



**Trail Mix:
News & Notes From The Club**

Updates On Club Maintenance Activity:

Adopt-A-Highway

The following individuals volunteered for the Adopt-A-Highway Rt. 214 clean-up on April 26, 2014:

Rick Taylor, Carol White, Dave White, Connie Duquette, John T. Reilly, Jeff Glans, Louise Perkins, Steve Emanuel, Suzanne Provenzano and Doug Garrity. Believe me when I tell you that the clean-up was completed in record time and the Club's section of Route 214 has never looked so good!!!

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***Electronic Canister
Are you ready?***

The 3500 Club database of all members and aspirants has a place for your email address. If you access the Canister on the website that does not mean that your address is up to date. If you are a member of the Yahoo Group that does not mean that your address is up to date. Our most cost effective way to contact you is by email. We do not share that information with outside parties. Please make sure that we have a current email address for you. Email the membership chairman, and, if you are an "aspirant" or other subscriber, copy the aspirant chair, at their addresses on page two. If you recently moved or changed your phone, you might want to include that information also.

Thanks,
Dave and Mike 

Views from the Top
The President's Column

Hopefully, this article will pique your interest in reading the rest of the Newsletter.

Ah, Summer time! We can go light, and not worry about snowshoes and double layers of everything. But don't forget to hydrate well, and bring all the essentials. I'm sure you've read stories about people who needed to be rescued because their cell phone batteries died. Enjoy the longer daylight hours, but don't become a statistic!

Here are a few things that have been going on recently:

The annual dinner was held April 5th. Everyone told me that they had a great time. Due to various holidays and other constraints, it will be early next year March 28th so mark your calendars now!

On May 20th, the summit of Balsam Mountain was officially purchased by the State of NY, at a summit top ceremony. Heather Rolland was our representative at this event.

Trail-fest was held at Kenco, again with Heather Rolland representing the Club.

A Wilderness First Aid class was held in late April with 13 people being trained. Once again, Heather coordinated this effort, and wrote to me, "The woods are a little safer now!"

Speaking of safe, there is a new Safety page on the website. Ira Orenstein, Ted Ripley-Duggan, Jon Bentley, and I contributed. We are having an ongoing photo contest to spruce up the web page. Thanks to Katie Anello for running this. The Facebook page

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Nominal dates for receiving the Canister are:
Mar 15, Jun 15, Sep 15, and Dec 15.

President's Message: continued...

continues to get a steady stream of traffic.

Adopt-a-Highway and Trail Maintenance took place in May. We "own" a part of Rt. 214 North of Phoenicia and most of the trail that extends over Table and Peekamoose. Thanks to everyone who helped out with these projects, especially Cathy O'Neill and Phil Knudsen.

Several members of the club attended a gala/fund raiser for the Catskill Interpretive Center. Former Congressman Maurice Hinchey was honored for his unwavering efforts in promoting the project over many years. The club donated \$2,000.00 towards the construction of the new Center, to be located off Rt. 28 between Boiceville and Phoenicia. There might even be a fire tower erected on the site!

On National Trails Day, June 7th, a new Long Path segment was officially opened. The trail starts just past the junction that leads either to the Terrace Mountain lean-to or the Wittenberg's summit, as one ascends from Woodland Valley. Many club members helped create this new section of trail. I highly recommend checking it out, if for nothing else, the 'grand staircase' and the awesome views! Andy Garrison is the leader of this project.

Several members sent input to National Geographic to revise their Trails Illustrated Map #755 of the Catskill Park. The revised edition is due out this summer.

Several members attended the Catskill Park Awareness Day 2014, lobbying our legislators in Albany.

Finally, we have 2 new volunteers helping us out. Mike Dwyer is the new aspirant chair, and Bill Winterbottom is in a newly created leadership development position.

There are other activities mentioned in this issue of The Canister. I encourage you to pick something and get involved. Some of these could help you earn the Service Patch. You need 7 points. Here are the ways you can earn points:

1 - for one 3500 Club Trail Maintenance event participation.

1 - for one 3500 Club Litter Pickup event participation.

1 - for one Catskill Trail Crew participation via established club relationship.

1 - for one year maintaining a Catskill lean-to via established club relationship.

1 - for one year maintaining a Catskill trail section via established club relationship.


1 - for attendance at Wilderness First Aid course.

½ - for 2 days manning a Catskill Fire tower via established club relationship.

½ - for 1 year serving on the 3500 Club Board, or as a committee member.


½ - for 1 event—manning a booth, or event support, e.g. Trail-Fest, EMS Club Day, etc.

How am I doing? Let me know if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

Tom Rankin - President 

Members and Aspirants:

The new Aspirant chair, Mike Dwyer, and I are working hard to keep the records up to date. The lists included in this newsletter of new members (and winter) is as of the dinner. Those not inducted this past April will be feted next March 28th. They will be listed in the next available Canister. The number of new members was virtually the same as last year, 131 vs. 130 and the winter were 63 compared to 59. Aspirants are not listed until they become members (or Life Aspirants.)

If you have not paid dues this year, they are past due. Members and Aspirants, who joined after the middle of last year, may renew at a half year rate to get back to “calendar year renewal.” Contact Mike or myself to confirm your status. 

Dave White & Mike Dwyer


Conservation Corner

by Guest Columnist Heather Rolland

Top quiz: how many of the Catskill 35 summits are on private land? If you said 3, you would have been right last week, but not this week. Yes, yes, we all know about Doubletop and Graham, but did you know that Balsam's summit was, until this month, also on land that was not owned by the state?

The summit of Balsam and much of the eastern-facing slope of the mountain are part of a 590 acre parcel that was purchased by the state, with the official transfer to state ownership occurring at a celebration and hike on May 20. The story of how this happened is a success story for the conservation community, with the result being a true win-win situation for all concerned (ok, that might be a win-win-win when you consider all the players involved!).

The Cruickshank family owned the land for generations, but in 2005 after a property tax reevaluation, began exploring ways to resolve the increased financial burden. Logging the property was given serious consideration due to the valuable stands of sugar maple, red oak and hemlock. Alan White, at that time Director of the Catskill Program for The Nature Conservancy in Eastern New York (and currently Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development), asked the Cruickshanks to hold off. The landowners waited for the Conservancy to come up with a plan for purchasing this parcel that accounted for the value of the timber as well as the value of the acreage. Win for the landowner family! The parcel was not logged and the Nature Conservancy took ownership. Win for conservation! Then the negotiations between the Conservancy and New York State began. Almost a decade in the making, a \$1.65 million deal was reached and another summit becomes forever wild. Win for the 3500 Club!

For more information, please read the Governor's press release at <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/05202014-state-acquisition-catskill-park> 



Rambles and Brambles: Hike Schedule July—September 2014

Assumed Risk: Hiking involves certain inherent risks and persons participating do so at their own risk. In cool weather, hike participants should avoid cotton clothing, as it retains dampness and the resulting chill can result in hypothermia, which can lead to death. In summer participants should have available in their pack garments of wool or fleece and a headlamp, should one have to unexpectedly spend the night in the mountains. Anyone not properly equipped may be refused permission to participate, at the leader's absolute discretion.

Rating System: Please be advised that the hikes listed herein would most likely be rated more difficult by clubs who hike in non-mountainous terrains

Private Property: All Catskill 3500 Club hikes respect "No Trespassing" signs and the owners' wishes in such regards; leaders shall obtain permission to cross private property when so required.

Volunteer to Lead: If you are a member of the Club please consider becoming a hike leader. Just contact Manuel Peraza [outings@catskill-3500-club.org ; 718-698-4422 (7 p.m.-9 p.m.)], and he will arrange to add you to the low-volume private Yahoo list through which hikes are coordinated. You will be contacted via this means when hikes are needed.

Group Size: All Club hikes are limited to 12 participants including the leaders. The DEC limits group size to 12 in the Wilderness Areas. Accordingly, all Club hikes allow no more than 12 participants. If in doubt, please contact the leader.

Sat., July 5 – PANTHER TRAVERSE

Distance: 6.7 mi. Ascent: 1,900' Elev: 3,720'

A moderately paced trail hike. Car shuttle required.

Registration Period: Contact leader by July 3rd.

Leader: Carol Nestor #1325 at 914-683-3858

Please, No Calls After 9 p.m.

Sun., July 6 – NO HIKING TRIP SCHEDULED.

Sat., July 12 –ASHOKAN H.P.

Distance: 7.75 mi. Ascent: 1,963' Elev: 3,091'

Night Hike to the summit and to the field overlooking the Burroughs Range

Need headlamp and spare batteries for this hike.

Registration Period: Until July 10th.

Leader: Jay Hui #1546, #628W; cycleslug@yahoo.com

Sun., July 13 – HUNTER & S.W. HUNTER

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2,225' Elev: 4,040' 3,740'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack

Registration Period: Between July 7th and July 11th.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337; laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182.

Sat. July 19 - DOUBLETOP

Distance: 5.5 mi. Ascent: 1,900' Elev: 3,860'

Moderately paced bushwhack.

Registration Period: July 5th through July 18th.

Leader: David Bunde #2269; david@dgbdesign.com

Sat., July 19 – WESTKILL MT.

Distance: 6.4 mi. Ascent 1,780', Elev: 3,880'

A leisurely paced trail hike with views.

Registration Period: By July 16th.

Leader: Sue Kenyon #1774; snowsusie88@yahoo.com; 917-613-2042.

Sun., July 20 – FRIDAY & BALSAM CAP

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2,200' Elev: 3,694', 3,623'

Moderately paced hike and very strenuous bushwhack to two more difficult peaks.

Hike will fill up fast. Register early.

Registration Period: July 6th through July 19th.

Leader: Eric Hazard #2132; ehazard@yahoo.com

Sat., July 26 – PLATEAU

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2,100' Elevation: 3,840'

A semi-loop via the Warner Creek and Devil's Path trails.

Registration Period: July 17th through July 24th.

Leader: Paul Pilmanis #2002, ppilmanis@yahoo.com

Sun., July 27 – VLY & BEARPEN

Distance: 7.0 mi. Ascent: 2,100' Elev: 3,600' & 3,529'

A relaxed-pace hike mostly along an old road, herd paths, and snow-mobile trails, but also with some bushwhacking.

Registration Period: July 17th through July 24th.

Leader: Hans Schick #1853, W759; Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com (preferred)
(845) 896-6454 (7 to 10 P.M.)

In case of bad weather or dangerous conditions, hikes may be canceled; if in doubt contact the leader.

Sat., Aug. 2 –BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM.

Distance: 9.5 miles. Ascent 1,800'. Elev: 3,723', 3,868'

An easy to moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Registration Period: July 28th to August 1st.

Leader: Michael L. "Mick" Dunn, Jr. (#1,272),
603-809-0348; mickfords@gmail.com

Sun., Aug. 3 – WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 6.8 miles. Ascent 1,700'. Elevation: 3,524'

An easy to moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Registration Period: July 28th to August 1st.

Leader: Michael L. "Mick" Dunn, Jr. (#1,272)
603-809-0348; mickfords@gmail.com

Sat., Aug. 9 - TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 2,700', Elev: 3,843' and 3,847'

A long, moderately paced trail hike with views.

Registration Period: By August 6th.

Leader: Sue Kenyon #1774; snowsusie88@yahoo.com;
917-613-2042.

Sun., Aug. 10 – WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE

Distance: 10 miles. Ascent: 2,230', Elev: 3,940', 3,660', 4,180'

A moderate paced hike. Rain cancels.

Registration Period: Please contact leader August 4th
through August 8th after 7 p.m.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com;
718 435-3092 after 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 16 – RUSK

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1,600' Elev: 3,680'

Easy to moderately paced bushwhack.

Registration Period: August 7th through August 14th.

Leader: Paul Pilmanis #2002, ppilmanis@yahoo.com

Sun., Aug. 17 – SUGARLOAF

Distance: 7 miles. Ascent: 1,800' Elev: 3,800'

Steep in parts, moderate to leisurely pace.

Registration Period: August 3rd through August 17th.

Leader: Eric Hazard #2132; ehazard@yahoo.com

Sat., Aug. 23 – NO HIKING TRIP SCHEDULED.**Sun., Aug. 24 – NO HIKING TRIP SCHEDULED.****Sat., Aug. 30 – NO HIKING TRIP SCHEDULED.****Sun., Aug. 31 – NORTH DOME & SHERRILL**

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2,700' Elev: 3,610' & 3,540'

A relaxed-paced bushwhack that requires a car-shuttle.
Recommend long pants as route includes stinging nettles
and blackberry canes.

Registration Period: August 21st through August 28th.

Leader: Hans Schick #1853, W759; Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com (preferred) (845) 896-6454 (7 to 10 P.M.)

Sat., Sept. 6 – FIR & BIG INDIAN.

Distance: 10mi Ascent: 1,600', Elev: 3,620', 3,700'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: Between Sept. 1st and Sept. 5th.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337;
laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182

Sun., Sept. 7 – EAGLE and possibly BALSAM

Distance: 8 miles. Ascent: 2,000', Elev: 3,600', 3,600'

A moderate paced hike. Rain cancels.

Registration Period: Sept. 1st through Sept. 5th.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com;
718 435-3092 after 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 13 – HALCOTT

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent 1,720', Elev: 3,520'

A relaxed paced bushwhack.

Registration Period: After Sept. 4th.

Leader: Jean Taylor #1040, W587; taylor.jean.e@gmail.com (preferred); 908-209-4850.

Sun., Sept. 14 – LONE & ROCKY

Distance: 11mi. Ascent: 2,000' Elev: 3,721', 3,508'

A very long bushwhack, strenuous in parts, to the two
most remote peaks.

Moderate pace. The hike will fill up quickly. Register early.

Registration Period: August 31st through Sept. 13th.

Leader: Eric Hazard #2132; ehazard@yahoo.com

Sat., Sept. 20 – INDIAN HEAD & TWIN.

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 3,573', Elev: 3,640'

Moderately paced trail hike.

Registration Period: Sept. 4th through Sept. 18th.

Leader: Ryan Sloan # 2212; ryansloan@bbh.com;
201-956-0371.

Hike Schedule Continued...**Sun., Sept. 21 – HUNTER MT. (via Becker Hollow)**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2,150', Elev: 4,040'

Relaxed pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Sept. 15th through Sept. 19th.Leader: Wanda Davenport #523;201-670-8383; wandatrails@verizon.net preferred.**Sat., Sept. 27 – KAATERSKILL H.P.**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1,775', Elev: 3,655'

A relaxed paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: Sept. 20th through Sept. 26th.Leader: Al Davis # 2192; ad322@freeelectron.net;

518-947-6407

Sun., Sept. 28 – BLACK HEAD RANGEDistance: 7.7 mi. Ascent: 2,700', Elev: 3,940', 3,980' & 3,940'

A relaxed-pace on-trail through-hike of the entire Blackhead Range requiring a car-shuttle at the beginning.

Registration Period: Sept. 18th through Sept. 25th.Leader: Hans Schick #1853, W75; Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com (preferred).

(845) 896-6454 (7 to 10 P.M.)


New Members

2243 Emily Smith	11/16/13
2244 Abi Locatis	11/16/13
2245 David Corey	10/13/13
2246 Dave Corey Jr.	10/13/13
2247 Diane Linenbroker	03/02/14
2248 Linda Kukol	03/01/14
2249 Dave Schaff	03/07/14
2250 Laurence Fleischer	03/08/14
2251 Joe Clapper	03/08/14
2252 Minhua Lu	01/26/14
2253 Jack Garvey	03/09/14
2254 Eileen Garvey	03/09/14
2255 Bridget Garvey	03/09/14
2256 Patrick Stevens	03/09/14
2257 Andrew Emrich	02/01/14
2258 Katrina Charysyn	03/02/14
2259 Douglas D Kennard	03/10/14
2260 Bradley Pazian	03/08/14
2261 John Thompson	03/14/14
2262 David Putnam	03/15/14
2263 Ryan Levesque	03/15/14
2264 Eric Markowitz	03/15/14

2265 Michael E Cady	02/09/14
2266 Doug Duncan	02/09/14
2267 Melissa Martinko	03/16/14
2268 Robert Halversen	03/15/14
2269 David Bunde	03/18/14
2270 John Broekema	03/20/14
2271 Lauren Dustin	03/16/14
2272 Maureen Roeth	03/16/14
2273 Jacques Roeth	03/16/14
2274 Linda Van Steenburg	03/29/14
2275 John H. Roebig	02/09/14
2276 Alexander Olsen	03/29/14
2277 Robert Meyerowitz	03/15/14

New Winter Members

0897 Steve Hatfield	1344	02/16/14
0898 John Bienus	2146	02/24/14
0899 Richard Williams	2175	03/02/14
0900 Daniel Harkin	2159	02/28/14
0901 William Harkin	2158	02/28/14
0902 Jeffrey Fritzinger	2184	03/02/14
0903 Barbara Beatrice	2183	03/02/14
0904 Danyelle Davis	2000	03/03/14
0905 Valerie Schaff	2168	03/07/14
0906 Dmitriy Prokofyev	1901	03/08/14
0907 Will Soter	1840	03/05/14
0908 James Beers	1797	03/07/14
0909 James Dean	1719	03/04/14
0910 Yin Yin Liu	1985	03/09/14
0911 Peter Nye	2107	03/11/14
0912 Katrina Charysyn	2258	03/16/14
0913 Scott Kline	2058	03/09/14
0914 Michael Giambrone	2066	03/09/14
0915 Mona (YongKom) Ham	2188	03/16/14
0916 Sam (DongWoo) Lee	2205	03/16/14
0917 Michael Katz	1978	03/16/14
0918 Jeff Levitt	2145	03/15/14
0919 Martha Davis	0990	03/17/14
0920 Doug Duncan	2266	03/14/14
0921 Michael E Cady	2265	03/14/14
0922 Raj Tailor	2241	03/15/14
0923 Dean Keating	2235	03/16/14
0924 Elsie Lee	2234	03/16/14
0925 David Bunde	2269	03/18/14
0926 Michael Simco	2189	03/19/14
0927 Charles Traver	2195	03/19/14
0928 Richard Carr	1980	03/21/14
0929 Wayne Ouder Kirk	1376	12/28/13
0930 Matthew Nuss	2170	03/11/14

0931	Joy Perkett	2169	03/11/14
0932	Rob Meyerowitz	2277	03/15/14
0933	Alex Marra	1833	03/05/14

New Life Members

2052 Brian Bacher (Correction from 2072)
 1315 William P Van Sadars
 1712 Robert Massey
 1833 Alex B Marra
 2281 Jeremy Preston

In Memoriam

Larry Braun, of Gardiner, NY, passed away November 21, 2013 of congestive heart failure.

Born in 1933 in Brooklyn, Larry moved to Gardiner to retire in 1995.

Over the years, Larry led numerous hikes in the Shawangunks, Catskills and Adirondacks for the ADK, as well as international hiking trips to Ireland and St. John, Virgin Islands. He was an early life member of the Catskill Mountain 3500 Club, the Adirondack Mountain Club, and was active in the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. He was a trail maintainer in the Gunks. He loved the outdoors, and was a keen observer of nature, and got great pleasure from sharing his knowledge and experience of the outdoors with others. Many a hiker has been spared from toe jams by using Larry's special boot-lacing method.


His home reflected his respect for nature, where he installed solar panels, and built a grass driveway to better preserve water. It was his pleasure to watch the birds, deer, harrier hawk and other wild life right from his living room window, which had a great view of the Shawangunk Ridge. Larry was also a communitarian, believing strongly in protecting the earth and all living creatures.

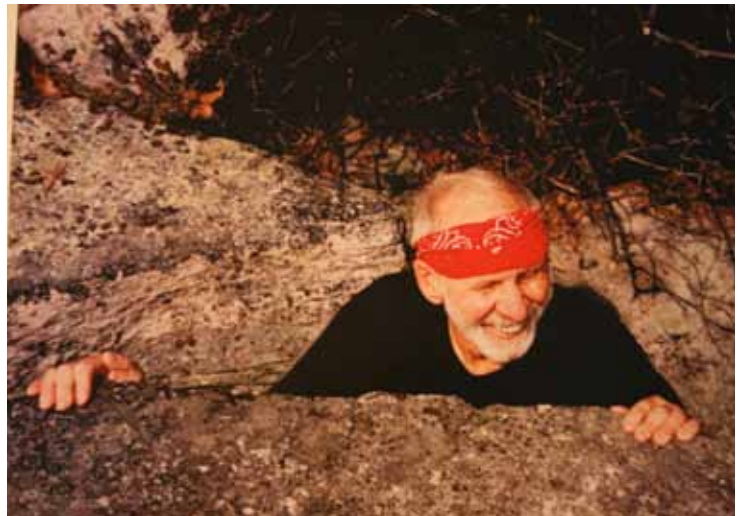
In the Hudson Valley, Larry fulfilled a lifelong dream of flying; he loved viewing our Shawangunk Ridge and trails from above. He learned to ski when in his sixties, and then joined the Seventy Plus Ski Club. He liked to say that since hiking up mountains had become more difficult

it was great to let the ski lift bring him up the mountain and gravity bring him back down.

Larry lived and appreciated life to the fullest, sharing his joy in hiking and outdoors with others. He is survived by two sons and their families, a twin brother, niece, and loving significant other.

A celebration of Larry's life was held in New Paltz, at Rosendale Recreation Center on Saturday April 26th.

Contributions in Larry's memory may be made to the National Resource Defense Council, The New York/New Jersey Trail Conference, the Gardiner Library, or the SUNY New Paltz foundation Larry Braun Scholarship Fund for a worthy needy female Engineering student. 



Larry Braun, member #213, winter #80.



*Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
 Some trails are happy ones,
 Others are blue.
 It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
 Here's a happy one for you.
 ~Dale Evans*

*Trail Mix, continued from page 1***Peekamoose/Table:**

The following people volunteered for the Peekamoose/ Table Trail Maintenance work on May 3, 2014:

Rick Taylor, Steve Emanuel, John Barringer, Phil Knudson, Doug Hamilton, Albert Davis,

This group cleaned out, dug out and rearranged large rocks on almost three dozen water bars, in addition to the lopping, lifting, dragging, sawing and general clearing that took place. The Table Mountain crew also cleaned up the Table lean-to area on their way to the summit. Special thanks to Doug Hamilton for his pre-work on the trails.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers!—Cathy O'Neill, Trail Maintenance Chair 



The Route 214 Crew



The Peekamoose/Table Crew

Renewal

(The Summer Canister Photo Theme)



Photo by Erik Schlimmer.

Unnamed waterfall in Turner Hollow. May 2008



Photo by Carol and Dave White
Mountain Laurel, Escarpment Trail

Want to see more photos?

Due to the limited space in this print version only 2 of the 5 submitted pictures were able to be included. If you'd like to see the larger versions (and the other 3 pictures) go to the club's web page and download the digital version of The Canister—Ed.

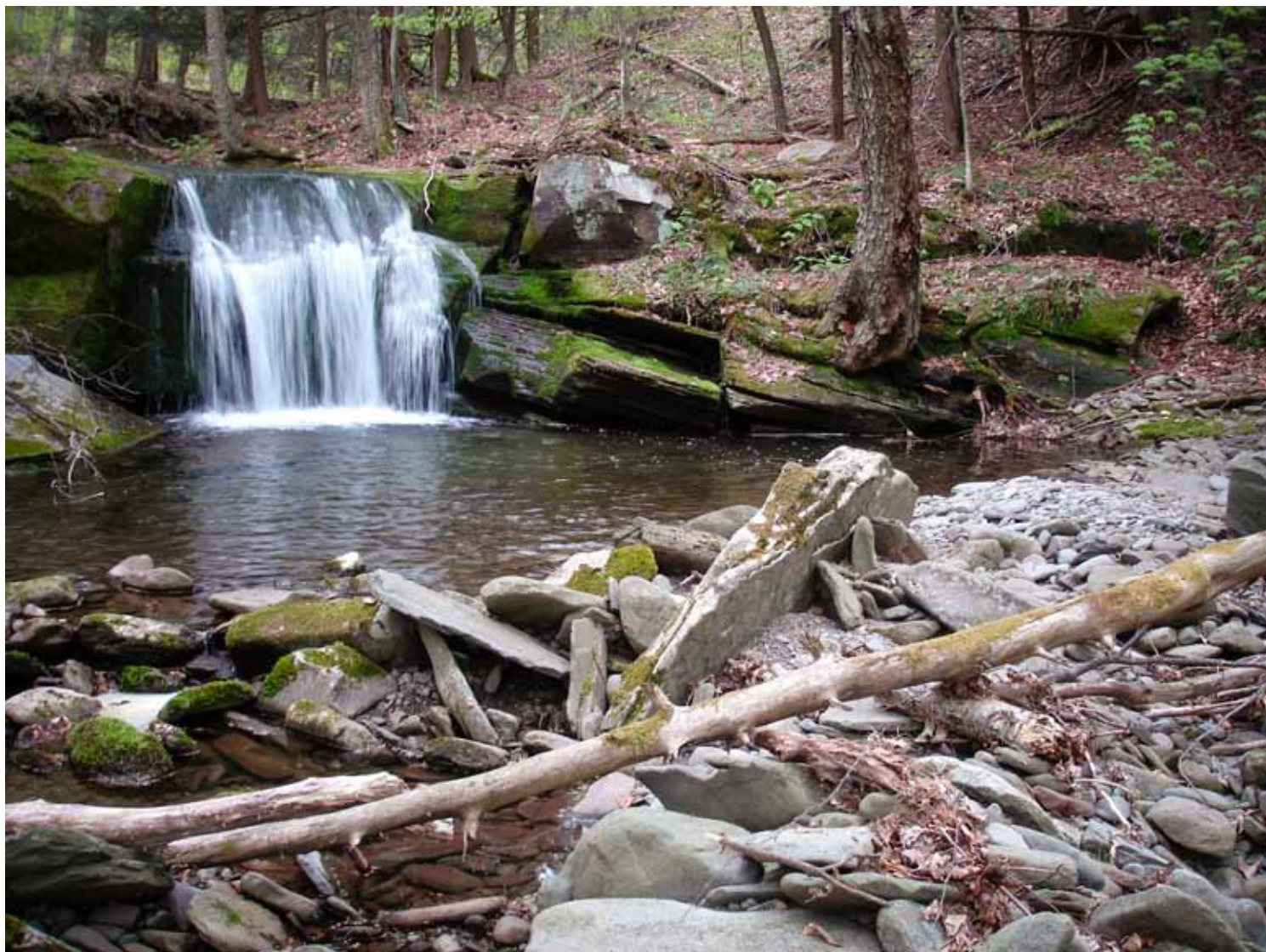
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Photo by Erik Schlimmer. Eastern newt on Tremper Mountain trail. May 2006.



Photo by the volunteers of the Catskill 3500 Club, submitted by Laurie Rankin



**Photo by Erik Schlimmer.
Unnamed waterfall in Turner Hollow. May 2008**



Photo by Carol and Dave White. Mountain Laurel, Escarpment Trail



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