

Aug. 7: Split Rock Mountain Hike to Ore Bed Overlook, Split Rock Mtn Wild Forest

Leader: Ger Cox

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 3 hours, 3.5 miles RT Limit: 12

Description: This is an out and back hike on a trail on the north side of Split Rock Mtn Wild Forest. Trail starts off on an old logging road, and then goes through northern hardwoods to a scenic overlook with views of the High Peaks to the west, Lake Champlain to the east and views south. The trail is moderately level, and has some short moderately steep sections. We will stop at the overlook for a snack/lunch, before returning by the same route to the trailhead.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:30am at trailhead. To car pool, meet at Frontiertown Parking lot at Exit 29 off Northway at 8:45am. Limited parking at trailhead, so carpooling encouraged. Trailhead is located on east side of Lake Shore Road, 4.7 miles north of Westport.

Contact: Ger Cox at ger526@msn.com or 646-476-1842. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00am the day of the outing.

August 7: Black Mt. Loop

Leader: Gail Gabriels

ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B+ (Moderate to Strenuous)

Duration: 4-5 Hours; travel time Limit: 15

Description: We will hike up to the summit of Black Mt. and get views to the northern end of Lake George and descend with views of the southern section and along the ponds.

Meeting Time/Place: 8:00 at the Hague Public Beach Parking Lot or 8:45 at the trailhead. Trailhead is located on Pine Brook Rd. From West: Rt. 74 Ticonderoga and south on Rt. 22. Turn right on Rt. 6 and follow toward Huletts Landing. Left on Pine Brook Rd. Approximately 1 mile on the right.

Contact: Gail Gabriels at gailgabriels@gmail.com or 518-644-3034. Please let me know where you will meet. Bring lunch, water, layers. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 6 AM the day of the outing.

August 11: Grampus Lake Paddle**Leader: Walt Nelson****ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (easy)****Duration: 2.5hr. Limit: 10**

Description: Grampus Lake is ~250 acres on which is John Dillion Park from where we will launch. The Park is a partnership of International Paper and Paul Smith's College. Lean-tos are wheelchair accessible as are the trails. The Park facilities are a must see! <https://www.paulsmiths.edu/john-dillon-park/> We will launch from the Park dock that is wheelable from the parking lot for a circumnavigation of the Lake.

Meeting Time/Place: 10AM, 30 minutes south of Tupper Lake and 10 minutes north of Long Lake on Rt. 30 is a two mile road to the parking lot where we will meet. Dress for the weather, bring PFD, whistle, a snack or lunch and drinking water.

Contact: Walt Nelson via TEXT 716.799.4016 with your interest. An update will precede the paddle date and any last-minute changes will be conveyed by 7:30 the day Of the paddle.

August 12: Multisport; canoe/ kayak Blue Mountain Lake and climb Castle Rock**Leader: Rich Tocher****ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B (Moderate), Elevation gain 750'****Duration: 4-5 hours, Canoe 3 miles, Hike 4 miles Limit: 10**

Description: We will canoe across Blue Mountain Lake, passing a number of islands to a small beach on the north shore of Blue Mountain Lake. We will beach our boats and hike the red trail to the summit of Castle Rock where there is a wonderful view of the lake. We will return to our boats and paddle to Seagull Island for a swim in the clear waters of Blue Mountain Lake.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM ready to go at the Blue Mountain Lake public beach on Rt 28. The beach is 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Rts 28 and 30 in the southeast corner of the lake.

Contact: Rich at rich.tocher1@gmail.com or 970-901-0930 If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the outing.

August 14: Tour and/or hike Great Camp Sagamore, Raquette Lake

Leader: Peggy Carrol

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy)

Duration: 3 to 5 hours depending on choice of activity, up to 5 miles of walking

Limit: 15

Description: A National Historic Landmark, the Great Camp Sagamore is considered “a masterpiece of Adirondack architecture”, a place where America’s most influential people came to take a break from the clamor of their “modern” lives. The camp was built in 1897 by W. W. Durant, a famed Great Camp designer, and was home to the Vanderbilt family for half a century. We will take a 2-hour family-friendly guided tour of the Great Camp property with its 27 buildings on the remote Sagamore Lake (10 am to noon). After lunch those who want to hike will take the loop trail around Sagamore Lake, a 4-mile easy hike with about 200 feet of elevation. Optional introductory video shown before each tour at 9:40 am and at 1:10 pm.

Cost: The guided tour price is \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors (60+); \$12 for students. For those who wish to purchase a buffet lunch in the lakeside Dining Hall the price is an additional \$24.95. Reservations required for lunch.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:45 am at the Great Camp gift shop unless viewing the video which starts at 9:40. The Great Camp Sagamore is located on 1105 Sagamore Road in Raquette Lake off of NY-28. To carpool from Tops in North Creek, meet in the Tops parking at 8:30. If we have a large enough group, the Great Camp will provide a guide for our CRC group and tailor the tour to our interests. Sign up early so we know an approximate number.

Contact: Peggy Carrol at peggycarrol281@gmail.com or 281-804-5744. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 am the day of the outing.

August 14: Rock Pond hike

Leaders: Karen and Richard Wang

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

Duration: 4 hours and approximately 5 miles Limit: 15

Description: We plan to hike at a leisurely pace from the Putnam Pond campground to Rock Pond where there are nice views of rocky cliffs and where we’ve seen loons in the past. We’ll stop to eat lunch at the pond before retracing our steps back to the cars.

Meeting Time/Place: 10AM at the day use parking lot near the lake at the Putnam Pond Campground which is off route 74, 13 miles east of Northway Exit 28. There is a day use fee here but if you age 62 or older and a NYS resident the fee will be waived.

Contact: Karen and Richard Wang, kreissigwang@yahoo.com or 518-380-3303
If cancellation is necessary an email will be sent by 7AM on the day of the hike.

August 14: Jones Hill, Schroon Lake area

Leader: Marti Townley

ADK Leader Level 2, B: Moderate to Strenuous

Duration: 6-7 hours 7.5 miles Elevation Gain 1,880 Limit: 12

Description: This trail is part of the North Country Scenic Trail. It is not well known but is an enjoyable hike through trail with views. The terrain is rolling with some steepness and some easy bushwacking. We will hike from The Dirgylot Trailhead to the Big Pond trailhead. We will spot cars.

Meeting Time/Place: The Black Bear in Pottersville at 8 am or the Big Pond Trail head at 8:15. The trail head is reached on Hoffman Rd at 2.5 West of Schroon Lake.

Contact: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com

August 16: Annual Picnic, Minerva

Details were sent separately

August 18, 2025, Alternate (rain) date July 19, 2025:

Pond Hopping (Polliwog -Horsehoe-Follensby Clear Ponds) Loop Paddle, Saranac Inn

Leader: Tom Meyering

ADK Leader Level 1, C+(Easy)

Duration: 3-4 hours Limit: 12

Description: This is a chance to experience the truly Adirondack fun pastime of "Pond Hopping". This venture will give us a chance to explore 4 small (almost backcountry) ponds. The tradeoff is that there are carries between them, but they are very short. It is a good trip to put your Hornbeck through its paces. There are also several bays and islands to explore along the way. Total paddling distance up to 6 miles. There are 4 sort carries totaling 0.5 miles.

Meeting Time/Place: 10:00 AM meet at the DEC Boat Launch for Follensby Clear Pond Route 30. The parking lot is on next to the bridge over the outlet to the pond, approximately 1 mile East of Fish Creek Ponds Campground

Contact: Please sign up by contacting me. Tom Meyering at Remy12603@gmail.com or 845-235-7699. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the outing.

August 21: Long Pond Hike, Town of Wells

Leader: Brendan Hanley

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

Duration: 4.5 hours Limit: 10

Description: I'm returning this summer to Long Pond, described in the ADK Guidebook as presenting "...an atmosphere somewhat reminiscent of Lake George on a much smaller scale." The "pond" provides a wonderful backcountry swimming experience with clean, deep water right off portions of the rocky shoreline. No weedy muck to deal with. Long pond is accessed via the Cisco Creek Trailhead off Elm Lake Road near the Village of Speculator. The southern end of the pond is reached about 3 miles from the trailhead but we'll proceed along the trail up the western shoreline to an open spot for a leisurely lunch and (for those interested) a swim. Overall, I estimate a 6.7 mile roundtrip with only about 375 feet of elevation gain.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at a location to be determined at 9:30AM. Specific directions to be provided.

Contact: Brendan Hanley thehanleys@frontiernet.net or call (518) 251-2142. Should cancellation be necessary, an email will be sent out to participants by 7AM.

August 21: Jabe Pond Paddle, Hague

Leader: Rich Salz

ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy) Duration: 2.0 hours Limit: 8 (due to limited parking)

Description: Jabe Pond has been described as a miniature Lake George because of its picturesque islands and twisty shoreline. We will circumnavigate the lake, looking for loons, herons and other wildlife.

Meeting Time/Place: 9:00 am at the parking lot at Exit 24 and Schroon River Rd. As there is a short, steep and rutted section of Jabe Pond Rd., a high clearance vehicle would be helpful.

Contact: Rich Salz at richsalz10@gmail.com or 914-260-1337 before 8:30 pm. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 am the day of the outing.

August 25: Mud Pond & McRorie Lake**Leader: Walt Nelson****ADK Rating: Leader Level1, C (easy)****Duration: 4.5hr. Limit: 10**

Description: We will circumnavigate the ~400 acre Lake. The Cedarlands Easement was a scout camp until a decade or so ago and is now privately owned. Access is from August 24 to June 23. There are a few camp buildings visible, two lean-tos with no other development. Its former name was Rock Lake, for an obvious reason!

Meeting Time/Place: 10am North of Long Lake on Rt. 30 one mile, turn NE on Kickerville Rd ~4.5 miles to the parking lot for the Mud Pond carry, where we will meet. It is a (sketchy) wheelable ~20-minute walk/carry to Mud Pond (~60 acres) Launching there and crossing the pond (~20-minute), followed by another ~20-minute carry to the McRorie Lake launch. (Alternatively, one can wheel ~2 miles on a road and an ATV trail to the McRorie launch.) Dress for the weather, bring PFD, whistle, a snack or lunch and drinking water.

Contact: Walt Nelson via TEXT 716.799.4016 with your interest. An update will precede the paddle date and any last-minute changes will be conveyed by 7:30 the day of the paddle.

August 28: Paddle Schroon Lake**Leader: Tracey Donaldson****ADK Leader Rating: Level 2, B (moderate)****Duration: 3 to 4 hours Limit: 10 people**

Description: We will meet at the southern end of Schroon Lake at the Horicon boat launch. We will paddle along the shore of the lake to the north, past the Word of Life camps, and see if we can make it up to Scaroon Manor. There are restrooms and a sandy beach at this state park, which is a good place to stretch your legs and maybe have a snack. If it is windy, we may need to turn back sooner, as the lake can get choppy with the wind. Bring PFD, sunscreen, bug spray, a whistle, food and water. Meeting place/ time: 9:30 a.m. at the Horicon boat launch, located at the southern end of Schroon Lake

Contact: Tracey Donaldson 845-464-5177, traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 6:00 a.m. the morning of the outing.

August 28: Peaked Mountain Hike, North River

Leaders: Lynn Butterworth

ADK Rating: Leader Level 2, B+, Moderately Strenuous

Duration 6 - 7 hours, 7.8 miles Limit: 12

Description: This hike is a gradual climb with 1400' of elevation. We start along the beautiful shores of Thirteenth Lake then climb beside a gorgeous stream for a few miles. At about 3 miles, we come to Peaked Pond, and then the last .8 mile is a rocky, steep climb, but the reward is magnificent views.

*Please note there are multiple water crossings, so you must be comfortable with water crossings in order to do this hike. Hiking poles are recommended.

Meeting Time / Place: 9:00 AM at the Peaked Mtn Trailhead, North River. From North Creek, take Rt. 28 toward North River. Drive approximately 5 miles and turn left onto Thirteenth Lake Rd. In 3.3 miles, turn right onto Beach Rd to the parking lot at the end.

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

If cancellation necessary, an email will be sent by 7:00 AM the day of the hike.