



TRAILMARKER

Newsletter of the Adirondack Mountain Club - Iroquois Chapter

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Buck mountain

Photo credit: Cynthia Snow.

Chairman's Corner

Finally, we are having an old-fashioned winter replete with plentiful snow, cold temperature, and up to point in mid-February, no rain. Given these great conditions, snow-shoers and back country skiers need an army of fellow enthusiasts to break trail, as I have recently experienced for several of my recent bushwhack excursions. Oh well!

I would like to take a moment to welcome the individuals who have decided to join the ADK organization, and specifically the Iroquois Chapter. There are many opportunities for you to become involved, both within our chapter (attend meetings, trail work, trips, leadership role) and with the state organization.

Due to the current COVID situation, the chapter monthly meeting schedule has been scaled back to semi-monthly. The next two meetings will be March 2 and May 4. In lieu of a June meeting, the chapter sponsors a picnic at the New Hartford town park on route 12 south. Last year, it was cancelled. This year.....

C hairman's C orner C ontinued:

Along the same line, my appreciation and thanks to the individuals who consistently renew their membership every year. It is affirming to witness your continued support to the ADK organization in its effort to preserve and protect our State treasures, the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. Your support ensures' that ADK can continue in its mission to promote conservation, education, and responsible recreational use. In closing, safely enjoy the balance of winter, and I hope to see ya at a meeting or perhaps on the trail.

Paul Sirtoli
Chapter Chairman

March Program

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
First Baptist Church, New Hartford, NY

Bryan Washburn will be our speaker

Bryan Washburn and Micheal Szajer trekked 85 miles for 13 days through the Himalayas to Everest Base Camp, climbed Kala Patthar and Gokyo Ri, scrambled up to and through the Cho La Pass, visited the Tengboche Monastery, and stayed in Nepai villages all along the way. They spent approximately one week above 15,000 feet, reaching a max altitude of 18,600. There was sickness, nearby rock slides avalanches, freezing temperatures, and exhilarating flights in and out of Lukla - one of the most dangerous airstrips in the world.

Looking Ahead.....

From the Onondaga Chapter:

Chapter Chairs---

I hope you are all doing well. We, Onondaga Chapter, hope more vaccine will arrive so we can all be vaccinated. Just a reminder that we are still planning to host the **Fall Outing** in Old Forge on **September 24-26, 2021**. We will continue to issue updates during the next few months.

Jon Bowen
Onondaga Chapter

Hiking
IN
THE
SNOW

South Doubletop Mt, (SDT)
January 21, 2021

After hearing that Graham and Doubletop Mountains were closed to hiking and that the Catskill 3500 club would accept two substitutes, South Double Top and XXXXXXXXXXXX. Recently the club announced that they would be reducing the number of peak necessary from 35 to 33 and removing the temporary replacements. I also read that they would allow the temporary peaks to count toward the 35, if they were climbed before February 21st, 2021. After climbing Kaaterskill High Peak in January I only have 7 left, including (South) Doubletop. I had already climbed Graham a few years ago, so I didn't need its replacement. SO, I planned to try to climb SDT before the deadline. I waited for good weather and the opportunity to climb. My planned route would take me to the trail to Big Indian. From less than ½ mile from the summit, I would turn westerly and head for SDT. I had planned a 5- legged route with headings and distances to avoid the steep sections. That day came on the last available day before the deadline. Sunday February 21st was forecast to be a great sunny day with temps near 30. I packed, as usual and left for the Biscuit Brook Trail Head, almost 3 hours away. When I arrived, the parking lot was almost full. I took the last spot. While getting dressed, another 5 cars arrived. They all parked on the side of the road, taking up all of the shoulder and about half of the EB driving lane. As a DOT employee, I thought it was very dangerous, but they had all started hiking before ... I signed

in at the register and began my hike. I noticed that there were 2 other groups heading to South Doubletop. I was making good time as I passed the last member of a group of 8 hikers, heading to Fir Mt., as they started their bushwhack, just after crossing the frozen creek that merges with Biscuit Brook. Biscuit brook was deeper than I expected it to be in winter, but luckily, someone threw a big rock in the middle and it was easy to hop on it, then to the other shore. Even wearing my snow shows, I didn't get them wet. The rest of the climb was uneventful, but longer than I remember on my summer trip to Big Indian. My plan was to find the hairpin turn in the trail, about 3.7 miles from the trail Head, then follow my pre-planned route to South Doubletop. I was pleasantly surprised when I found a prepacked route towards SDT. I took it, hoping it would take me to the summit. There was a lot more snow on this part of my journey and when I went off the trail, I sunk down about 1.5 feet of new snow. The trail meandered all over the high and tree covered minor peak. I checked my heading with the general direction of the herd path and it looked pretty good. After about a half hour I met a gal coming from SDT, heading to Big Indian. She was wearing wicker snow shoes which were almost as long as she was tall. We talked for a while then split toward our respective peaks. She also said that the trail was in good shape and easy to navigate. I continued to follow the path until I came to a very steep section heading down. It was about 50 feet to the bottom. I used my rope to descend safely, looping it around trees as I rappelled down. The trail then went through a more open forest, to the col. I started the slow

South Doubletop Mt, (SDT) (continued)

uphill climb hoping that it was going to avoid steep cliffs. I was not surprised when I had to maneuver around 3 separate sets of cliffs. While climbing, I knew that I would need my rope to get back down. The trail was very steep and slippery. As I climbed, I saw the remains of one of the plane crashes. This was on the last line of cliffs. On top, there were a few different herd paths. I took two different ones which did not bring me to where my GPS pointed. I decided to find the shortest route from the herd path and create my own new path. I had to zig zag around trees, until I finally hit what my GPS said was the summit, which was clearly the highest point around. I decided to NOT eat my lunch, but head back the way I came. When I approached the steep sections, I used my secret weapon. It was a red seat sled. This was the 1st time I remembered to bring it with me on a winter hike. When I first sat in it, I heard a crack. It must have been cold. I rode it down all four of the steep sections on SDT. The climb up, where I used the rope to descend, earlier, was MUCH easier to climb up, than fall down. 😊 It was then just a simple 'follow the yellow brick road', back to the Blue trail. It took me longer than I expected. I already knew that I would probably finish in the dark, so I abandoned my thought of climbing up to Big Indian for a winter ascent. Even though I could have walked down the trail, I decided to use my sled as many times as possible. The trip down showed the mountains (Fir) to the east, bathed in the setting sunshine. I got some great pictures on the way down. I did finish in the dark, but because of the bright (about ½ full) moon, I didn't have to turn my headlamp on until 6:30. I signed out at the register at 6:57 PM, 9:20 Hrs. and 11.26 miles on the trail, ready for my trip back to New Hartford.

Submitted by: Ed Kobos



**Plane Crash Debris on the South East slope of
South Doubletop
Photo credit: Ed Kobos**



**South Doubletop from the col between it and
Big Indian
Photo credit: Ed Kobos**

Twin Lakes

January 23, 2021

After some minor disruptions at the trailhead-unplowed road, vehicle stuck in snow bank, parking area shoveled using snow shoes, a group of seven finally began their three-mile (plus) trek to Twin Lakes.

Single digit temperature, slight wind chill, and twelve plus inches of fresh powder did not deter this hearty group. We took turns snow shoe breaking the trail on an otherwise winter wonderland day graced by a rare, natural phenomenon-brilliant sunshine.

After several miles of slow slogging, five members of the party, for one reason or another (cold feet, exhausted legs) decided that they had had enough, and turned back. Dave Rockwood and I continued on for 1.5 miles to the heart of the Twin Lakes, which took well over an hour. Following our well-deserved and needed lunch break, we too decided it was time to return. The snow was just too deep for us to make any time pressing forward, thus forgoing a visit to November Falls.

For this joint ADK/Tramp n' Trail adventure, Dave and I logged nearly 8 miles in 6.5 hours.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli



Photo credit: Dave Rockwood

Kaaterskill High Peak

January 31, 2021

The 2.25hour trip from New Hartford to the Trail Head on Gillespie Rd. ended at the DEP (NYC Department of Environmental Protection) parking lot. The trail started on the seasonal road to the north. It showed an easterly turn, which I took, but I later deduced that I should have traveled up the road, before I turned east. After I passed the (3rd) last summer camp/home, I headed up, toward the ridge. I had to bushwhack through the 1-1.5 feet of snow, from the last storm. After a while, I hit a series of cliffs. Some were 20' high or more, but I found a way to navigate around and through them,

UNTIL ... I hit an unexpected dead end. I could have backtracked, but I was determined to push fore/upward. This is where I first used my rope. I was at the base of a 5-foot sheer cliff, that had a few small trees on top. I couldn't get any hand holds in the snow, but there were two small trees about 3 feet from the face. I took out my rope and somehow got a whiplash throw to go around the tree. Using my trekking pole, I brought the rope back to me and tied it off. I threw my pack and snow shoes up on the ledge, put my foot in the rope and climbed up. Once on top, I still had to maneuver through thick underbrush until I hit a snowmobile trail. This trail circumnavigates the

Kaaterskill High Peak

January 31, 2021 (continued)

summit in a 7.6-mile loop. The preferred route went left, following the snowmobile trail, until it meets with a bushwhack trail, up to the summit. While on the trail, I was passed by 2 snowmobiles, heading east. When I finally caught up to them, they were stopped by a 'special' tree where they stopped to refresh themselves. They called it the "Genesee Tree". Which I presumed to be a reference to an adult beverage. Not much farther up the trail there was a small cairn with a herd path on the southern side leading up. This trail was pretty steep, with sections of ice-covered cliffs. Since this was a bushwhack, I was surprised that the herd path went up where the ice was so prevalent. After my third scramble, up and around the ice, I was surprised by young climber from Massachusetts. This was his 7th Catskill 3500 peak. When I hit the summit, I would have 7 left. We finished the rest of the climb together, while keeping our 'covid' distance. Reaching the summit, I opened my pack and began to eat my celebratory lunch, while James signed in, at the canister. He decided to investigate the cliffs at the south side of the Mountain. I finished my lunch, signed the register, and decided to check out the cliffs. I followed the trail for about 10 minutes, before giving up and returning to the summit. There was no sign of James. Because of the ice, I contemplated taking a westerly route down the ridge, to the west, toward Round Top Mt. I investigated the trip and gave up on that direction because of the thick vegetation. As I started down the trail, the way I ascended, Jim came back from Hurricane Ledge. He said he didn't get too close to the edge, but views south, were very good. On the way down, the icy trail would make descent difficult. I took out my ropes and we used them to allow us to (sort of) rappel down the ice. We used this technique four times, to safely descend. Back

at the snowmobile trail, we said our good-bye's and headed off in opposite directions. This time I stayed on the snowmobile trail, until I reached the remnants of an old ski lift. The chairs were still attached to the cable, but it didn't look like it had been used for many years. I followed a different trail, down to the trail head parking lot. Now for the long drive back to New Hartford.

Submitted by: Ed Kobos



Above: Abandoned Ski Lift on the way from Kaaterskill High Peak
Below: The Icy Trail on Kaaterskill High Peak
Photo credit Ed Kobos



Buck Mt.

January 31, 2021

For this Iroquois Chapter sponsored trip, eight of us braved the sub-zero temperature to climb this 2,510 ft. peak, northeast to Sagamore Lake. Unlike several of my prior hikes this winter, the sky was magnificently blue, and the sun shined all day.

The troop scooted across the frozen lake to its end, then bushwhacked to the marked xc ski/snow shoe trail surrounding the lake. At East Inlet Creek, we commenced in earnest our whack toward the mountain. Quite frustratingly, we encountered several obstacles which delayed us considerably: crossing the "alder-choked" frozen inlet, and navigating through an extremely dense copse of conifers in the East Inlet Valley. Once beyond these, bushwhacking was fairly easy through the open hard wood forest, despite stomping through 8-12 inches of snow. As expected, there were limited winter views from the top of Sagamore Lake, Bradley Mt., and Green Top Mt.

Despite the intense cold, snow depth and bouts of dense of vegetation, participants maintained their cherry attitude and enthusiasm. Due to time constraints, we returned via our route in for total of roughly 8 miles in 6.5 hours. Who were the hearty hikers? Amy DeVries, Carolyn Eastman, Dave Rockwood, Mark and Margaret Perrin, Cynthia Snow, Doug Tinkler, Paul Sirtoli.

Submitted by Paul Sirtoli



**Credit to Carolyn Eastman.
Snowshoeing across Sagamore Lake toward Buck Mt.**



**Photo credit: Cynthia
Snow.**



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT of the IROQUOIS CHAPTER of ADK

Year Ending 12/31/20

Assets 01/01/20:

Checking		\$ 3910.54
Savings		6822.63
Chapter Note		6165.00
Petty Cash		<u>148.41</u>
Total		\$ 17,046.58

Revenue:

Dues (From ADK Headquarters)		\$ 2020.50
Calendar Sales		90.00
Chapter Note Interest		123.30
Interest		51.51
Winter Outing other		43.50
Winter Outing 2020 Registrations	2250.00 ('19)	<u>550.00</u>
Total Revenue		\$ 2878.81

Expense:

Calendars		\$ 27.12
ADK Scholarships		1500.00
Mileage	141.40 (2019)	
Adopt-a-Highway		
Trail Work		
Meet-up		215.20
Refreshments		105.61
Speakers		956.52
Challenge Patches		258.70
Winter Outing 2020 to ADK		280.00
Winter Outing 2020 other than ADK	579.99 (2019)	2381.42
Rent		<u>175.00</u>
Total Expense		\$ 5899.57

Assets 12/31/20:

Checking		\$ 1761.04
Savings		5872.13
Chapter Note		6288.30
Petty Cash		<u>104.35</u>
Total		\$ 14,025.8



THE NEW 3500 CLUB TALLY LIST

The 3500 Club Board met on January 31st and decided that on March 22nd (the first day of spring), the Club tally list will consist of 33 peaks versus the current 35. The four Winter climb requirement will remain as is. With Doubletop and Graham permanently closed to public access, we concluded that we will not continue with the current substitutions of South Doubletop and Millbrook Ridge after 3/21. That decision to not add in two other peaks may surprise some of you, but, after much discussion, the vote was unanimous. There were two main reasons for our decision:

1) We are the 3500 Club, not the 35 Peak Club

Prior to 1990, the tally list had 34 peaks and SW Hunter was added in that year. So there is precedence for less than 35 mountains on the list. Our thought process evolved into why add peaks just to stay at 35? If we are the 3500 club, let us stay consistent with that. And, yes, Rocky is under 3500 feet now, but there is such history with that mountain, it really needs to be grandfathered in as has been done in the Adirondacks and the Whites. The same occurred there when mountains were discovered to be under 4000 feet in elevation after those lists were already well established.

2) Impact

With all the increased hikers and lists out there: single season, double single season, grid, etc., any bushwhack we choose will see a mountain top receive expanded traffic and no longer be the wilderness peak that it was. The amount of hikers is not going to decrease and we need to be mindful of what that means to these mountains we treasure. South Doubletop would start to see more and more herd paths and impact, as Doubletop has. Would people really respect the private property lines if they are trying to "bag" the peak quickly versus the longer and more physically challenging approaches? Would people still pop over to the summit on Doubletop hoping they won't get caught? All those were concerns that led to our decision to not keep South Doubletop as a replacement or go with another bushwhack peak.

Could we add another trailed mountain in to mitigate that?

That brings us back to reason #1. Rather, we will encourage people to explore on their own and not be focused on a list but perhaps navigate to a mountain

THE NEW 3500 CLUB TALLY LIST continued

with the skills learned while working on the (soon to be) 33. Use the tally list as a stepping stone to other explorations - climb a peak from a direction you haven't or choose your own bushwhack! Hopefully the challenge of not having a set list will be inspiring!

But, if you want another list, I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to check out three that will bring you to more places off the beaten path. Many of those trailheads will not be overcrowded and you will have the solitude you may not find on the more known routes.

[The Catskill Mountain Club All Trails Challenge](#)

[The Catskill Mountain Club Hiking Challenge](#)

The Scary 19 Hikes in Schoharie County; currently only a [Facebook page](#), but really fun hikes to explore.

Finally, why are we waiting to make that change until March 22?

We are mid-winter and it seems more straightforward to finish this season as it is now versus changing mid-stream. That way those who are working on their winters fulfill the same requirements this year as everyone else. We realize that does mean those finishing next year will do less peaks. If you want to wait, that is your choice, but we want to give people advance notice and make a decision on how and when they want to finish. South Doubletop and Millbrook will still count as substitutes through 3/22 and are required to get a winter number this year or regular membership before 3/22.

The board understands well that there will be many opinions after reading this! But do know we all gave it a great deal of thought and did not come to this decision and the timing of it lightly.

~CATSKILL 3500 CLUB BOARD

***REIMINDER THAT IROQUOIS CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE ON A BI MONTHLY BASIS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

Adirondack Railroad

Experience the Beauty!

Greetings and Best Wishes to ARPS Volunteers, Our Railroad's Enthusiasts!

We have begun what will most assuredly be an exciting and welcome adventure in our railroad's expansion, as we are on the verge of extending our service north to Tupper Lake. While rehabilitation work on the corridor has already begun, there is much more to consider as we move toward the goal of becoming the longest excursion railroad in the United States! Last fall our railroad's rehabilitation contractors installed nearly 6,000 new cross ties and resurfaced our railroad between Snow Jct. and Otter Lake. We expect that an additional 84,000 ties will be replaced by the time the contractors complete their work to Tupper Lake yard where our northern terminus will be located.

The opportunities unfolding to advance the understanding of scenic rail service to an entirely new audience and expose the beautiful Adirondack Region are awesome. We could not have envisioned or anticipated such a bold, but important, expansion only a few years ago from what began as a short, enthusiast driven endeavor, when we got started back in 1994. Equally as important to this fulfillment of our mission is to acknowledge the role our volunteers and enthusiasts have played along the way. It is with humble, heartfelt thanks, that we can now applaud the immeasurable contributions that our volunteers have made. Their steadfastness and dedication to service duty has directly resulted in this progress becoming a reality. With this project, and all of its implications for substantially increased service offerings, comes the need for new and engaged staffing; people who possess a love and understanding for the need to continue our railroad's historic operations and desire to give our rails renewed purpose. The operation of new trains with enhanced equipment will require increasing our personnel numbers as we contemplate crew needs and scheduling. It is within that context that I invite you to become a part of formulating the next chapter in the story of the Adirondack Railroad. With your help, and that of newly recruited and trained volunteers, our success will certainly result and we will take our rightful place in the history of New York State with the management of this railroad corridor and its operation as an historic asset.

Plans are already well developed; one's that will create destinations and stops along the line north to Tupper Lake. The names of places such as Beaver River, Brandreth, Nehasane, Sabattis, and Horseshoe will again come alive and rise in the consciousness of people as they are reunited with Adirondack Park legend because of our service. Engineering plans and architect's drawings paint a picture of truly first-class facilities that guests on our trains will appreciate and find impressive. Equally important will be the satisfaction achieved by our employees and volunteers who sign on for this ride by participating in its undoubtedly successful operation.

The Adirondack Railway Preservation Society's Board of Directors has been fortunate in adding several talented and experienced new members recently and one, John Taibi, who is well known to railroad historians and enthusiasts, has agreed to coordinate the task of volunteer recruitment and to act on behalf of the Board as an important bridge between the volunteer base and the "back office" of the railroad. know that he is held in high regard for his contribution to – and perpetuation of – railroading history, and his reputation will bring new credibility and success as we grow into our enhanced operation that fulfills APRS mission.

Adirondack Railroad (continued)

So, please examine your interests and availability to become invested in the organization that now stands on the threshold of returning rail service through Adirondack Park. Your participation in the Adirondack Railroad organization will assure a bright future for our expanding services and for tourism to – and through – America's premier natural treasure, Adirondack Park.

Bill Branson, President
Adirondack Railway Preservation Society

Interested in volunteering, contact:

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Utica, NY 13502
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info@adirondackrr.com

McKenzie Mountain

March 6, 2021

Come join me on a trip to McKenzie mountain located near Lake Placid. McKenzie mountain is part of the Saranac Lake 6er challenge and is just shy of being a high peak. The plan is to snow shoe along the edge of the Jack Rabbit ski trail to a trail junction that heads to the summit (participants could choose to ski to and from that junction). The roundtrip distance is 7.2 miles with an elevation gain of 1940 feet. The total hiking time is estimated to be about 6 hours depending on snow depth and ice conditions. Snowshoes and micro-spikes are a must and full crampons could be helpful. Participants need clothing and gear appropriate to hiking in winter conditions.

With Covid-19, carpooling will be up to the discretion of the participants. Attendees will join the caravan at the Key Bank/Subway parking lot on Rt. 12 in Mapledale at 6:00 am on the morning of Saturday 3/6/21.

Those interested in participating should call or email Mark Perrin. **Preregistration is a must.** In the event the trip is canceled, those that preregistered will be contacted directly.

Contact Mark Perrin at 315-725-4725 or
mnperrin63@gmail.com

save the Dates!!!
Upcoming Trips

Whites Pond/Mt. Tom

March 7, 2021

I am leading this trip for the Tramp and Trail Club, and am extending an invitation to chapter members to join us. My plan is to cross Limekiln Lake to locate and follow the trail for Whites Pond. From the pond, we will commence the bushwhack to the nearby twin summits of Mt Tom. From the second summit, we will descend toward the lake and exit to the vehicles. I estimate round trip to be 7 miles. There may be significant trail breaking given the depth of snow. Per Tramp/Trail guidelines, you must pre-register with me.

Rating, B+

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

Balsam Mountain Winter Mountaineering Trip

March 14, 2021

Continuing the Catskill 3500 quest lets summit our third winter peak by climbing Balsam Mountain in the Catskills. We will start on the trailhead on McKenley Hollow Rd. We will then follow red-blazed Oliveria-Mapledale trail. Continue for 1.85 miles on this trail at which point it crosses the blue-blazed Pine Hill-West Branch Trail. The trail up from the parking area is steep at times. We will then turn right on the blue-blazed trail for .75 miles to reach the summit of Balsam Mt. (3600 ft.). Return by retracing our steps back to the parking lot. The total distance is 4.6 miles round trip with 1877 feet in elevation gain. This could be a difficult climb depending on snow conditions. Expect it to take at least 3- 5 hours. Winter and cold temperatures are here so dress in layers, no cotton. Bring your own snacks and water. No matter the conditions bring snowshoes and micro spikes and/or crampons as weather can be unpredictable in the mountains. Trip date is subject to change depending on membership interest and weather conditions. If interested contact me and we will discuss trip details further.

Rating: A+

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

Panther Mountain Winter Mountaineering Trip

March 20, 2021

Let us get the last of the four winter peaks in the Catskills by climbing to the summit of Panther Mountain. We will start from county route 47 trailhead and follow the yellow-blazed Phoenicia-East Branch trail .65 miles to the blue-blazed Giant Ledge - Panther Mountain Trail. This ascent is rather gradual with a few short, steep areas thrown in. After about .75 miles, you reach Giant Ledge. Here there are a series of ledges that look to the east and offer a view of Wittenberg and Slide. We will continue on for about .4 miles and begin a descent from the Ledges. This has several areas that can be tricky when wet or icy. In .9 miles you are at the summit of Panther where there is a pretty but limited view of the valleys below. We will then reverse our trip back to the parking lot. The total distance is 6.3 miles round trip with 2105 feet of elevation gain. This could a difficult climb depending on snow conditions. Expect it to take at least 5-7 hours. It is winter so dress in layers, no cotton. Bring your own snacks and water. No matter the conditions bring snowshoes and micro spikes and/or crampons as weather can be unpredictable in the mountains. Trip date is subject to change depending on membership interest and weather conditions. If interested contact me and we will discuss trip details further.

Rating: A+

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

The Best View
comes after the
Hardest climb

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

CHAPTER OUTINGS

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

Requesting suggestions for new outings that you would like to see added to the calendar. Let me know your ideas and we will put them in future Trailmarker newsletters and on the Meet-up site.

When submitting trips please use the following format:

*Trip length (miles)

*Trip duration (hours)

*Elevation to be climbed (feet)

*Mention of any special equipment or other factors
*Brief description of the level of difficulty to be expected during average conditions.

*Brief description of the trip plan, including parking and possible hiking options.

* Provide Trip Leader contact information.

You can reply by email or if you have any questions call or text me at 315-360-0359.

Bill

Buy, Sell, Swap, Share.....

Chapter member looking for used snowshoes.

Contact Judy Kahler @ thegizcd@aol.com

ADK Iroquois Chapter Warmly Welcomes

The Following New Members

Andrew Gorczyca * William Wilson * Gretchen Lewis * David Diaz * Matthew Fox * Robert Gaudin * Isaac Noma * Kathleen Mitchell-Anderson and Edward Anderson * Kimberly Hanson * Richard and Carla Pascucci * Patricia and James Bramley * Wallis Ramsey * * Mary Cameron *



QUICK DETAILS

- **Duration: 2 hours**
- **Ages: All Ages**
- **Capacity: Up to 4 people**

Tour the Adirondacks by Railbike

Enjoy the natural beauty of the Adirondack mountains at your own leisurely pace as you pedal your railbike along the scenic rails north of the Thendara station.

These rails are closed off to other traffic and boast spectacular views for you to enjoy with family and friends. Spend about an hour and a half to two hours pedaling your railbike along the scenic route. The journey includes some slight grades as well as level sections of track, making for an enjoyable experience for people of all ages.

Reserve your railbike ride online today, and don't forget to pack your camera!

Railbike tickets are on sale beginning March 1st

Railbike trips will start on Saturday, May 8th

Private Railbike Ride Up to 4 People **\$147**

All Rail bikes were proudly made right here in Utica, NY !!

For more information call : [1-800-819-2291](tel:1-800-819-2291).



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS ON Sunday, March 14th

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour

Spring is on its way!!

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