

### **April 3: Three Waterfalls and a Fire Tower**

**Leader: Shannon Andersen**

**A Rating: Leader Level: 1, C (Easy)**

**Duration: 3 hours                      Limit: 12**

**Description:** We start our day at East Jimmy Creek Falls located on the right side of Route 8 heading towards Route 30. Park on the right side of the road and hike to Jimmy Creek Falls, a 2-part waterfall, the upper section with a 10-foot drop and the lower section with a 12-foot drop before entering the East Branch of the Sacandaga. We then proceed to Auger Falls with a number of overlooks along the edge of the Sacandaga River allowing for a look at a long series of gradual falls with powerful rapids interspersed with still pools. Then drive to Austin Falls, not a tall waterfall but a long one that stretches out over large rocks and rapids. Then drive to Speculator Park to climb the Makomis Fire tower originally erected in 1916 on Makomis Mountain in Essex county, dismantled in 1978, removed from the mountain and restored and relocated in 2019 to Speculator. From the fire tower are views of Lake Pleasant, the Adirondack wilderness and the Sacandaga River. Lunch at the picnic tables under the park pavilion.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Ready to hike at 10:00 AM at the Jimmy Falls parking are located on Route 8. Or to carpool meet in Wevertown Community Center next to Kelly's at 9:30 AM.

**Contact:** Shannon at [theandersenson3385@yahoo.com](mailto:theandersenson3385@yahoo.com) or 914-490-9534

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

### **April 3: Moxham Mt. Hike, Minerva**

**Leader: Rich Salz**

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

**Duration: 4.5 hours, 5.4 miles RT    Limit: 15**

**Description:** This has become one of the most popular hikes in our region due to the many overlooks with scenic views, culminating in a rocky summit facing Gore and Crane Mountains. Mostly gradual ups and downs with some short steep sections.

**Meeting Time/Place:** 10:00 AM at the trailhead 1.8 miles down the paved portion of 14th Road, off NY 28N. Continue on the dirt road 0.2 miles. Shoulder parking also available.

**Contact:** Rich Salz at [richsalz10@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **April 10: Hike to OK Slip Falls**

**Leader: Marti Townley**

**ADK Rating Leader Level: 1, C+**

**Duration : 4-5 hours, 6.4 miles RT, elevation gain 975 ft.    Limit: 15**

**Description:** Hike to one of the highest waterfalls in the Adirondacks. It should be flowing fast in the spring. It is a pleasant walk through the forest on rolling terrain.

**Meeting time / Place:** 9:30 at Tops in North Creek or at the parking area to the trail head at 9:50. The parking area is labeled Hudson Gorge Wilderness area on the left hand side going up Rt 28 about 10 miles north of North Creek.

**Contact:** Marti Townley at [mdksshea@aol.com](mailto:mdksshea@aol.com) or 518-301-3712.

**April 17: Hike to Goose Pond, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness, Town of Schroon**

**Leader: Meredith Todd**

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

**Duration: 3 hours, 3 miles RT**

**Limit: 12**

**Description:** This lovely pond with a view of Pharaoh Mtn. is 1.5 miles from the trailhead, with only 300 feet of very gradual elevation gain. The first 0.9 mi is on a rugged road, much of which runs along the Crane/Alder/Goose Pond outlets. This brook should be flowing vigorously during the early spring. We will walk a bit further along the shore of Goose Pond to explore the 3 campsites where we will have lunch.

**Time/Place:** 10:30 AM at the parking area at the end of Crane Pond Road

**Directions:** From Northway exit 28 (Rt. 74) proceed to the 4-way stop with the flashing signal. Turn right (south) onto US Rt 9. At 0.6 miles, take the first left onto Alder Meadow Road. After 2.1 miles, bear left onto Crane Pond Road. Drive straight ahead into the parking lot, about 1.4 miles. Do NOT turn on to the road by the sign-in box.

From the hamlet of Adirondack, drive about 9 miles north on Red Wing/Adirondack Road to the right hand turn onto Crane Pond Road.

Those who wish to carpool should meet at the Black Bear in Pottersville at 10:05.

**Contact:** Meredith Todd at [meredith36ny@yahoo.com](mailto:meredith36ny@yahoo.com) or 518-494-8088. If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent by 7:30 AM the day of the outing.

**April 24: Fishing Jabe Pond**

**Leader: Jeffrey Schanzer**

**ADK Rating: Leader Level 1, C (Easy) Note the exception for carry if the road is closed**

**Limit: 8**

**Description:** Jabe Pond is a lovely wilderness pond with Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout. Artificial lures only, minimum keeper size 12". There is a parking lot very close to the Pond. However, if the road leading to the parking lot is closed, this makes it a **Difficult** 1 mile carry in with one very steep hill. The leader will check on the road in advance and notify participants of the road status.

**Date** may change depending on ice out. Email leader if interested and he will keep participants informed as to date.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Brant Lake Boat Launch; 12PM (if anyone is coming from Lake George, we can set up a secondary meeting place in Hague). Don't forget your PFD and whistle.

**Directions:** The boat launch is directly off Route 8. If you're coming east on Route 8, it's on your left soon after the intersection of Palisades Road.

**Contact:** [jeffschan@aol.com](mailto:jeffschan@aol.com) to participate.

**April 24: Boreas River Hewitt Eddy Trail**

**Leader: Peggy Carrol**

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

**Duration: 2 to 3 hours, 2.5 miles RT**

**Limit: 10**

**Description:** This 2.5 mile out and back takes us along the Boreas River which should be running swiftly. We enter the trail west of NY Rt 28N and hike to Hewitt Eddy where the cascades of the Boreas River end suddenly at a large pond-like pool. We can have lunch or a snack on the rocks along the bank of the river. Although there are a few short ups and downs, the trail is quite flat with no significant elevation. The trail may be wet and poles will be helpful to cross streams and get around wet areas.

**Meeting Time/ Place:** Meet at 12:00 PM at the parking area located on the east side of Rt 28N, approximately 8.7 miles north of Minerva. The parking area turnoff is just before the bridge over the Boreas River on Rt 28N when coming from the east.

**Contact:** Peggy Carrol at [peggycarrol281@gmail.com](mailto:peggycarrol281@gmail.com) or 281-804-5744

**April 24: Minerva Community Center Soup Potluck**

**Hosts: Ann Hornbeck and Kate McCormick**

**Time: 3 - 6:00**

3:00 Social hour

4:00 Announcements/speaker

4:30 Dinner

The Community Center has many outlets for crock pots. Please bring hardy soups and breads, social hour appetizers and desserts. Bowls are in!

Please contact us to let us know what you'll bring.

**Directions:** Town of Minerva City Hall, 5 Morse Highway, Minerva, 12851

**Contact:** Ann Hornbeck (518-251-0856) and Kate McCormick (347-225-4602)

**April 28, (Monday): Paddle South Pond**

**Leader: Walt Nelson**

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

**Duration: 3 hours Limit: 10**

**Description:** South Pond is a fine spring paddle, helping get the 'winter kinks out'. The parking lot is 5 minutes/miles north of Blue Mt. Lake and 7 miles/10 minutes south of Long Lake on Rt 28N. We will meet at the parking lot at 10 AM, ready to paddle. Both trails down to the Pond are steep. Plan on a circumnavigation of the shore. We'll check to see if the osprey nest has occupants. Dress for the weather and cold water. Bring a snack and drinking water.

**Contact:** Walt Nelson by text (716.799.4016) with your interest. An update in the days prior to the paddle will be sent. Any last minutes changes will be sent by 7:30 AM the day of the paddle.