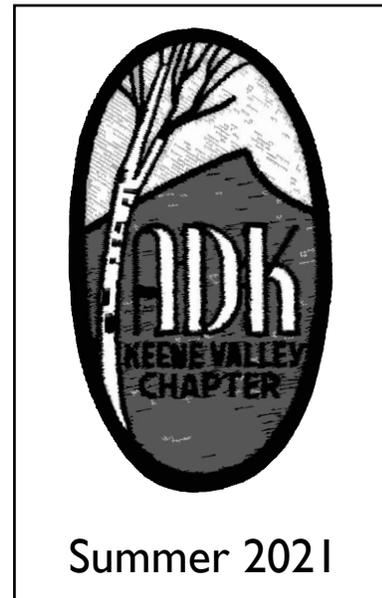


Adirondack Mountain Club Keene Valley Chapter

I hope you and your family are well. It's been a busy year with some changes happening in Keene valley. The biggest being the new parking reservations at AMR. Please see the article for more info. The outings list will be separate from the newsletter. It is currently being put together.

The KV Chapter officially adopted the Baxter Mountain trail from Beede Farm. It has fallen into some disrepair over the years and received some much needed love at our trail work day last August. We had quite the turn out! Over 12 people, a mix of long time chapter members and local residents turned out to help. There is a long term plan for the chapter to fundraise to rebuild the upper portion with a professional trail crew. We have another work day planned for June 5th. If you want to join us please email: kvchapterofadk@gmail.com

We have also scheduled a Lean-to work day on Saturday Aug 7th. The outhouse needs to be moved. August is a great time to take a swim in John's Brook as well. Hope you will join us. Our lean-to is available for chapter members to reserve.



ADK has updated its bylaws and as an ADK Chapter we need to update our as well. We are also hoping to refresh our officers at our annual meeting. If you are interested or want to nominate someone please send a note telling us about yourself or your nominee and for what position you are nominating them. to kathleen_wiley@yahoo.com.

Do you follow us on facebook? It's a place to share all things Adirondacks and stay informed about local happenings. [Here](#) is a link to our group page.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting August 19th, location TBD.

~Lisa Godfrey, Keene Valley Chapter Chair



Trail work crew on Baxter in August ©2020 Lisa J Godfrey

THE AMR'S RESERVATION SYSTEM

Starting May 1 and continuing to October 31, hikers accessing trails in the Adirondack Mountain Reserve (AMR) will need a reservation. Hikers must make a reservation at least 24 hours (but no more than two weeks) in advance of time they plan to hike. The limit is two reservations per week. Reservations can be made at: hikeamr.org. The exception will be for individuals with a residence (seasonal or year-round) in the Town of Keene. (See below for details.)

This is billed as a three-year “pilot” program, which could lead to similar restrictions at other trail-heads. As a pilot program, changes (likely mostly minor) will be made as experience is gained during actual operations.

Reservations may be made for a group of up to eight, but all members of a group must arrive at the same time in one vehicle. Vans carrying as many as 15 people may park in the lot, but that van would require two reservations. When making a reservation, one must reserve in a particular time slot, but one does not need to arrive at exactly that time.

The good news is that a reservation to hike is also a guarantee of a parking space without having to arrive before dawn. This is, however, a reservation to HIKE, so any walk-ins/drop-offs must also have a reservation. Additionally, there will be no “will call” (waiting at the entrance for a cancelation) on the day of the hike even if there are unused reservations/parking spaces. The gate at the AMR public parking lot will be open from 5 AM to 7 PM. A system for vehicles to exit the parking lot after 7 PM is in the works.

This reservation system applies ONLY to trails

leading from the Lake Road to the Lower Ausable Lake plus the approaches to Noonmark and Round Mt. that leave from the AMR. Specifically, this includes all trails to the summits of: Dial, Nippletop, Colvin, Blake, Sawteeth, Indian Head, and Fish Hawk Cliffs. It additionally applies to the Weld Trail to Pyramid and Gothics, the Beaver Meadow Trail to Gothics and Armstrong, and the Wedge Brook and W.A. White Trails to the Wolf Jaws.

Noonmark, Round, Gothics, Armstrong, and the Wolf Jaws can be accessed without a reservation if one uses trails other than the ones listed above. Additionally, one is allowed to start at another trail-head and finish by coming out through the AMR.

As of this writing, the reservation system has been in place for two weekends. Given that this is: a) early in the season, b) the weather has not been ideal, and c) the Canadian border remains closed, many reservations slots have gone unused. While the reaction on social media to this new system has been, for the most part, sharply critical, those who have actually used the system and arrived to hike have been pleased with the ease of making the reservation, the ease of the check-in, and the guarantee of a parking space. The AMR reports that, as of May 10, over 3,000 people have established accounts on the website to allow them to make reservations. One can either print the reservation receipt or store it on a smart device.

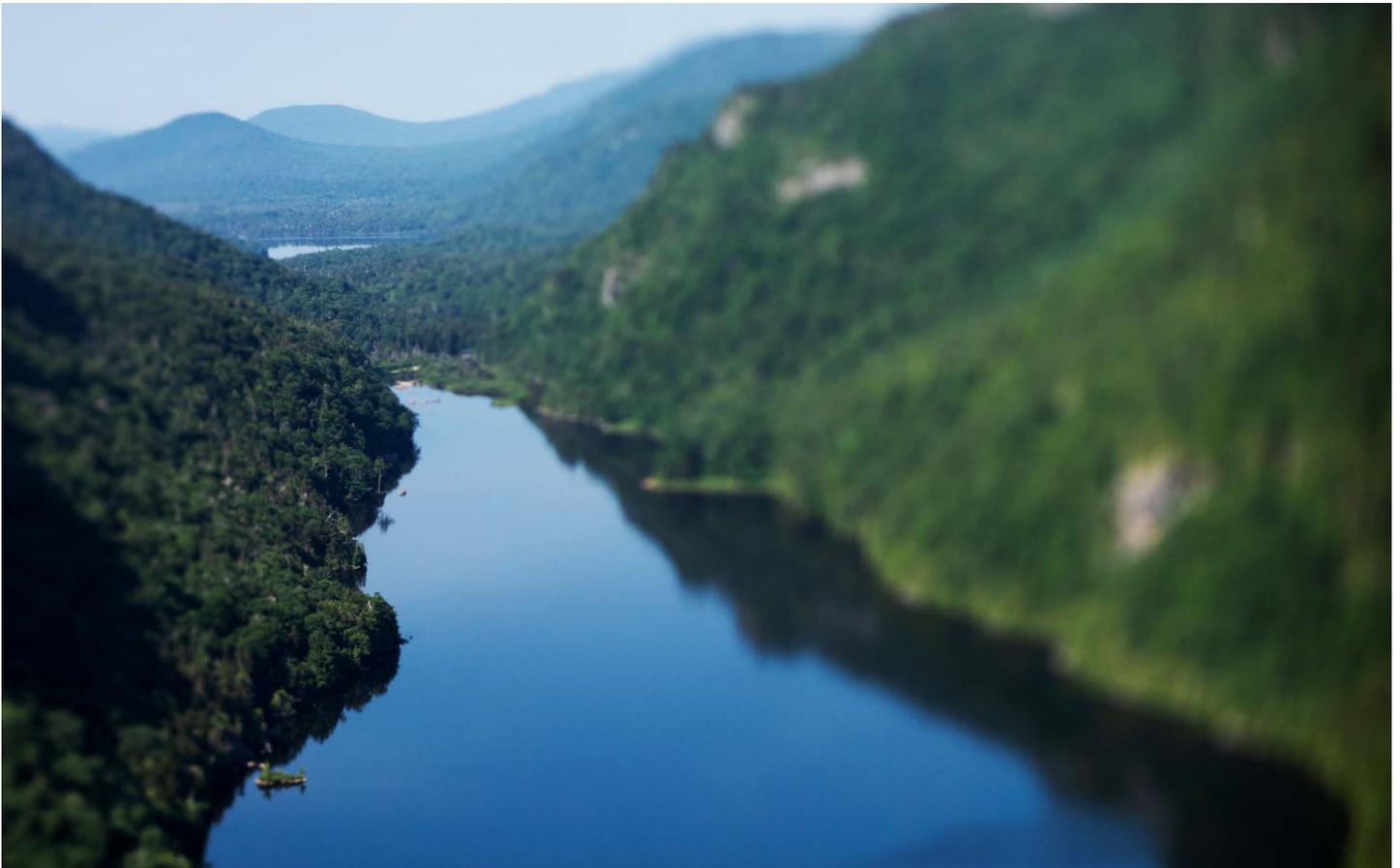
Upon arrival, those with a reservation are checked in at the public AMR parking lot. If hiking Noonmark or Round, those hikers are “good to go”. Hikers going up the Lake Road must carry their reservation to present at the Gate House.

The Local Option

Local residents are also able to make a reservation if they want to park in the lot, but local residents may also be dropped off at the public AMR lot to be checked in. One must either provide a driver's license or other identification with a Keene address or other proof of a home in Keene. The best alternate proof is a copy of an electric bill that shows that the service is to an address in Keene. One then walks to the gate to begin the hike up the Lake Road. While this sequence is less convenient than it was before the reservation system, spontaneous access for local is preserved - unlike "outsiders" who must plan at least 24 hours in advance.

RT. 73 PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Separate from the AMR reservation system, NYS DOT has closed off roadside parking with delineators (metal posts) in some areas. Specifically, the shoulders near the Roaring Brook trailhead, and the turnouts up Chapel Pond Pass. Neither the parking for the popular "Beer Walls" rock climbing area nor the parking at Chapel Pond and the Giant Ridge Trail are included in this closure.



Get Involved....

We are always looking for our members to get involved. We are currently looking for new officers, volunteers for trail work and articles for the newsletter.

Interested in a leadership position please contact Kathleen at kathleen_wiley@yahoo.com

Interested in Volunteering reach out to kvchapterofadk@gmail.com

Submit newsletter article & photos to: kvchapterofadk@gmail.com

Interested in leading in an outing: Karen Doman bdoman@epix.net

Our next trailwork day is June 5th - We will be meeting at the top of Beede Lane at 9am.

Our next Leanto work day is August 7th - Moving the outhouse & followed by an afternoon at our private swimming hole on John's Brook

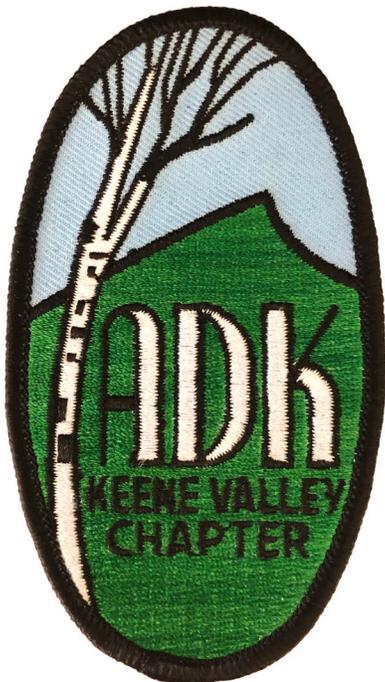
Please RVSP to kvchapterofadk@gmail.com so we know how many to expect.

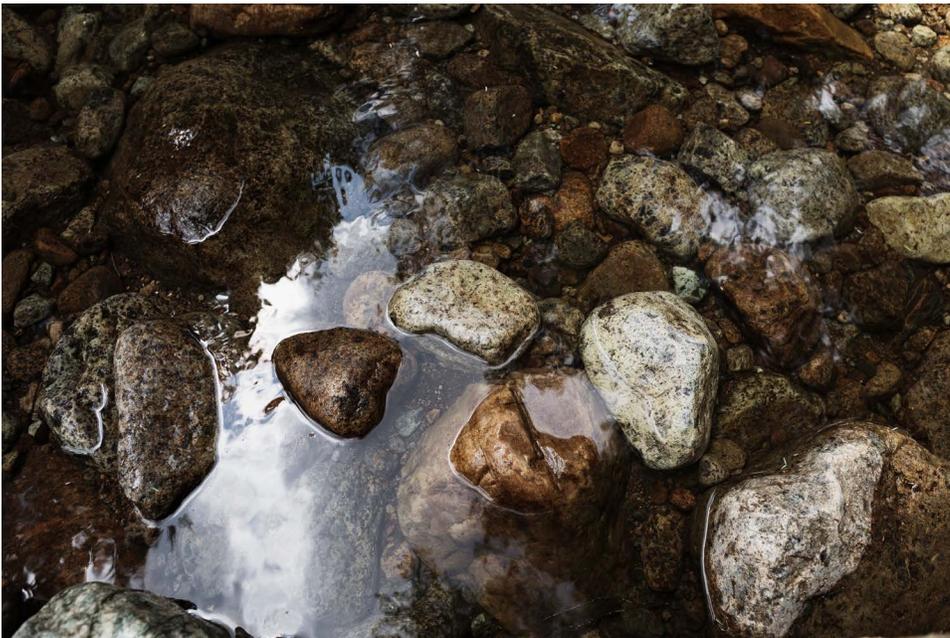
ADK Keene Valley Patches

We have a limited number of Keene Valley ADK patches. If you would like one please send a check (made payable to Keene Valley ADK) for \$8 along with your mailing address to:

Lisa Godfrey
2135 Green Rd
Malvern PA 19355

Anyone attending the annual meeting will receive a free patch.





The Keene Valley Chapter Lean-to

The property was given to the Keene Valley Chapter in the 1960s, by a long-time summer family. Use is free for Chapter members, but not many take advantage of this. The lean-to is used mostly by local summer camps, but there are plenty of open dates on the calendar for reserving it. If you would like to do so, please email me at badtts@gmail.com, and convince me that you are a Chapter member, while indicating your group size and desired dates. I will get back to you with the necessary details.

~David Thomas-Train



Outings

The summer outings will be available later in June. As we have done in the past we will be combining with ATIS and the Hurricane chapter. Please contact me if you would like to lead a trip. It can be simply a walk in the woods, a serious hike, a paddle or organizing a trip to a museum. We have a wide range of ages, abilities and interests among our members and leaders. Please contact me if you have any trip offerings or requests.

Karen Doman
Outings Chair
bdoman@epix.net.





Upcoming volunteer opportunities...

June 5th - Baxter Mountain trail work - meeting 9am at the top of Beede Rd. Please bring your own work gloves & lunch. We will be doing spring cleanup on the Beede Farm side of Baxter Mt. We will hike up and over Baxter and back to Beede Lane.

June 12th - Membership recruitment at the Great American Trail Run - We will be manning a table at the packet pick-up on Saturday from 9am-3pm

August 7th - Outhouse moving and swim party- we will be moving the outhouse at the chapter lean-to. Followed by an afternoon of swimming at our chapter's private swimming hole.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these or have questions:
kvchapterofadk@gmail.com





Farm to Table

Local food options outside of the Sunday Market at Marcy Field

Rivermeade Farm Market <http://rivermedefarm.com>

1925 NYS Rt 73 Keene Valley, NY p 518-576-2021

Local Veggies, Maple Syrup, local meats and more

Wild Work <https://www.wildworkfarm.com>

signup for weekly emails for preorders for Thurs(farm)and Sat (Sugar House)pickups

Sundays at Marcy Field farmersmarket

Sugar House Creamery <http://sugarhousecreamery.com>

18 Sugar House Way, Upper Jay NY (across from the old schoolhouse) p 518-300-0626

Farmstore open 10am-6pm Wed, Sat & Sun

Farmstead Cheese, Raw Milk, Eggs, and other products by Sugar House and neighboring farms

Asgard Farm <http://www.asgaardfarm.com>

74 Asgaard Way, Ausable Forks NY 518-647-5754

Farmstore pickup Tues-Sat 1pm-6pm, Keene Valley Farmers Market

Pork, Beef, Goat, Goat Milks Cheeses, and other farm products

Mace Chasm Farm <http://www.macechasmfarm.com>

810 Mace Chasm Rd, Keeseville NY p 9518-963-4169

Weekly deliveries, Keene Valley Farmers Market, Self serve freezer in butcher shop open daily 9am-7pm

Pork, Beef, Lamb, Chicken, Eggs and Sausages

Ausable Brewing Company <https://www.ausablebrewing.com>

765 Mace Chasm Rd Keeseville, NY p 518-900-2739

Beer garden open Fri 2-8 Sat 12-8 Thurs Beer to go 2-6 preorder on website

North Country Creamery <http://www.northcountrycreamery.com>

931 Mace Chasm Rd

Keeseville, NY p 518-645-2697

Cafe Open 9am-3pm Fri-Sun seasonally Farmstore 7 days a week 7am-7pm

The above is not a complete list. Please confirm hours etc. Things have been changed. For more info on local foods check out: <http://www.adirondackharvest.com>

Annual Meeting & Potluck

Aug 19th

6pm Location TBA

Questions: contact Lisa 523-6466 or kvchapterofadk@gmail.com

RSVP to kvchapterofadk@gmail.com for location or invite

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