

November 2025 Outings

November 6: Hike to Marion Pond, from Loch Muller trailhead, Town of Schroon, Hoffman Notch Wilderness

Leader: Tracey Donaldson

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C+ (Fairly Easy)

Duration: 4-5 hours, 6-6.5 miles **Limit:** 15

Description: Marion Pond is small but lovely. To start, this hike follows the almost level Bailey Pond trail. Near Bailey, we will leave the marked trail, following an old road. There are 2 brook crossings on this old road (bridges gone), which require careful footwork. The path leaves the old road and takes us up through the woods then eventually along a ridge to reach the pond. The elevation gain is about 600'.

Meeting place & time: 9:30 am at the Loch Muller trailhead.

Directions: From Route 9 in the hamlet of Schroon Lake, take Hoffman Rd for 6.2 miles, then turn right onto Loch Muller Rd. Drive about 1.5 miles all the way to the end.

Contact: Tracey Donaldson, 845-464-5177 or traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 am the day of the outing.

November 6: Crane Mountain Loop Hike, Johnsburg

Leader: Lynn Butterworth

ADK Rating: Leader Level: 2, B (Moderate)

Duration: 4 – 5 hours, 4.1 miles **Limit:** 15

Description: This trail is part of the Wilcox Lake Wild Forest and leads to a high elevation pond, and the rocky summit of Crane Mountain, which has stunning views of Garnet Lake, Bullhead Mountain and the southern Adirondacks. About a mile in, hikers will have to climb two ladders, one about ten feet tall, and the second is 30 – 40 feet high. The climb is worth it, as the views from the top are expansive. On the way down, we continue towards Crane Mountain Pond, a popular swimming hole during warm weather. We will have lunch at the top. Total elevation gain is 1350'.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM at the Crane Mountain trailhead on Ski Hi Rd. From Warrensburg, take NY-418 W/ River St 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Athol Rd. In 3.4 miles, turn right onto Mountain Rd. In 4.1 miles, turn left onto Garnet Lake Rd. In 1.3 miles, slight right onto Ski Hi Rd. Drive 1.9 miles to the parking lot at the end.

Contact: Lynn or John at rendiandbutter@gmail.com or 518. 240. 6162

If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 AM the day of the outing.

Saturday, Nov. 8th: Dean Farm Heritage Trail, Murray Rd, Stony Creek, NY

Leaders: Anne and Jim Waring

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 2.5 hours, 3.6 miles RT

Limit: 12

Description: The Dean Farm Heritage Trail is a scenic 3.6 mile hike through wildflower meadows and tranquil forests and alongside peaceful streams. It qualifies as one of the hikes for the ADK Gateway 8 Challenge of the Southern Adirondacks

(<https://adkgateway8.com/hikes/>). The first western mile loop is relatively flat on gravel paths and boardwalks and leads to an overlook of Stony Creek. Upon returning to the trailhead, we'll cross Murray Rd to view the pond and hike the 2.6-mile eastern portion of the trail that has an elevation gain of 440 feet, stopping at a picnic table for a snack/lunch. Those who prefer relatively flat trails will enjoy the 1-mile hike. Those who prefer more elevation will enjoy the open spaces and shaded forests that make this a nice family outing for people of all skill levels.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 am at the trailhead parking at 4 Murray Road in Stony Creek, NY. There are numerous ways to get to the trailhead (4 Murray Rd, Stony Creek). Coming from the north: Take Exit 23 off the Northway, head west and then turn right onto Route 9. Turn left to cross Judd Bridge and then turn right onto River St. (NY-418 W) for 3.9 miles. Continue on W. Stony Creek Rd / Warrensburg Rd for 8.6 miles to the center of Stony Creek. Turn right onto Harrisburg Rd for 0.4 miles and then turn right onto Lanfear Rd for 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Murray Rd. The trailhead and parking will be on your left.

Contact: Anne or Jim Waring at annewaring1011@gmail.com or (631) 965-0610. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 am the day of the outing.

November 13: Hopkins Mt. via Mossy Cascade Trail

Leader: Rich Salz

ADK Rating: Level 2 B (Moderate)

Duration: 5 hours Limit: 10

Description: This underappreciated mountain offers views of 22 major peaks from its 3,183-foot summit. 6.4 miles round trip with elevation gain of 2,120 feet.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:00 am at Black Bear or 9:45 am at trailhead. Trailhead is on Rt. 73 just south of the steel-sided bridge over the East Branch Ausable River 2.0 mi. south of Keene Valley.

Contact: Rich Salz at richsalz10@gmail.com (tel. 914-260-1337). If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 am the day of the outing.

November 13: Hike Buck Mountain Fire tower (Town of Long Lake)

Leader: Greg Schaefer

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C+ (Easy)

Duration: 2-3 Hours; 2.4 miles RT Limit: 15

Description: This Buck Mountain is a fairly new hike with the bonus of a fire tower for a view of the Whitney Wilderness from the 2400 ft summit (510 ft elevation gain). The trail has been built with a series of wooden steps and rock staircases to assist with the steeper sections. We may need either micro-spikes or snowshoes depending on the late fall conditions. From the top of the 60 ft tower there are views of Round Lake, Little Tupper and the surrounding wilderness.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:15 AM at the Stewart's Shop in Long Lake, or 9:30 AM at the very large parking lot for the trailhead. From the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28N in Long Lake, follow Route 30 north toward Tupper Lake for 7 miles. Turn left onto Sabattis Circle Road (sometimes referred to just as Circle Road on maps) and continue for a little over 2 miles to a large parking lot on the right. There is room for multiple vehicles.

Contact: Greg Schaefer at greg.schaefer@frontier.com or 518-251-5451. Please let me know where you will meet. Bring lunch, water, and layers. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 6 AM the day of the outing.

November 20: Chimney Mountain hike

Leader: Marti Townley

ADK Leader Level 1, C+ due to ascent

Duration: 3 to 4 Hours, 2.4 miles Limit: 15

Description: We will be getting special permission to climb this mountain since the trailhead is on private land. The Chimney rock formation at the top is a geological oddity rarely found in the Adirondacks. The trail starts out gradually but then becomes steep. There are great views and also some interesting caves which we will observe but not go in. The ascent is 760 ft, the elevation is 2500 ft.

Meeting Time / Place: 9:30 at Tops in North Creek or 10:00 in the Indian Lake parking lot next to the Hardware store.

Contact: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com or 518-301-3712.