

## GRACE CAMP INFORMATION

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay in Grace Camp. Grace Camp is a **3.5-mile hike** from the Garden Parking lot. The camp accommodates 6 people in one room. Guests must bring sheets or sleeping bags and towels. Propane is used for all cooking and lighting.

- ❖ **Check in** is after 3:00pm – Please check in at Johns Brook Lodge upon arrival.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 10:00am
- ❖ **Quiet hours** are from 10:00pm to 7:00am.
- ❖ **What to Expect** – A Convenient base camp in the Central High Peaks Region.
- ❖ **What not to expect** – Indoor plumbing, electricity, linens and blankets. Mattresses are provided but there are no blankets.
- ❖ **Cabin Door Locks** – Please check in at Johns Brook Lodge to obtain a key to the cabin. PAYMENT IN FULL IS DUE AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.
- ❖ **Propane gas** - propane fuels the lights and counter top cooking units. When you arrive it will be necessary to go outside and open the valve on the gas cylinder, providing gas to the cabin. Open valve all the way, then turn back one turn so it could be easily turned off in an emergency. When turned on, the in line pressure gauge should be white. If red, the cylinder is empty. If the cylinder is empty please let a staff member at Johns Brook Lodge know and they will assist in changing the cylinder.
- ❖ **Lights** – Please exercise care in lighting the propane lights. The on/off valve is the ONLY moving part which you need to touch (other moving parts include a globe release which will send the \$10.00 globe crashing to the floor). The on/off valve resembles an Allen Wrench and is located on the side of the unit.  
To light: 1) push & turn on/off valve 90 degrees.  
2) Hold match between top of the globe and small metal cap. To extinguish, return valve to original position.
- ❖ **Heater** – Grace Camp is equipped with a propane heater. Complete and explicit operating instructions are provided on location.
- ❖ **Cook top:** Grace Camp is equipped with a propane cook top. Please exercise caution when lighting. Push knob in and turn and light with match.
- ❖ **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 minutes (NYS Health Department recommendation).
- ❖ **Carry it in, Carry it out** – a set inventory has been established at the camps. To maintain the inventory and eliminate the accumulation of unwanted stuff, it is imperative that you carry out everything that was carried in. Please resist the temptation to leave excess food and other items behind for “someone else.” What seems like a nice gesture is, in fact, an unmanageable problem for us. Help us by removing all items not listed as part of the established inventory.

- ❖ **Vault Privy** – Both Camps are utilizing a vault privy system. Sewage is collected in 55-gallon drums and flown by helicopter annually to a conventional treatment facility. **DO NOT THROW GARBAGE IN THE DRUMS** – it is expensive to fly out and inhibits the treatment process.
- ❖ **Tents** and other temporary structures are not allowed at the camps.
- ❖ **Fires** and open flames are not allowed in the buildings or on the surrounding grounds.
- ❖ **Meals** are not available at Johns Brook Lodge.
- ❖ **Emergency Help** – From Memorial Day to Columbus Day help is available to Johns Brook Lodge and the Ranger Station. From Columbus Day to Memorial Day help is available at the warming hut next to Johns Brook Lodge. It may sometimes be necessary to go to Keene Valley for help. If possible send at least two people. DEC Regional Office, Ray Brook: 518.897.1200 or 518.891.0235 (dispatch). Adirondak Loj: 518.523.3441. These numbers are for EMERGENCY USE ONLY.
- ❖ **Before you leave** give the broom a good workout and leave everything as neat and clean as you would like to find it.
- ❖ **Damages/Housekeeping Fees** – We reserve the right to charge your credit card for any damages to ADK property or extreme uncleanliness.

**DEPARTURE CHECKLIST:**

1) Swept? 2) Dishes and utensils cleaned and put away? 3) Pots & Pails upside down? 4) Non-inventory items removed? 5) Gas for lights off, **heater set to 50°**? 6) Doors locked?

**RECOMMENDED BUT NOT PROVIDED IN EACH CABIN:**

|                             |              |               |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Water Purification Filter   | Dish Towels  | Spare Mantles |
| Spices and Condiments       | Matches      |               |
| Scouring Pads and Soap      | Garbage Bags |               |
| Additional Cooking Utensils | Toilet Paper |               |

**GRACE CAMP INVENTORY – Due to COVID-19 Tableware is not provided (plates, bowls, cups, silverware). Pillows are no longer provided.**

|                           |                             |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 6 Plates, 6 Bowls, 8 Cups | 6 Knives, 6 Forks, 6 Spoons | Spatula           |
| 2 serving Spoons          | Ladle                       | Bottle Opener     |
| Can Opener                | Plastic Pail                | Tea Kettle        |
| 9” Frying Pan             | 7 qt. Sauce Pan             | 5 ½ qt. Sauce Pan |
| 4 qt. Pot                 | Pitcher                     | 2 Pot Holders     |
| Sharp Knife               | Plastic Sink Stopper        | Dish Pan          |
| 5 qt. Mixing Bowl         |                             |                   |

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE STAFF AT ADIRONDAK LOJ:**

- ❖ If any inventory items are missing.
- ❖ If the condition in which you found the cabin was less than adequate.
- ❖ If there is anything else you think we should know about.

**We hope you enjoy your stay!**

We welcome your comment and suggestions that will help us to serve you better.

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**DIRECTIONS TO GRACE CAMP:**

**FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH:**

Take I-87 (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 Au Sable Inn). Turn onto Adirondack St. at .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 (.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 1/4 mile upstream is Camp O'Brien (on the same side of Johns Brook as Grace Camp). Camp O'Brien is located directly across Johns Brook from Johns Brook Lodge.

**Parking at the Garden**

The Garden parking lot (operated by the town of Keene) costs \$10 per day (\$13 Canadian) from mid-May through the end of October (2020 rate). An attendant is on duty 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Fridays and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Town employees and DEC rangers monitor the lot during the week.

When the lot is full, free overflow parking is available at Marcy Airfield 2.5 miles north of Keene Valley. There is a \$10 round-trip charge to ride the shuttle the 3.5 miles to the Garden trailhead. The shuttle operates from 7:00am-7:00pm. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from late May to mid-October.

\*Due to **COVID-19** the Garden Parking Shuttle is **NOT** running.