page are ADK members from other chapters. A few who have joined reported being former members of our chapter. However only five current chapter members have joined the meet-up.

If you would like to join our meet-up page you first need to create a Meetup account.

Creating a Meet-up account is free. If using a computer go to meetup.com, then click Sign up in the upper right corner of the Meetup homepage. If using a phone app like Android & iOS, open the app and tap Sign up. Either way you will need to fill out your personal information and then enter your email address, or connect through your Facebook or Google accounts. After you've created and verified your account, you can join our meet up group along with any group on Meet-up and RSVP for events and activities.

Our site's web address is
<https://www.meetup.com/Iroquois-Chapter-of-the-Adirondack-Mountain-Club/>

Submitted by Bill Luppino

Conservation Committee Meeting Report

May 6, 2017
Albany Pine Bush-Discovery Center

Summary:

Boreas Ponds

APA still reviewing comments; decision regarding classification delayed to August.

DEC is considering creating a 5 acre unclassified area (intensive use) for a hut to hut system (lodging/dining). ADK does not support lodging/dining facilities on Forest Preserve.

Frontiertown

Governor wants to invest \$32,000,000 for development of golf course, camping, and dining facilities.

North Country Scenic Trail (NCNST)

The NCNST crosses through the central Adirondacks using existing trails, new trails and logging roads.

There are a few gaps. Routes need to be added to unit management plan across the Adirondacks. Trail cannot be designated as the NCNST until approved by Congress. National Park Service has oversight of the trail, and will work with the various states.

Otter Lake Truck Trail

There is illegal ATV use on the trail from Big Otter Lake bridge, which serves as a snowmobile connector to Pine Lake. ATV using road to the vicinity of Moose River Mountain trail head.

Discussions ongoing regarding helicopter drop zones, size of bridge replacement in order to accommodate horses, and the use of horses to haul in material. Due to other priorities requiring helicopter drops, the bridge project is put on hold.

Invasive species

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA): Cornell has secured 1.1 million dollars in the current state budget for a “bug factory” to breed a predator beetle (*Laricobius nigrinus* or Little Larry) against HWA. Beetles will be released in the Catskill Park where they will reproduce naturally.

AIS

ADK working with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) to establish programs to monitor water quality in the park. Training sessions will be July 10, Heart Lake, and August 4, Lake George Conservancy. Details available at www.adk.org. ADK wants to expand beyond the lake Champlain region, and will work with chapters to develop back country water outings.

Land Bank Legislation

The state would like to create a 250 acre land bank allowing county and local governments to make highway improvements, as well as broadband access, throughout the Adirondacks and Catskills. Enabling legislation is required for actual work.

Catskill Park

Bluehole in the Peekamoose Riparian Corridor is a very popular swimming hole, visited by hoards of people from NYC region, 1.5 hours distant. Garbage, litter, fires, parking in this very small area has created a severe overuse issue. There are no facilities present; rangers have ticketed people.

Other

The Wildland Stewardship Committee is in need of a coordinator/point person/chairman to contact chapters regarding trail work, monitoring of adopted forest/region, monitoring invasive species, etc. Chapter report once per year...eg. Iroquois Chapter has the Ha-De-Ron-Da region.

*Submitted by Paul Sirtoli
on behalf of Brian Sanders*

Adirondack Mountain Club Iroquois Chapter Bylaws

Article I- Name

1. This organization shall be named THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB, IROQUOIS CHAPTER, hereinafter, the "Chapter".

Article II- Organization

1. This Chapter shall be regulated by and subject to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC., hereinafter, the "Club".

Article III- Objectives

1. The objectives of the Chapter shall be to further wilderness and conservation values through recreation, advocacy, and education concerning the Adirondacks, Catskills and all wild and forested lands and related areas, specifically:
 - A. To advocate and to broaden popular support of Article XIV, Section 1 of the New York Constitution, which provides that the "lands of the state constituting the Forest Preserve shall be forever kept as wild forest lands";
 - B. To recognize the importance of extensive tracts of well managed private forest land in maintaining the historic character of the Adirondacks and the Catskill Parks;
 - C. To support efforts to acquire additional public lands and conservation easements within the Adirondack and Catskill Parks in order to ensure preservation of public access to ecologically or recreationally significant areas, consistent with the access provisions in the State Land Master Plans;
 - D. To organize and conduct outings and to encourage outdoor recreation in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks and environs in a manner which shall minimize the environmental impact on the wild forest character of the region and;
 - E. To encourage public interest in and knowledge and appreciation of all natural, historic, economic and human resources of the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, and the relationships around them.

Article IV- Membership

1. Categories of Membership. Membership in the Chapter shall be categorized in accordance with Article IV , Sections 1 through 14, of the Adirondack Mountain Club Bylaws, but all Chapter members with the exception of Affiliate members shall have the privilege of full voting rights within the Chapter provided
 - A. Individual: They are 18 years of age or older
 - B. Family: Maximum of any two adults, 18 years of age or older, living in the same domicile, each of whom is a voting member.
2. Dues. Dues shall be paid directly to the Club offices (HQ). Dues of affiliate members shall be set from time to time by the Chapter, Currently they are \$6.00.
3. Expiration. If a member has not remitted his or her dues within 4 months following the expiration of his or her membership, he or she shall be dropped from the Chapter's membership rolls.

Article V- OFFICERS AND APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

1. **Officers-** The offices of this Chapter shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. All officers shall be voting members of the Chapter. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Chapter Executive Committee shall provide policy leadership, conduct the day-to-day business of the Chapter, and oversee the appointive positions.
2. **Appointive Positions-** Members holding appointive positions shall be responsible for managing certain important functions, not of a policy making nature, under the direction of the Executive Committee. Persons shall be appointed to these positions by the Executive Committee to aid in the everyday running of the Chapter. The appointive positions of this Chapter may include; Hospitality Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Publicity Coordinator, Adopt-a-Highway, Adopt-a-lean-to, Stewardship, education, Programs and Nominating.
3. **Terms-** The Director shall serve two year terms and serve up to three full terms (6years total). All other officers shall serve three year terms. No officer shall serve more than two full terms consecutively in the same office. Term expirations shall be staggered to the extent practical: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director. The terms of office for appointive positions shall commence upon appointment and shall expire at the pleasure of the Executive Committee

or with the end of the term of the Chair. There shall be no limit to the number of terms served in the appointive positions.

4. **Transitional Provisions**

A. **Staggered Terms-** As recommended by the Nominating Committee and determined at the January Annual Meeting, certain officers elected shall serve special short terms for the purposes of achieving staggered term expirations. For the purpose of staggering the terms and for the ease of the Nominating Committee the terms shall be staggered as such-

first year- Chair and Vice Chair
second year- Secretary and Treasurer
every two years- Director

B. **Effect of Change in Status of Office-** If, as a result of an amendment to these by-laws an office becomes vacant, the individual performing the function shall assume the office immediately and may serve until the next scheduled election. If, likewise, an office is abolished an incumbent may serve the full term but shall not be replaced. A newly created position without an incumbent shall be considered a vacant position and shall be filled as provided elsewhere in these By-Laws.

C. **Expiration of Limited Provisions-** These limited provision on terms shall expire when the processes to which they refer shall have been completed.

5. **Vacancies-** In the event an office becomes vacant; The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint a temporary replacement. The membership shall elect a replacement to serve the remaining portion of an unexpired term at the next annual meeting.

6. **Duties of Officers-** The officers shall further the Chapter's objectives as follows:

Chair- The Chair shall be the chief elected official and spokesperson for the Chapter. The Chair shall call and preside at all meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee, shall create ad hoc committees with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall propose a budget for the next fiscal year for the approval of the Executive Committee and shall perform all other duties ordinarily revolving upon the office of the Chair.

Vice-Chair- The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall also help coordinate special projects such as but not limited to the Winter Outing, the Chapter Open House, the annual picnic and the Christmas dinner.

Secretary- The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Iroquois Chapter. The secretary shall also maintain a documentary history of the Chapter.

Treasurer- The treasurer shall receive that portion of the annual membership fees granted it by the Club and other such monies as may be donated, granted, earned or collected by the Chapter, shall pay the Chapter expenditures upon approval of the Executive Committee, shall keep the financial records of the Chapter, shall assist the Chair in preparing a proposed annual budget, and shall submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee at the end of the Chapter fiscal year, to be published to the membership in the newsletter. The treasurer will also take care of selling chapter patches and the Club calendars.

Director- The Director shall represent the Chapter at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Club and where appropriate, shall report the Executive Committee on the Boards of Directors discussions and decisions.

Conservation- Shall advocate environmental quality and undertake conservation activities associated with the Club.

7. **Duties of Appointive Positions-** Those serving in appointive positions shall report to the Executive Committee, shall attend Executive committee meetings as necessary, may recruit the help needed to carry out the objectives of their positions, and shall further the Chapter's objectives as follows:

Hospitality coordinator- This person shall make sure that refreshments are available at Chapter meetings, and will also help to provide refreshments at the annual picnic and help with the organization of the Christmas dinner.

Adopt-a-Highway program- This person shall organize with appropriate state agencies a highway clean up area as adopted by the Chapter and recruit volunteers needed to perform the duties as required by the highway department

Adopt-a-lean-to program- This person shall make appropriate contacts with the Club and organize people needed to perform the duties of adopting a lean-to

Stewardship program- This person shall work in cooperation with ADK Trails programs and the D.E.C. and help oversee the stewardship of the Ha-de-ron-da Wilderness are and other areas where work would be needed to help protect the environment.

Newsletter Editor- This person shall coordinate getting articles for the Chapter Newsletter and layout the materials for the printer or use electronic communication (e-mail, Club web site). This person will make sure that the text is appropriate and is in appropriate in accordance with Club publishing guidelines and will edit articles when needed.

Publicity- This person is in charge of getting articles and announcements to the newspapers, radio, tv and social media or electronic communication about meetings, special events and work done by ADK.

Education- This person shall coordinate the Chapter Open House and other presentations, discussions and workshops. This person shall develop program and make materials available to help further the education goals of the Club.

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

Trips- This person shall solicit trips and leaders for various outdoor activities and posted them in the newsletter, or through electronic communication (e-mail, Club web site, social media).

Conservation- This person shall keep the Chapter informed and up to date on environmental and conservation issues. The issues could be local or statewide.

Membership- This person shall send out welcome letters to new members and supply information to prospective members. This person will also be the Chapter's liaison with Headquarters and the Membership Committee.

Nominating- These people will serve as an eye for people that might be willing to be future officers of the Chapter. They shall meet at least two times a year and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for the new slate of officers when appointments become due.

Article VI- COMMITTEES

The Chapter's committees shall include standing committees and ad hoc committees. Committees shall be created as the need arises. The Chapter Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Members of committees shall be appointed by the committee chair. Members of ad hoc committees shall be voting members or affiliate members of the Chapter. Meetings of committees shall be called by the committee chairperson, or by a majority of the membership of any committee.

1. **Standing Committee-** The Chapter's standing committees shall be the Executive Committee, Trips Committee, Programs Committee, Conservation Committee and Nominating Committee. The Executive Committee shall function as the Chapter's coordinating committee. All other committees shall report to the Executive Committee through the committee chair. The committees shall coordinate their respective activities in furthering the objectives of the Chapter.

Executive Committee- The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the objectives of the Chapter. The Committee shall have the power to set policy consistent with these By-Laws and other policies established by the full membership, shall fill vacant offices and create committees, oversee the expenditures of the Chapter, hold one or more general meetings and one annual meeting each year, approve editorial comments in the Chapter newsletter. The Committee shall report to the membership on issues related to the Chapter's objectives. The Committee shall report to the membership as to its activities. No actions may be taken in the absence of a quorum. Members with special oversites are encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings. Members of the Chapter may also attend. A tentative schedule of regular meeting dates for the Executive Committee shall be announced in the newsletter or electronic communication (e-mail, Club web site) and special meetings shall be announced to the extent practical.

Nominating Committee- The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least two or more members of the Chapter who shall present a slate of officers at the Annual Meeting (January) and who may recommend candidates to the Executive Committee for the purposes of filling vacancies occurring between the Annual Meetings.

Ad Hoc Committees- An ad hoc committee may be established and discharged by the Executive Committee to address specific challenges, problems and opportunities. The chairperson of an ad hoc committee shall report to the Executive Committee. The Chapter's quorum and majority rules shall apply to the ad hoc committees.

Sub-committees- All committees may establish sub committees from within their membership with restriction as to composition. Sub committees may take no final action, shall report to the originating committee, and shall have no authority to speak for the Chapter. Quorum and majority rules do not apply to sub committees.

Article VII- CHAPTER FISCAL YEAR

For accounting purposes, the Chapter fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Article VIII- MEETINGS

1. **GENERAL Membership Meetings-** The Chapter shall hold at least one meeting of the general membership each year for the transaction of such business as shall come before it. One of these meetings shall be designated the Annual Meeting.
2. **Conduct of Meetings-** All meetings shall be open to the membership. Meetings may be conducted informally. In the event a consensus may not be reached through discussion, the Chair shall conduct the meeting according to ***Robert's Rules of Order, Revised***.

Article IX- QUORUM AND MAJORITY

1. **Quorum for General Meetings-** A quorum for transaction of business at general meetings shall be constituted by the presence of lesser of 20 members or 5% of the voting membership of the Chapter.
2. **Quorum for Committee Meetings-** A quorum shall be present in order for a committee to act. A majority of the committee members who are Chapter voting members shall constitute the quorum for the conduct of committee meetings, except for sub committees.
3. **Majority-** With the exception of the Executive Committee, a majority of the members present shall have the authority to act. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be taken only by a majority of the full committee membership.

Article X- ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the Annual Meeting (January) provided the nominee(s) has (have) agreed to serve. The new officers shall take office at the beginning of the Chapter's next meeting (February).

Article XI- AMENDMENTS

These By laws shall be amended only by a majority vote by the voting members of the Chapter present at a

Chapter meeting provided a quorum is present and a written notice of the meeting and proposed amendment(s) has been submitted to all full members at least four weeks in advance of the meeting. Mail ballots may be used in lieu of a meeting, with a return of 10% of the ballots mailed constituting the equivalent of a quorum.

Any voting members or committee may propose amendments to these By Laws to the membership providing the above procedures are followed.