

# COLD RIVER CURRENTS

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October 2025 The Newsletter of the Cold River Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

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## **Chair's Report**

**By Bob Singley**

Did you make it to this year's Cold River annual picnic? If not, boy did you miss a great day. The weather could not have been better, the pavilion at Donnelly Beach is just a great venue (thank you Kate McCormack), and Sue Atwell and her team laid out a great spread so that no one went home hungry. Seventy-eight of your best friends were there looking for you. Cortney Worrall, the new Executive Director for ADK was the guest speaker who spoke to her background and some of the critical issues ADK faces. Hopefully we can get Cortney back next year so she can share her first-year successes with us. So, when the save-the-date comes out for the 2026 Cold River picnic mark your calendar. I know you will not be disappointed. Going forward we have a potluck at the Ski Bowl in North Creek on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and then the annual Cold River Holiday party on Thursday, December 11th at the Garnet Hill Lodge in North River. Reservations for the Holiday Party are limited so make your reservations

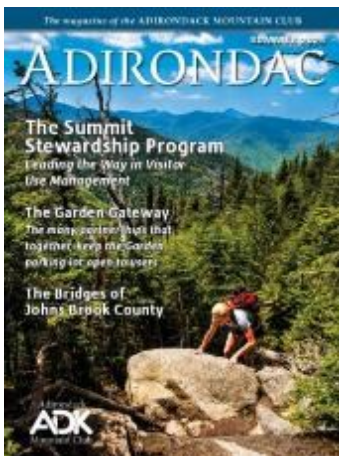
The Outings Committee has already started to share a full slate of activities to kick off the fall season. And not surprisingly the committee is already planning our winter activities. The committee is always looking for new outing leaders. If interested, please reach out to Tom Riley or Peggy Carrol. In closing watch your email in early November. The 2026 Executive Committee candidates will be presented as well as an updated draft of the Cold River Chapter bylaws. The 2026 slate of officers, as well as the revised bylaws, require your approval.

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

**by Rosemary Cooper**

Our software applications continue to be a challenge. ADK has begun to transition from Imis (Intergrated Information System) to Sales Force for Web Site and Chapter Information.

The Adirondac Magazine will go digital, with one annual print edition.



The Board of Directors is reviewing its Strategic Plan. There are three open positions on the board. If you are interested in serving on the board or know someone who is please contact Mickey Orta, President of the Board and a Queensbury resident at <https://adk.org/>.

ADK continues to create opportunities for member involvement as it looks for anyone or a chapter, interested in planning the 3-day winter outing usually held at the end of January/early February. The cycle outing this summer had over 30 attendees with one-week daily bike rides with overnights at camps and campgrounds. Lynn Butterworth reported on the cycle in the July edition of the Newsletter. The paddle outing was held as two 5-day sessions or one 10-day session.

Unfortunately, there will be no Fall Outing for 2025. There is a chapter considering hosting for 2026, and has asked if our chapter would be willing to assist with volunteers. Once the chapter host, is confirmed, we will reach out to everyone with volunteer opportunities. As you may be aware, The Cascade Center is closed. Due to lack of maintenance and grooming and liability risk, all trails will be closed to the public.

# Chapter News

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## Heart Lake and Cascade Property Work Weekends

Every year, ADK members from across the state gather at Heart Lake (the LOJ) for our annual Spring and Fall Work Weekend. This cherished tradition sees volunteers come together to prepare the property for the upcoming season. Volunteers will help ADK get ready for summer operations or prepare to winterize by tackling a variety of projects. We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our many excellent volunteers. Please note that all Work Weekend Volunteers must have a sexual harassment training certificate from a course completed within the past twelve months.

Participants get to stay on-site and enjoy meals prepared by our talented cooks. Typical tasks include but are not limited to: Setting up / taking down tents, cleaning up campsites and lean-tos, raking leaves and returning them to the woods, changing storm windows and screens, splitting, and stacking wood, oiling hinges on all LOJ doors, checking chairs in the great room for chair pads and applying new felt strips if needed. Despite the unpredictable weather, a good time is almost guaranteed.

### Volunteer Work Weekend Requirements:

- To join our fantastic volunteer team, please ensure you meet the following:
- Must be an active ADK member.
- Must have an updated Sexual Harassment certification on record.
- Must be prepared for some physical activity but also ready to have fun in a beautiful environment.



Fall Work weekend is being planned now. Dates – October 31st 2025 – November 2nd 2025

Please consider volunteering! Let's make this year unforgettable.

Any questions please contact: Tim Randolph, phone (585) 690-4135 or email:

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# Where in the World?

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## The Burren

By Tom Meyering

Last April I took, what is for me, the trip of my lifetime. I visited Ireland for the first time accompanying my good friend, Ger Cox. It was hard to cram as much as we did into 13 days.



One area in County Clare in the west of Ireland really intrigued me. We allotted one day to visit it and a few of the many highlights in the surrounding area. It is called the Burren. The Burren is 300 square miles of unique karst topography. Karst topography is an area of limestone bedrock partially dissolved by rainwater and covered in places by shallow soil. Much of the covering topsoil there was worn away by agriculture over many

centuries. The Burren contains several different habitats: limestone pavement, calcareous grassland, hazel scrub, ash/hazel woodland, intermittent ponds, lakes, cliffs, and fens.



The Burren National Park gives you a chance to explore this unusual area. We hiked two trails in the park: the Nature Trail and the Knockaunroe Turlough Trail. While not too long, they did introduce us to this unique area. While hiking we did observe the plant life, a mix of Mediterranean and Arctic plants, living together, contrasting with the omnipresent grey limestone.

We then continued our exploration of the area, heading to the Atlantic Ocean. On the way we saw the Poul nabrone Dolmen, a neolithic portal tomb dating back 5,000 years. This stop reminded me that history does start before 1492. When we reached the ocean, we traveled westward along the beautiful rocky coast. After passing the Black Point Lighthouse, we eventually reached the famous Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs are an awe-inspiring sight. Luckily, we missed most of the tourist mob by arriving late in the day.

## Where in the World?

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There are so many wonderful places to see when you visit Ireland. On your next trip do not miss visiting this special place, The Burren.

# Outings Reports

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**July 3: Hike to Marion Pond, from Loch Muller trailhead,  
Town of Schroon, Hoffman Notch Wilderness  
Leader: Meredith Todd**

Five optimistic hikers set out on a questionable day with the hope of hiking into peaceful Marion Pond while avoiding being caught in a thunderstorm. We succeeded in avoiding a thunderstorm, as the group decided to abbreviate the hike due to forecasted bad weather. Starting out under grey skies and a light rain, we took a brief side trip to visit Bailey Pond. We continued our journey towards Marion, saving a few red efts along the way and seeing a bit of blue sky and sunshine. The trail followed an old road, and included rock-hopping across two brooks, which we all successfully accomplished. The path switched to a blazed path through the woods. After following this for a bit and encountering a very mucky section, we paused to consider the weather forecast and determined the prudent choice was to turn around. This turned out to be the right decision, as once we were back in contact with civilization, we learned there was a severe thunderstorm warning for the Schroon Lake area. Elevation gain for the four-mile round trip we enjoyed was about 400'. All in all, an enjoyable adventure for all of us. ~Janice Reissig



*Marion Pond*

**Date: July 7: Grasse River Waterfalls  
Leader: Walt Nelson**

Six falls on the Grasse  
Short hikes to fabulous views  
Lunch with cooling soak

~Walt Nelson



*Grasse River Waterfalls*

# Outings Reports

**Date: July 10: Lake Lewey/Miami River Paddle**  
**Leader: Shannon Andersen**



Lewey Lake/Miami River

A large and lively group of paddlers—made up of both new faces and members from another chapter—set out to explore the scenic waters of Lewey Lake and the

Miami River.

What started as a simple paddle quickly turned into an adventure none of us will soon forget. The journey treated us to breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains, with the calm water reflecting the beauty of the landscape. Although the initial forecast had us bracing for less-than-ideal weather, the day surprised us with sunshine, temperatures reaching into the low 80s, and only a refreshing sprinkle as we made our way back to the Lewey Lake launch. The real excitement, however, came on the return trip when we encountered not one, not two, but *three* beaver dams. While some of us chose to portage and carefully cross over, a few brave paddlers decided to tackle the challenge head-on—paddling straight over the dams as the rest of the group chanted their names and cheered them on. The laughter, encouragement, and team spirit made for lasting memories. It was a perfect day of camaraderie, adventure, and the kind of fun that reminds us all why we love to get out on the water together. A huge thank you to John R. and Matt D. who helped us over the dams. ~Shannon Anderson

**Date: July 17 Bog River Flow and Hitchins Pond Overlook (paddle and hike)**  
**Leader: Matt Schwab**



What a great day! We were a little worried about possible thunderstorms, but the weather ended up cooperating perfectly—cloud cover kept us protected from any direct sun for most of the day. Twelve paddlers (paddlers +

hikers) met at the Bog River Flow lower dam to begin a gorgeous, three-mile paddle up the flow. The wind offered us some extra arm strength training as we maneuvered small swells to get to the upper dam area. Once up the flow, the group ditched their boats and water shoes and donned their hiking boots. We made our way along a well-worn trail up an easy one-mile climb to a wonderful overlook of the landscape we had just paddled, and specifically a view of Hitchins Pond. After enjoying a snack at the top, we headed back to our boats and had the wind at our backs for a delightful, easy, breezy glide back down the flow. A bonus was the sighting of a bald eagle. We spied it going in both directions, hanging out in two different trees. This was Matt Schwab's first time leading an outing, and he was a successful, helpful outings leader, keeping the group moving at pace to avoid the possible storms. I look forward to joining Matt on many future outings.

~Lynn Butterworth

# Outings Reports

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## **July 21 (Monday): Saranac River to Ossetah Pond Paddle Leader: Tom Meyering**

Eight of us met at the boat launch on Route 3 at the Second Pond put in. It was a glorious day, warm and enticing to be on the water. The lake stewards were busy checking all boats entering the water, and encouraged us to have the boats washed once we returned. We headed off across to the east end of Second Pond toward the river channel. Once entering the narrow section, there were navigational buoys for larger boats. Water was low. Lucky for us, we did not encounter too many boats, so the paddling was lovely. An eagle was spotted overhead. We spied Ampersand Mountain from an opening in the river to our right, at the outlet of Cold Brook. We proceeded a little further to arrive at the Saranac River Lower Lock.

All eight of us piled into the lock together, the gate was closed behind us, and we were lowered down hanging on to ropes on the walls. It was fun. (There is a canoe carry around the falls but who wants to do that when you can go through the lock!). There were now camps along the river, and we very quickly opened out onto Oseetah Lake. We paddled around a marshy area to our left, and we had a wonderful view before us. Turning NE, we paddled the channel which took us to Kiwassa Lake. There were some nice rustic camps to look at, and once in Kiwassa Lake, we searched for the east side lean-to to stop and have lunch. Only finding a manageable take out, most of us climbed out and ate lunch on the shore, looking across the lake at a large party of youngsters who had taken the prime spot for lunch. After lunch we returned the same way, through the lock, with the lock keeper spacing us out towards the back to avoid the spill water which was rather dramatic and fun! We were back at the takeout in about 4.5 hours. Thanks to Tom for leading the interesting trip. ~Ger Cox



*Saranac River Lower Lock*

# Outings Reports

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## **July 23-24: Overnight Camping and Paddle at Boreas Ponds, North**

**Leader: Tracey Donaldson**

Our first CRC overnight camping and paddling trip was a total success! Thank-you Tracey for making this trip happen! The Boreas Ponds are a very special place in the Adirondacks that are surrounded by the high peaks and in total wilderness. We had a .8-mile hike to carry our boats and gear in and then a wonderful afternoon to paddle and explore the three ponds. Three members even explored the narrow northern channel of the third pond. Others enjoyed a swim before dinner. Some of us stayed in the lean-to and others in tents. The next morning was another chance to explore the ponds, learn about pond plants from Bonnie, observe the loons and their babies, and take another swim. The weather was perfect. It was a 7-member team effort to make this trip happen and we all left feeling the glow you get from a couple days in pure wilderness! ~ Marti Townley



*Boreas Ponds*

## **July 24: Raquette Lake South Inlet Paddle**

**Leader: Shannon Andersen**

Today, ten friends—both old and new—set out to paddle the South Bay Inlet of Raquette Lake. Under sunny skies and a warm 84°, we wound our way through the inlet lined with water lilies and pickerelweed. Early in the journey, we were greeted by the sight of a mama loon with her baby. A breeze offered welcome relief from the summer heat and even gave us a boost on the paddle back. Our destination was the waterfalls at the end of the inlet, where we enjoyed a shaded lunch together. Some of us took the opportunity for a swim before hopping back into our boats for the return journey. It was a day filled with friendship, nature, and the joys of summer on the water. ~Shannon Andersen



*Raquette Lake South Inlet*

# Outings Reports

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## **July 31: Vanderwhacker Mountain (Fire Tower) Hike, Minerva**

**Leader: Lynn Butterworth and John Rendinaro**

Our hike started off with rain, but none of us were deterred! It did stop partway up as our leaders predicted. This 5.3 round trip hike makes you feel like you are deep in the Adirondack wilderness. After some steep climbing we arrived at a restored fire tower worth visiting. The view of the high peaks in the distance was stunning. We enjoyed our lunch despite the dampness and the haze. We also enjoyed the cooler temperatures and the company. ~Marti Townley



*Vanderwhacker Mountain Fire Tower*

## **July 31: Minerva Cemeteries Hike**

**Leader: Kate McCormick**

Thursday's weather set the mood for our tour of the Baptist Cemetery, Butler Cemetery, and Federal Flat cemetery in Minerva. We visited the graves of founders, farmers, lodge-keepers, and military veterans using letters, diaries, and archival material from the Minerva Historical Society. We discovered dates of pandemics and multiple family plots and marveled at the variety of stone carvings and grave markings. ~Kate McCormick



*Minerva Cemetery*

# Outings Reports

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



Seven of us CRC folks were introduced by leader Ger Cox to a lovely trail in the Champlain area trails network when we hiked in the Split Rock Mountain Wild Forest to the Ore Bed Overlook. Our hike through the mostly deciduous forest had only a few moderately steep sections, and we were rewarded with a hazy, but still impressive view of Lake Champlain and the surrounding farmland. As always, we enjoyed the comradery along the way,

and we look forward to exploring more of the many CAT trails in the future. ~Karen Wang



*Ore Bed Overlook*

## August 7: Black Mt. Loop Leader: Gail Gabriels

On Thursday 8/7 Gail Gabriels led 11 of us up Black Mt. on the east shore of Lake George. The weather cooperated with just a couple of sprinkles on the way up and some sunshine on the way down. There were great views of Lake George looking north, but they were impacted by the smoke from the Canadian wildfires. We took the loop coming down the mountain to get some views west and south of Lake George and then past a couple lovely ponds. The hike was 7 miles with 1,200 ft of elevation. A great day with a stop at the Wind Chill to top off the day! ~Anne Bernat



*Black Mt.*

# Outings Reports

## August 11: Grampus Lake Paddle Leader: Walt Nelson

'Grampus Lake outlet  
Bass and small otter swam under boats  
Warm day for paddlers.' ~Walt Nelson



*Grampus Lake*

## August 12: Multisport; canoe/ kayak Blue Mountain Lake and climb Castle Rock Leader: Rich Tocher

Four of us met at the public beach on Blue Mountain Lake under a blue bird sky. The lake was very calm for our paddle to the trailhead. The hike was fast up to the summit where the view is amazing overlooking the lake. A stop at Seagull Island on the way back gave us a nice swim in the lake. ~RichTocher



*Castle Rock*

# Outings Reports

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## **August 14: Tour and/or hike Great Camp Sagamore Raquette Lake Leader: Peggy Carrol**

It was a glorious summer day for our tour of Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake. We began our experience with a video of the extensive history of this National Historic Landmark. This gem of classic Adirondack architecture was completed in 1897 by W. W. Durant, a well renowned Great Camp designer. The Camp, home to the Vanderbilt family for decades, today has 27 buildings, many that were open to us on the tour. We had the opportunity to step inside the carriage house, the barn, the playroom and bowling alley, the Wigwam, and the Main Lodge. We enjoyed having the opportunity to experience this stunning Adirondack architecture up close. After the tour we had the pleasure of sharing a delicious buffet of lunch together in the beautiful Cam dining room overlooking Sagamore Lake. To complete a perfect day, some of the group continued after lunch with a walk around the lake. It was a wonderful day for a tour of this Historical Landmark with CRC friends. ~Anne Waring



*Great Camp Sagamore*

## **August 14: Rock Pond Leaders: Karen and Richard Wang**

We had a magnificent day for our hike from Putnam Pond to the appropriately named Rock Pond. There was not a cloud in the sky and the shady trail kept us comfortably cool as we progressed from North Pond to Little Rock Pond to Rock Pond, stopping at each pond to survey the beautiful vistas. Every pond we visited featured a resident loon and at Rock Pond we also were able to do a most unusual bit of people watching as a canoe paddled away from our lunch spot. We took a break from pondering ponds as we headed around the shore of Rock Pond to the remains of a graphite mining operation — it was interesting to think about how this secluded spot in the woods was once a bustling workplace. There are many trails in the Pharaoh Wilderness which begin at Putnam Pond, and we look forward to exploring more of them. ~Karen Wang



*Rock Pond*

# Outings Reports

## August 16: Annual Picnic, Minerva

A poem in honor of **Anne Hornbeck** by Sue McMeeking-

Davis

Of Ann Hornbeck, what did  
we love the most?

Cold River Potlucks, 80  
people or so, what a host!

Making beautiful quilts, and  
many a scrumptious meal!

Filling her home with art,  
warmth, and laughter real.

Being a helpmate to boat  
maker Peter and daughter Leigh.  
Acting with Our Town Theater Group, quite an actress was  
she.

Teaching generations of Minerva young women and men,  
Remembering each student when she saw them again.  
Devouring the New York Times, every single page,  
Opining at length, sometimes happy, sometimes in rage.

Hiking, paddling, making every day count.  
Fighting cancer with her strength, as was her wont.

We will miss her sparkling personality, her sometimes long  
talk,  
And hope she is above, taking the dogs for a walk!



# Outings Reports

## August 14: Jones Hill Schroon Lake Area

**Leader: Marti Townley**

Six of us met at the Big Pond Trailhead off Hoffman Road, where we left our cars for this hike. Thanks to Ken for shuttling us all to the Dirgilot Trailhead to begin. Most of the 7.5 miles is in the shade of the woods, much appreciated in the hot sunlight and the heat of the day. To begin, we passed through a tunnel beneath the north and south bound lanes of the Northway. The traffic noise lasts for only a short time, as the trees in all directions provide shade and absorb the sounds. A few cisterns are visible in the woods and we wondered what was there years ago. Remnants of an old hunting camp are still there at mile 4, with nice vistas on both sides through the trees. Amazing that someone got a wood stove up there, free metal for anyone to haul out. Skirting North Pond and back to the Big Pond trail, the terrain eventually levels out and the footpath widens. This trail is now part of the North Country Scenic Trail and should receive more hikers in the future, especially now that it is marked with red DEC and blue NCST markers, which need to be carefully followed in  
~ Tracey Donaldson



*Jones Hill*

## August 18, 2025: Pond Hopping (Polliwog -Horsehoe-

**Follensby Clear Ponds) Loop Paddle, Saranac**

**Leader: Tom Meyering**

Tom Meyering ably guided and supported 10 of us on our paddle through four pristine Adirondack Ponds on a breezy, cool, sunny day. We started at Follensby Clear Pond and paddled into a stiff wind to the carry for Polliwog Pond. Once on Polliwog Pond we continued our paddle until it was time to carry to Little Polliwog Pond. Little Polliwog was tiny but especially scenic and we noted lots of carnivorous plants (Sundews and unusual small purple Pitcher Plants) growing on some partially submerged logs. The carry into our next pond, Horseshoe Pond (it is really shaped like a horseshoe), was more challenging but it was worth the effort to get to a pretty lunch spot. And then it was one more carry back to Follensby Pond which completed our loop trip and enabled us to return to our cars. Along the way on this fun circuit of ponds we spotted a total of ten loons and were treated to some aerial acrobatics by two bald eagles — it was a great day to be out on the water in such a spectacularly beautiful place. ~Karen Wang



*Pond Hopping*

# Outings Reports

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## **August 21: Long Pond, Town of Wells**

**Leader: Brendan Hanley**

Under crisp blue skies, Brendan led 11 of us into the Siamese Wilderness area in Speculator. The trail was canopied and soft under foot. We came to Rock Pond first where we watched a group of mergansers. We made our way to Long Pond which could not have been prettier. Lunch was on a ledge with views of a rocky cliff. Brendan and Marti swam and cooled off for our easy walk back out. A fabulous day. ~Gail Gabriels



*Long Pond*

## **August 25: Mud Pond & McRorie Lake**

**Leader: Walt Nelson**

Mud Pond McRorie Lake

Two carries two waters four friends

Eight rain drops fine day

~ Walt Nelson



*Mud Pond and McRorie Lake*

# Outings Reports

## August 25: Jabe Pond

Leader: Rich Saltz

After negotiating the bumpy road, ten CRC members gathered in the chilly morning air under a cloudless sky on the shore of pristine Jabe Pond. We circumnavigated the pond clockwise, discovering inviting campsites and detouring to examine the shore and islands more closely, all the while chatting amicably as we CRC-ers do. At Chimney Island, the island with a lone, chimney ruin, Rich explained the history of Jabe Pond. In short, Jabez Patchin owned the land soon after the Revolutionary War and enjoyed hunting and fishing there. (Over time, Jabez's Pond was shortened to Jabe's Pond.) A century later Silver Bay decided to build a retreat for Christian workers on the island; unfortunately, it burned down around 1908, leaving only the chimney to attest its existence. An adjacent island, with burnt trees and scorched earth, testified of the previous week's fire caused by a campfire left smoldering. Further around the pond Rich pointed out a sunken aluminum rowboat not far from shore, previously unseen until the water level fell significantly this summer due to the drought. Joyously we sighted two pairs of the resident loons, who occasionally treated us to a symphony of wails and



*Jabe Pond*

tremolos. As we leisurely paddled the day grew warmer, and several of us stayed to enjoy lunch and Miok's delicious Miso Brownies on the rocky launch area. ~Linda Hales

## August 28: Paddle Schroon Lake

Leader: Tracey Donaldson

We had a small group meet at the southern boat launch of Schroon Lake to paddle on a beautiful morning. The water was calm and we enjoyed the view along the western shore. We saw a great blue heron hunting, then hiding from us, and a bald eagle watching us from above, perched on a tree. We made it to Scaroon Manor, walked a bit, had a snack, then headed back to the lake for the return. The wind picked up and we were making little progress, with white caps slowing us down. We pulled over and were transported back to the start, retrieving our cars to pick up our boats. A smaller group decided to paddle the Schroon River instead, and we enjoyed the quieter waters and older camps that were there before the Northway went into their backyards. All told, it was a shorter adventure for some, a full day for others. ~Tracey Donaldson



*Schroon Lake*

# Outings Reports

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## August 28: Peaked Mountain Hike, North River

### Leaders: Lynn Butterworth

Although more than half of the group was well into training for long-distance hikes in September, all 9 of us summited. Dry trail conditions helped in that respect. Dragon flies were plentiful and friendly. The weather was fine and the views from the top and along 13th lake were superb. Afterwards, most of us stopped at the North Creek farmers' market to view Shannon's Mountain Pottery display, shop, and enjoy free Stewart's ice cream.



~Meredith Todd



*Peaked Pond*

## September 3: Into the Burrough's Caves along the Boreas River

### Leader: Tom Zelker



*Burrough's Cave*

On Wednesday, three intrepid explorers: Jeremy St. Onge, Greg Schaefer, and Tom Zelker hiked along the Boreas River to Hot Water Creek. We then followed the path to Burrough's Caves and crawled into two of the water carved caverns into ancient Grenville marble.

What a wonderful sense of awe as we journeyed into the rock  
~Tom Zelker

# Outings Reports

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## **September 11: Rock Pond & Lake Durant Paddle** **Leader: Shannon Andersen**

On Thursday, September 11, eight friends set out under clear blue skies with temperatures in the low 70s. We began our trip paddling up to Rock Pond, where, near the bridge, we were lucky enough to spot a beaver, an otter, and a blue heron. After exploring Rock Pond, we continued across the length of the lake to Durant, where we enjoyed lunch and each other's company on the sandy beach. On the way back to our vehicles, we took in the sights of Blue Mountain rising in the distance, its slopes beginning to show the first signs of fall color. It was a wonderful day on the water, filled with wildlife, scenery, and friendship. ~Shannon Andersen



*Lake Durant*

## **September 11: Hike to Buttermilk Pond, Brant Lake/Horicon** **Leader: Meredith Todd**

Five hikers met today at the HUB to carpool to the trailhead off Grassville Road. Thanks to Meredith for checking ahead of time and changing the plan to originally hike to Buttermilk Pond, now inaccessible thanks to beaver activity. Two of our hikers joined us on their first CRC hike. We did a total of 6 miles on flat terrain through the woods with hardly any elevation change. The trail was easy to follow, an old road that led us to the ponds. It was a beautiful day and a nice choice for a peaceful hike in the woods. ~Sara Mullins



*Lily Pond*

# Outings Reports

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## September 15: Paddle Hitchings Pond Leader: Walt Nelson

Another paddle inspired haiku...

Hitchings Pond marshes, ough  
Bryozoan Spongilla  
Cisterns, beaver dams



*Hitchings Pond*

## September 18: Henderson Pond Leader: Ger Cox

Nine CRC members met at the Tahawus parking lot with blue bird sky above us. The fine weather brought lots of people out so the parking lot was quite full with hikers. This was a first visit for four of the group. After loading the boats on wheels, we set off on the gravel trail for the put in. The water was like glass when we arrived, and in quick order we were setting off. As we opened out to the lake, a loon gave a call to its mate. A nice camper on shore offered to take a photo of the group. We circled the lake in a clockwise direction but not before turning around to see a great view of Colden and its slides.



*Henderson Pond*

Water level was down nearly two feet, from the lines on the rocks along the shore. We went south and saw Santanoni and its slides to our west. Mount Adams' fire tower could be seen faintly to the east. We stopped for lunch and a stretch along the west shore with a view of Wallface to our north. Due to shallow water, we only went a short distance further north after lunch, and then headed back. One juvenile loon kept an eye on us and got close to check us out. It was hard to leave the lake, it was so perfect: no wind, brilliant blue sky, warm temps, some nice foliage colors coming out and perfect visibility made for a super paddle.  
.-Ger Cox

# Outings Reports

**September 18: Hour Pond, North River**  
**Leader: Marti Townley**



*Hour Pond*

The weather could not have been more perfect, as the temps were cool and the foliage was just starting to turn in North River. We had thirteen hikers, including two new CRC members, participate in the outing to Hour Pond. This pond is a lovely, remote body of water located in the Siamese Wilderness Area. The rolling terrain made for more of a stroll in the woods than a serious hike, which afforded hikers plenty of opportunities to admire Thirteenth Lake and easily view multiple interesting rock formations. Once at Hour Pond, we enjoyed time at the pond and the lean-to before heading back. ~Lynn Butterworth

**Thursday, September 25: CRC Potluck Limit: 60 RSVP by September 20 Location: Bolton Landing Community Center, 56 Edgecomb Pond Rd., Bolton Landing 12814**

**Hosts: Lynn Butterworth and John Rendinaro**

Despite a dreary, rainy day CRC spirit was alive and well at the potluck, hosted by Lynn and John at the charming community center with a view of Edgecomb Pond. Bob Singley gave a report on the updating of the bylaws, and openings on the Executive Board, that is the positions of Newsletter Editor as well as the Vice Chair. Treasurer Ger Cox gave us a thumbs up on the current budget and we proceeded to dig into the delicious food, the hallmark of our potlucks. ~Kathy Herold



*Bolton Landing Community Center*

# Outings Reports

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## September 29: Thomas Mountain Leader: Jim Waring

Rescheduled from the previous rainy Thursday, a happy group of five ADK CRC members hiked to the summit of Thomas Mountain on a beautiful, sunny Monday afternoon with temperatures in the low 70s. We enjoyed chatting with each other as we ascended the 770 feet of elevation gain along the trail to the overlook. We were greeted at the top by Pat and Debbie, two Summits on the Air enthusiasts, who were using their ham radio to talk to other people in the US and western Europe. Pat has enjoyed battery-operated radios since he was given a walkie-talkie when he was a kid. He mentioned that there were over 800,000 people involved in the Summits on the Air program worldwide. Some of us had met Pat in March when Anne and I led a hike to the summit of Potash Mountain. We enjoyed chatting with them and taking in the view of Lake George and the beginnings of fall colors before heading back down the trail to the trailhead, enjoying each other's company and the sunshine. ~ Jim Waring



Thomas Mt.



*A special thanks to those who led each activity, as well as Peggy Carrol, Tom Riley, and the CRC Outings Committee.*

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE OUTINGS EMAILS AND WANT TO, OR IF YOU WANT TO STOP THEM, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND REQUEST TO OUR CHAPTER

AT [ColdRiverADKChapter@adk.org](mailto:ColdRiverADKChapter@adk.org)

**More Events to look forward to:**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> Minder Lodge at Gore Mountain**

**4:00-5:00 Social Hour**



**4-5:30 Presentation by Ian Tomasch, Sales and Marketing Manager of Gore Mountain who will share information about snowmaking, grooming and solar energy usage, the new lodge at the Ski Bowl and updates and changes for 2025-26 and future years. Thanks to Judy Thomson and Laurie Clark for hosting**

**5:30 Traditional Potluck**

**Please bring a dish, appetizer, or dessert to share, and your own utensils, plates, and beverages**

**Contact Judy Thomson by October 19<sup>th</sup> and let her know what you are bringing....**

**[Judythomson1230@gmail.com](mailto:Judythomson1230@gmail.com) or 518-229-7473**

**Directions: Going northwest on Rt 28 toward North Creek take a left on Ski Bowl Rd, just past Peaceful Valley Road on the left. Go straight and lodge and parking are on your left.**

# CRC Membership and Connections

## ADK Cold River Chapter Holiday Dinner Party 2025

When Thursday, December 11, 2025

Where: Garnet Hill Lodge

Time: Social Hour - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Vegetable and Cheese Platter

Butler Passed Hors d' oeuvres service.



Annual Meeting & Election of New CRC Officers - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM

Buffet

Crudit  Appetizers / Bacon Wrapped Dates / Philly Cheese Steak eggrolls

Grilled London Broil w/ADK Hunter Sauce / Chef Choice – Vegetarian Meal

Baked Haddock

Mashed Potatoes & Asparagus

Apple Pie ala mode

Gluten Free Brownie Sundae upon request

15 % off your room with CRC reservation, at Garnet Hill Lodge! Check out the rooms on-line and reserve at (518) 251-2444, Includes breakfast and trail passes. RSVP by December 1st.

-----Cut Off and Return the Bottom Portion-----

Cost: \$42.00 per person

I/We wish to make a reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ individual(s) at \$42.00 per person.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYABLE** to: *Cold River Chapter.*

Please return this form with your check to (646 476-1842)

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## Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Membership Chair, Susan Schuler

Total membership as of September 15: 431

Adult/individual members: 68

Senior members: 64

Family members: 293

Family life members: 6



**...Newest Members...We look forward to seeing you  
on the outings!**

Paul & Barbara Roberts of North River, NY

Steve & Ingrid Hughes of Basking Ridge, NJ

Kathleen Ambrose of Chestertown, NY