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Slide viewpoint after last of spring snow. Photo by Tony Versandi #1488 W637

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Sunrise from Buck Ridge Lookout. Photo by Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

Trail Spice

The President's Column by Maria Bedo-Calhoun

I am writing this a little over a week after a huge ice storm hit Ulster County where many of us lost power for several days. I am fortunate that my backpacking days prepared me for the situation, though, I must say, it was the first time I made frozen pizza on top of a wood stove in a cast iron pan! I suspect you are reading this with spring well on its way, days getting longer and less need to hustle on winter hikes so as not to get chilled. That does not necessarily mean that you can give up spikes or snowshoes in areas. Far from it. I finished my regular round of the 3500 on Blackhead in early March of 2010, when there was about six to seven feet of snow in the mountains. We climbed up the Escarpment side of the mountain and literally had to crawl under the branches at the top to get over to the Lockwood Gap side to come down. It was a beautiful, fun, bluebird sky day with friends, but, unfortunately, it was a week later that a hiker passed away on Blackhead. The deep snow and a squall disoriented him and his partner, leaving them to spend the night on the mountain and rescuers could not reach one of them in time. So....you never know. Of course, that was an unusual situation, but it is important to remember that conditions down low can be quite different than up high up. The moral of the conditions story is to pack snowshoes and spikes until it really is spring, and the ground is clear. Then the concern should transfer to not stressing the fragile earth with spikes where it is not necessary as the ground wakes up from winter and trails are not hardened.

Which brings me to the ask I am making to our members. Now that COVID is easing, think about how special these mountains are to you and if there is a way to give back. As a Board it is why we put in the time we do to keep the Club growing and to play it forward. Many of us initially found the Catskills with this 3500 list created so many years ago and it has brought us lifelong friendships, personal growth and experiences. My finish is just one example. How can we – collectively – make sure to do what we can that each generation will be able to have similar adventures and build their own memories. We all know the increased impact the area is experiencing so the Club, with other organizations, is trying to find ways to mitigate that. Giving back is the best way to do that and we ask you to think about whether you can volunteer in some capacity in the future.

One option is by becoming a trail head steward and helping to educate new hikers. Our hope is to add a second trailhead at Woodland Valley this summer in addition to our current location on Slide ([program info can be found here](#)). Other possibilities could be joining in a clean up day, adopting a trail section with the [New York New Jersey Trail Conference](#) or, if you are more experienced, become a hike leader (contact our Outings Chair, [Mary Freedman](#)) for more information. If you have other skills that would serve the club well please reach out to [me](#). All ideas are welcome!

Our work as a Club is both to enjoy and appreciate our time exploring these mountains, but to make sure future generations will get to experience those same moments.



Red Hill North View to Slide, Cornell, Friday, Lone, Table and Peekamoose. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199



Trail Mix: News and Notes from the Club



Dues for calendar year 2022 are overdue as of January 1st. Those of you who receive the emailed quarterly link from us also get a dues reminder. Members and Aspirants who joined after the middle of the year may renew at a half-year rate to get back to “calendar-year renewal.” Contact [David White](#), [Chris Adams](#) or [Jake Haisley](#) to confirm your status. Forms and rates are on the [membership page](#) of the Club website. You may now use PayPal at the [Club site](#) or renew by mail and/or order additional member items using [this form](#). Please make checks payable to the Catskill 3500 Club.

As a reminder, good standing is required to maintain voting rights and privileges of membership (e.g., *The Canister* subscription, ability to buy patches). An active member is one who has completed their requirements for membership and who has paid the prescribed dues for the current year or who is a life member (life membership can be obtained for a one-time fee of \$200). Please note that the initial fee only covers the registration and the first year of membership. Delinquent members may regain good standing by payment of one year’s delinquent dues.

By renewing your membership (or becoming a life member), you help us support our mission of being the stewards of the Catskills and help us give back to the mountains. We appreciate your continued support!

By: Dave White, Membership Chair and Jake Haisley, Aspirants Chair



The Club Board wants to acknowledge ALL members and aspirants who generously donated to the Club in 2021, in addition to their annual dues or life membership. Special recognition is extended to the Sansaram hiking group for their continued support

(2021 donations and dues totaled \$1300) and to Will Nixon, who contributed \$1000 in memory of his friend, Paul Levine (#1180 W542). Below we list individuals who made contributions of \$50 and over, in addition to their annual dues or a life membership. We are most grateful for everyone's support and thank each of you who contributes above and beyond your annual dues. Recent gifts will appear next year.

712	Joan Messaros	2627	Roger Green
1070	Will Nixon	2735	Soon Lim
1243	Anthony Bliss	2784	Gil Jun Lee
1298	Alfred A Seymour-Jones	2793	Me Young Lim
1486	Ken Marcinowski	2864	Yong Ae Moehs
1487	Nilde Marcinowski	2964	Richard Erickson
1725	James Reggio	3128	Joe Secoges
2188	Mona Ham	3173	Marcus Harazin
2204	Dong Woo Lee	3190	Edward Pelton
2206	David Ham	3248	Kyung Hee Kim
2298	David Chun	3342	John Basirico
2287	Yong Soo Kim	3529	Cynthia Volkert
2288	Young Hee Lee	3566	Ryan Malcom
2424	Rae Hak Lim	3832	Anne Rubin
2427	Seok Bong Kim	Asp	Eunyoung Cha
2478	Steve Johnson	Asp	Markley Boyer
2479	Linda Johnson	Asp	Kathy Regenauer
2601	Georg Budenbender	Asp	Anagha Yerande
2602	Katy Elwyn		



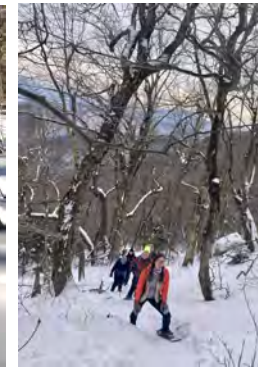
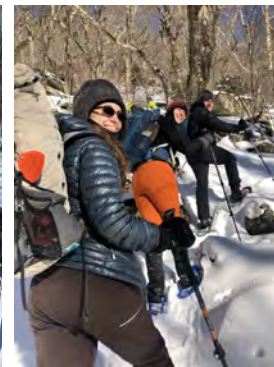
Winter Weekend Recap



Because of on-going COVID concerns, Winter Weekend 2022, held on January 22 and 23, did not have our normal get-together with lodging and meals.

But we still ran 14 hikes with 100 participants (hikers & leaders). The Board would like to thank Bill Chriswell, the Winter Weekend Chair, and everyone who contributed their time to continue this fun tradition.

Day	Hike	Leader
Saturday	Balsam	Erica Pellegrino
	Balsam Lake	Peggy Wissler & Yanny Hecht
	Blackhead Range	Michael Bongar
	Kaaterskill High Peak	Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago
	North Dome & Sherrill	Marv Freedman
	Panther	Michael D'Angelo
	Slide	Ira Orenstein & Karen Bloom
	West Kill	Russell Ley
Sunday	Blackhead	Russell Ley
	Balsam	Al Davis
	Friday & Balsam Cap	Michael D'Angelo
	Halcott & Rusk	Steve Emanuel
	Panther	Tonda Highley
	Slide	Joe Ferri



By: Marv Freedman, Outings Chair



Save the Date for 2022 Annual Dinner



See friends and celebrate new members on Saturday, July 9th at the Ashokan Center. This time we will be up in the main hall with patio options available for outdoor dining as well. All the trails on the grounds will be open for exploration and overnight housing will be available. More details to follow!

By: Mike Doehring, Annual Dinner Chair

! ! Update from the Treasurer ! !

Last spring, we reported about \$20k in revenue for 2020 from aspirants, members, and life members, which is impressive from a small but growing list of hikers. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we increased 2021 revenue to about \$24k, a notable increase in a year still under the pandemic. There is no sign that this will change any time soon. Last year saw our continued support of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Team Wilderness, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Friends of Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center and The Student Conservation Association. We continue to support our outreach to all things Catskills by donations to new organizations such as the Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve, Save Bluestone Forest and the Friends of Bramley Mountain Firetower. We also contributed to the fire departments of Margaretville and Big Indian/Oliveria. Most of this is possible due to your continued generosity last year with donations of about \$7800 in addition to annual and life member dues. This year we expect to continue our support with the help of your gifts above and beyond your dues and we look forward to being able to give back to the Catskill region we all love.

By: Jay Hui, Treasurer

! ! Merchandise Update ! !

Spring is coming and we have your T- Shirts!!

For hikers who like performance wear for the trail, we have short sleeve shirts! We have 100% polyester unisex bright orange and columbia blue, and women's V-neck in power blue (top row, L to R). If you prefer cotton, we have 50-50 cotton-poly short sleeve in unisex and women's heather charcoal as well as women's 100% cotton asphalt in limited sizes (bottom row, L to R). Long sleeve performance shirts are also available in bright orange. We also have cotton caps, in hunter green and tan. Get ready for spring!

The order form can be found on the Club's website under [Merchandise](#) or you can [email us](#).

Please contact us for size availability before ordering. We accept check or PayPal.





By: Margaret McGrath and Terri Baker, Merchandise Coordinators



Save the Date for Trail Maintenance and Adopt-A-Highway Events



PEEKAMOOSE-TABLE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Join us for our club trail maintenance outing on Saturday, April 9th, 2022. Please help us keep the Peekamoose-Table Trail clear and safe for the enjoyment of all. Bring work gloves and your favorite trail maintenance tools (the Club will also have tools available). It's fun work and a great way to help the Club and the hiking community. Refreshments will be provided afterward. Please be sure to sign up so we know who's coming. We still need extra hands! Registration information: open; to sign up, please contact [Lourdes Sonera](#).

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Join us on Sunday, May 15th, 2022 for the Route 214 clean up by Devil's Tombstone Campground. Bring work gloves and a great attitude – all else will be provided, including refreshments afterward. Your participation helps the Club and the environment and keeps the Catskills beautiful! See the schedule listing for the registration information.

If anyone is interested in joining the volunteer list to stay up to date with the future trail maintenance and road clean-up opportunities, please contact [Lourdes Sonera](#).

By: Lourdes Sonera, Trail Maintenance Chair



Wilderness First Aid Course



The Catskill 3500 Club plans to offer its annual Wilderness First Aid Course (SOLO Certified) this spring once again, but at press time, we are still finalizing the details. Once the details are in place, we will notify the membership via our Facebook page and the group.io message board.



2021 Club-Led Hikes in Review



On behalf of the 3500 Club Board I would like to recognize and thank the dedicated volunteers who led Club hikes in 2021: Shari Aber, Karen Bloom, Michael Bongar, Michele Corn Farrell, Michael D'Angelo, Al Davis, Joseph Ferri, Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago, Ben Gordon, Jon Gordon, Jake Haisley, Sue Hall, Yanny Hecht, Tonda Highley, Sharon Klein, Suzanne Knabe, Russell Ley, Ed

Moran, Harold Oakhill, Ira Orenstein, Erica Pellegrino, Tom Rankin, Lourdes Sonera, Lyn W, and Peggy Wissler. We had a record year in 2021, leading 202 hikes with a total of 1,417 hikers and leaders participating. For many hikers, you provided their primary interaction with the Club. You helped them achieve their goals, taught them hiking skills and etiquette, and motivated them. Thank you.

By: Marv Freedman, Outings Chair



Trail Conference Volunteering Opportunities (Trail Crew, Trail Supervisor)



NY-NJ Trail Conference is looking for a new Lean-To Chair to help manage the lean-to volunteers and coordinate the construction and maintenance of lean-tos. Here is the [job description](#).

The TC is also in need of a trail supervisor for the segment of Long Path from Phoenicia to Palenville (responsibilities do not include the side trails). The job description for the trail supervisor position is provided [here](#).

The trail supervisors keep track of their maintainers (usually 10-20), help to fill vacancies, orient new maintainers, and collect their reports to make their own summary report which they pass on to their local trail chair (Charlie Gadol), noting any problems and projects that need to be considered. The TC is bringing in online reporting of hours directly from maintainers to the volunteer office this year, so that will make the job easier.

Winter weekend photos are by Michael Bongar (#2173 W994), Sara Rothman, Sui Samantha Yuen (#2894 W1311), Matthew McBride (#3841), and Roger Green (#2627 W1383). Merchandise photos are by Margaret McGrath (#2009 W939).



Enchanted bog along Huckleberry Loop Trail near Drybrook Ridge. Photo by Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond #2814 W1222

Doubletop Revisited

Text and photos by: Jim Bouton #1539 W614, *Canisters Chair and Stewardship Committee Chair*

Last fall, fellow board member Bill Chriswell and I had the opportunity to revisit privately owned Doubletop Mountain to inspect first hand the results of the mountain being closed to the public since I had removed the canister the previous winter. We were also requested by the caretaker to place more signs, as needed, at the property line between the public and private sectors on South Doubletop, which is a sub-peak of Doubletop. This was due to reports received by both the DEC and the landowners of trespass still occurring on privately owned Doubletop. We were both pleased and saddened by what we found.



We started our hike at the end of Dry Brook Road, following the yellow marked Seager Big Indian Trail to the bridge just above

the Flat Iron Brook crossing, where the first private camp is located. The former herd path started here, by the familiar plywood black bear cut out, and was now very well marked with closure signs. We began our “bushwhack” at this point and were surprised to see that the old herd path was now hard to distinguish. Blow down, leaf litter, new growth and no or little use except for some deer tracks and old bear scat, were slowly helping to return the path to a natural state at the lower elevations. Upon entering the Boreal Zone, the old path was more evident. Such sensitive areas take time to rebound, but it was recovering. This is the major reason camping is not permitted above 3500’ except in winter and fires are never allowed above that elevation. The old summit clearing was also slowly closing in, with a tree down, plants and moss starting to cover the ground. Only a sign reminding us this was private property showed where the canister used to be.



L: archived photo of Doubletop summit with the canister; R: summit as found in November 2021.

For the purpose of this article, a class 1 herd path is described as lightly used, with some wearing of ground cover, but intact. Class 2 is more formed, well-worn with ground cover now worn into the top layer of organic material, branches broken off and removed. Class 3 is wearing below the organic layer and the subsoils exposed, or worn to bedrock. Water and mud may also be present.

As we continued on to South Doubletop, conditions changed almost immediately. A short distance from the old canister clearing, around a small glacial erratic, signs of human use became evident, with 2 major herd paths apparently in present use, leading in the direction of the southern bump. These paths were in the class 2 and 3 categories. We were soon at the property line. I was taken aback at how worn and used looking this area had become in the year since I had last been there. What had once been a wild and tangled spot was now clearly highly trafficked. We placed our signs at the line where the two major paths started onto private property and continued along the property line towards Big Indian and home.

To summarize the first portion of the hike, between the DEC marked trail and the summit proper, it is reclaiming itself. The paths will soon disappear and the summit again be an unmarked, extra thick section of the boreal forest when the small saplings begin to grow. Where well-worn and eroded class 2 and 3 herd paths had been would soon be wild and unmarked terrain. I would say it is healing.

Although I encourage all hikers to visit such public areas as a part of their hiking journey and experience, overuse, especially in the sensitive spring season, is not leaving a wilderness experience for future generations of hikers to enjoy. Visit with respect. As for privately owned Doubletop, having a spot where only animals tread is not such a bad thing.



Thomas Cole and Pinxters (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*) from Acra Point. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199



NY-NJ Trail Conference Expands Trail Maintenance Program in the Catskills

Text by: Matt Smith #889 W309

The [New York-New Jersey Trail Conference](#) has a long history of maintaining and building trails in the Catskills. Many 3500 Club members are active NY-NJ TC trail maintainers who dutifully care for a section of trail. Individual maintainers are the foundation of trail maintenance in the Catskills, and the work they do cutting blowdowns, clipping back new growth, and clearing water bars is challenging but rewarding work. Since it's hard for a lone maintainer to tackle big projects, the NY-NJTC is forming a roving trail crew in the Catskills to assist with big projects and fill in the gaps when the maintainers need some extra help.



The Catskill trail crew is being led by NY-NJ TC Long Path Trail Chair, Charlie Gadol, who has an extensive background as a race director for trail runs like Manitou's Revenge. Charlie's knowledge of the Catskills trails and his ability to recruit volunteers has gotten the crew off to a fast start. Over 50 people have signed up to participate in at least one of the trail projects that are planned for 2022. The crew has already gotten DEC approval for improvements on the Devil's Path, Mary's Glen Trail, and the Phoenicia-East Branch Trail. This year, most of the projects will focus on improving the existing tread way and reducing mud and erosion in high-use areas. There will also be a big emphasis on clearing blowdowns, with NY-NJ TC Volunteer Trail Supervisor Matt Smith (#889 W309) leading a new human-powered sawyer crew that will sweep trails with big hand saws to clear the way. The trail crew will also link up with the NY-NJ TC Conservation Corps during the summer to tackle some fun and challenging group projects. All of this extra energy on the Catskill trails will make a big difference in repairing and hardening trails that are seeing increasing usage year over year.

If you're interested in joining the NY-NJ TC Catskills trail crew in 2022, you can sign up at <https://www.nynjtc.org/vjob/trail-crew-member> or email [Charlie](#). We're looking for volunteers interested in a social trail work atmosphere that promotes inclusion, safety, and fun, along with a focus on active stewardship. We're also looking for people with trail maintenance and trail construction experience who want to lead projects. If you are willing to commit to being a permanent part of the crew, the Trail Conference will provide training and funding for team leaders to get their required certifications. Please note your interest in leading projects when you sign up.

Does this sound like you? If so, come on out and help the new Catskill trail crew for a day or the entire summer! No matter how much time and energy you want to contribute, we'll have a project that you can join that will make a difference in the Catskills. A working project list for the 2022 season will be posted in the coming weeks so that you can sign up for the events that suit your schedule and experience level. T-shirts, patches, and other sweet gear will be your reward for hard work and dedication so that you can proudly display your participation on the NY-NJ TC Catskills trail crew. We look forward to seeing you out on the trails!

Matt Smith (#889 W309) is a Volunteer Trail Supervisor with the NYNJTC and has been hiking in the Catskills for over 50 years. Matt worked as Assistant Forest Ranger in the Slide Mountain Wilderness from 1994 – 96, and when he's not maintaining trails, he likes to have casual, fun adventure and cruise around the mountains. Matt can be reached via [email](#).



Eastern Devil's Path from Huckleberry Overlook after April storm. Photo by Tony Versandi #1488 W637

Conservation Corner

Text by: Carol White #860 W310, *Conservation Chair*

Catskill representatives spoke enthusiastically at a recent webinar about preserving the Catskill and Adirondack Parks and Forest Preserve with a massive infusion of funding.

NY Senator Michelle Hinchey: *"Catskill resources must be protected for all the generations to come. Many people aren't aware that pristine drinking water originates here. We are working closely with the DEC; additional staff is in the budget."*



Assemblyman Chris Tague: *"We like to talk about overuse, not underuse—but challenges from overuse must be addressed to make our area ever more enjoyable. Let's organize a tour of a day or two for all legislators so they understand our unique area."* He is interested in agricultural issues, also.

Catskill Center for Conservation and Development Executive Director Jeff Senterman: *"A Catskill Park Coordinator to oversee all this and get all stakeholders communicating must be created by statute. Contact all your legislators now; the budget is being written."*

Takeaways:

- Local businesses, environmental groups, and government agree: big investments are required to meet the needs of those who live here and those who recreate here, while protecting the natural world.
 - The Catskill 3500 Club, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Catskill Center, Adirondack Mountain Club, and others request \$10 million a year of \$50 million dedicated to the Forest Preserve, funding educational stewards, trail building and maintenance, and visitor centers. The total Environmental Protection Fund may receive \$400 million this year, up from \$300 million last year.
 - Public safety is top priority. NY Route 23A from Palenville is precarious and, with many more visitors, major infrastructure is required. The Hainesville Fire Department is overburdened with many rescues in that area.
 - Hiker education is vital. Many recreationists come to the Catskill Park from major population centers and may expect a walk in the “park.” They wear inadequate footwear, don’t carry enough water, and don’t plan enough time for hikes more rigorous than they imagine. We require rangers on the trail and more trailhead and summit stewards to explain conditions and why “carry it in, carry it out” is stated. Explaining issues up front is a positive way to mitigate problems and provide positive visitor experiences; if you share what to know and to do with people, nearly all do so. Visitors are a plus! They help a growing economy.
 - Sustainable trails are a priority. Originally constructed to get directly to a summit, these trails wash out. Switchbacks, rock steps, etc., are being created; volunteers do much work but they need funded materials. Last year a new specific budget line was created for the Catskill Park.
 - Parking is a major problem. The DOT, DEC, and Catskill Park Strategic Advisory Group must collaborate to solve these issues.
 - What’s been missing until now is necessary investment to address so much public and private land. As one legislator put it: “If you invite more people to Sunday dinner, you’ve got to buy more groceries!”
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Ticetonyk, Samuel's Point, and Ashokan Reservoir from the summit of Wittenberg. Photo by Rashid Hamid #3531 W1355

Catskill 3500 Club Trailhead Program Second Season

Text by: Lourdes Sonera #2525 W1075 and Colleen Hardcastle #2990 W1416

The Catskill 3500 Club Trailhead Steward program started last year in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Adopt-A-Trailhead Program. Through our Steward program, we engage with hikers and share information they need to hike safely in the wilderness. By connecting with hikers before their treks, trailhead stewards ensure hikers have an adequate plan, so that their backcountry experience is safe, positive, and fun for all. Educated hikers become responsible stewards, and, importantly, minimize their impact on the natural resources of the Catskills. We are grateful to the 44 dedicated Club members and aspirants, who volunteered 1027 hours in 2021, engaging with 2,201 visitors plus 154 dogs.

This year, the Catskill 3500 Club Trailhead Stewards will return to Slide Trailhead, where we had a tremendous impact during the

inaugural season. We would love to add a second location, at the Woodland Valley Trailhead, starting Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous Peoples' Weekend.



Trailhead stewards will encourage hiker preparedness, safe hiking practices, and Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics, all while providing general trail and hiking advice. Stewarding is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience of the Catskill Park and preserve the area for generations to come. Trailhead stewards are the first line of education, conservation and stewardship for the many hikers and visitors who are new to the park.

What does it take to become a Trailhead Steward?

- Will!! Be willing to give back to the trail
- Enthusiasm for engaging with hikers and for sharing your passion for nature and the trails.
- Basic familiarity with the Catskill Park and DEC regulations.
- At the trailhead, provide information on safe hiking practices, weather, Leave No Trace, and hiking etiquette as visitors begin their trips.
- Tactfully approach and educate visitors on pertinent topics while representing the Catskill 3500 Club.
- Provide information to hikers about the Catskills, and the commitment of Club to conservation and partnership in managing the area's natural resources.
- Be a resource for fellow hikers and an advocate for the trails.
- Commit to at least two days volunteering as a steward
- Collect visitor metrics
- Submit a report at the end of each volunteer shift

Training may be completed online.

Giving back to the park is a rewarding experience and counts towards your [Catskill 3500 Club Service Patch](#).

For further questions or inquiries related to becoming a Catskills 3500 Trailhead Steward Volunteer contact [Lourdes Sonera](#) or [Colleen Hardcastle](#). To sign up for your volunteer dates, click here for [Woodland Valley](#) and here for [Slide](#).

Photo of Colleen Hardcastle, Michele Kaminsky (#2804 W1305), Assistant Forest Ranger Yazmina Rayne, and Forest Ranger Kevin Slade is by Colleen Hardcastle.



View from Buck Ridge. Photo by Lori Beer #2393 W969

The Ten Eyck Peaks: Ticetonyk Mountain and Mount Tobias

Text by: John Sasso #2034

Late in the month of December, as 2021 was drawing to a close, fellow bushwhacker Jim Hopson (#1813 W782) and I climbed three peaks north of the western hook of the Ashokan Reservoir: Torrens Hook, Tonche Hook, and Ticetonyk Mountain. While eyeing the trailhead sign for Ticetonyk Mountain, Jim said the name of the peak is pronounced “Tice-Ten-Ike.” This caught my attention, as I was aware that there were prominent members of the Dutch Ten Eyck family who settled in New York State. Those with a keen knowledge of the history of the State know that the Dutch settled in New Amsterdam – today’s New York City – in the early Seventeenth Century, and the Ten Eycks were among those early settlers.



View of Ticetonyk Mountain from a ledge off Friday Mountain. (Credit: Yanina Levchinsky-Grimmond)

A History of the Names

Ticetonyk Mountain and its neighbor to the north, Mount Tobias, are figuratively brothers regarding whom they were named for. The two are separated by Little Beaver Kill and the Olive-Woodstock town line, with Ticetonyk’s summit just inside the Town of

Olive. Clues to their name origin came from several publications from the 1880s.

In the 1882 edition of his classic work, *Catskill Mountain Guide*, Walton Van Loan refers to Ticetonyk as “Ticetenyke.” (Note: Van Loan may have made the same reference in the first edition of his guidebook, published in 1879, but I have been unable to confirm this.) Van Loan makes the same reference in his 1885 map, *Bird’s-eye View of the Catskill Mountains*, which accompanied his guidebook. First names were applied to the two mountains in the 1887 *Map of the Catskill Mountains*, created for the West Shore Railroad and New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company; Ticetonyk is denoted “Mathias Teneyck Mt.” and Tobias is denoted “Tobias Teneyck Mt.” In George H. Chadwick’s work, “Geology of the Catskill and Kaaterskill Quadrangles,” published in the June 1944 edition of the *New York State Museum Bulletin*, he mentions the “Tys ten Eyck and Taantje mountains.”



A portion of the 1885 *Bird’s-eye View of the Catskill Mountains*, created by Walton Van Loan, showing Ticetonyk Mountain denoted “Ticetenyke.” Other notable peaks denoted are: Mount Tobias, Tonche Hook, and Tonshi Mountain (“Big Tonche”).

(Source: [New York Public Library Digital Collections](#))



A portion of the 1887 *Map of the Catskill Mountains*, created for the West Shore Railroad and New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. Ticetonyk Mountain is denoted “Mathias Teneyck Mt.,” Mount Tobias as “Tobias Teneyck Mt.” Tonshi Mountain as “Tonche Mt.” (Source: [New York Public Library Digital Collections](#))

The surname Ten Eyck, and the aliases Tys and Tice, are rooted in the earliest European settlers of America – the Dutch. Ten Eyck is a contraction of the Dutch term “te den Eyck” which means “at the oak” (te den = “at the,” eyck = “oak”). The first name, Mathias (also spelled Matthias, Mattys, and Mathys), has the Dutch aliases Tice, Thys, and Tys (among others).

If Ticetonyk pertains to someone named Matthias Ten Eyck, then who in particular? Insight into this question can be found in a very large land grant called the Hurley Patentee Woods (or Hurley Patent), which was awarded to Cornelius Cool and his associates in 1708. Insight into this question can be found in the history of the controversial land grant called the Hardenbergh Patent, which comprises a substantial portion of the Catskill Park.

The Hardenbergh Patent is a tract of land, approximately two million acres in size, which covers much of present-day Greene,

Sullivan, and Ulster Counties, and portions of Delaware and Orange Counties. This massive tract was granted in April 1708 by Queen Anne to Johannis Hardenbergh, a merchant from Kingston, and his associates: Leonard Lewis, Philip Rokeby, William Nottingham, Benjamin Fanieul, Peter Falconier, and Robert Lurting. In the context of geographical extent, the Hardenbergh Patent is analogous to the Tooten and Crossfield Purchase, a 1.15-million-acre tract acquired in 1772 which comprises much of today's Adirondack Park.

The granting of the Hardenbergh Patent to Hardenbergh and his associates by Queen Anne through her cousin, Lord Edward Hyde Cornbury, who was the Governor of the Province of New York, was steeped in controversy. The intimate details of the people and events surrounding this grant are given by Alf Evers in his book, *The Catskills: From Wilderness to Woodstock*.^[1] As there is not enough space in this newsletter to delve into such details, I leave it to the reader to seek out Evers's book.

The story of the Hardenbergh Patent goes back to 1704 when Cornelius Cool and his associates petitioned Governor Lord Cornbury for a tract of land which lay west of Kingston. The prospective patentees of Hurley, Ulster County, had sought the land for its timber and the grazing of their cattle. Among Cool's associated were: Ariaen Gerritsen, Jacob du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roelof Swartwout, Cornelis Lemmerse, Pieter Pieterse, Louren Osterhaut, Jannetje Newkirk – and Matthias Ten Eyck.^[2]

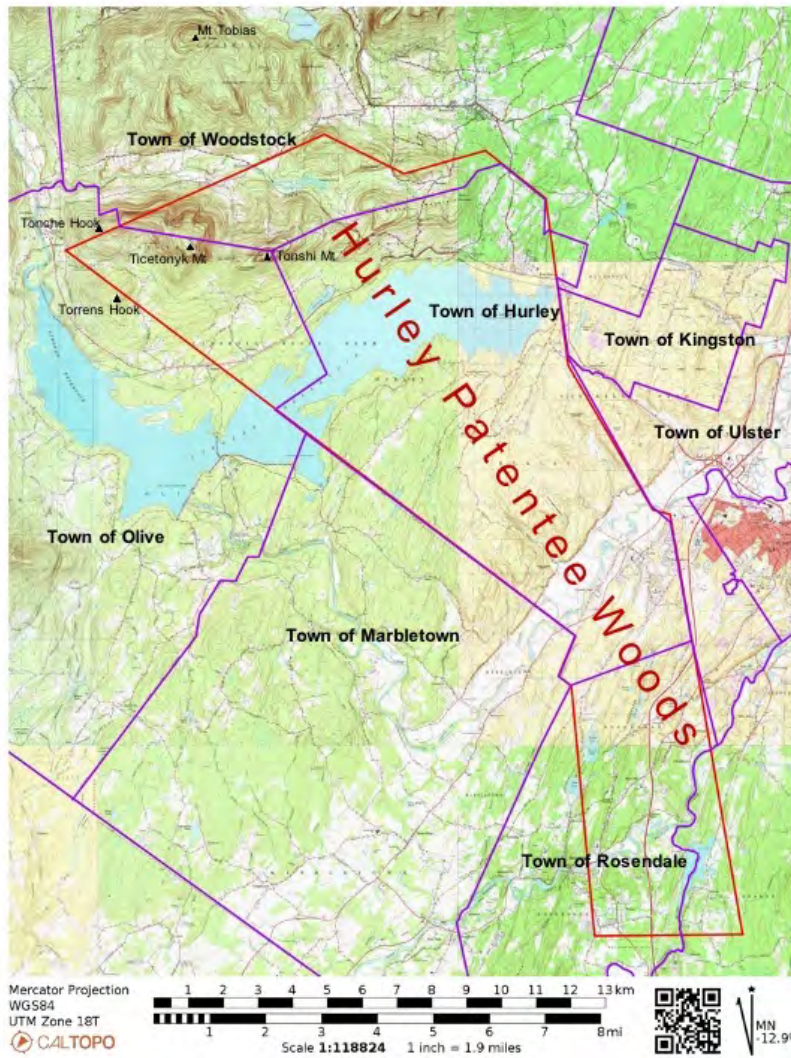
In response to Cool's petition, Surveyor General Augustine Graham was ordered to make a survey of the land. Graham dragged his feet in making the survey, which he finally presented to the Governor on June 18, 1807. However, in July 1706, Johannis Hardenbergh and his six associates petitioned the Governor for a similar tract of land. On July 31st, Colonel Jacob Rutsen, a wealthy and prominent landowner from Ulster County and an associate of Hardenbergh's, met with an Indian named Nisinos to discuss a deal to purchase the land held by his tribe. Rutsen paid Nisinos two hundred pounds for the land, and a deed was signed.

After becoming aware of the underhanded dealing of the land they petitioned a grant for, Cool and his partners filed several complaints about the impropriety of the grant going to Hardenbergh. As Evers elaborates in his book, several men who lurked behind the scenes of Hardenbergh's effort turned out to be important government officials. One of these men was Surveyor General Augustine Graham, the same surveyor who found no urgency in surveying the land petitioned for by Cool and his associates.

Cool and his associates failed in their legal efforts to prevent the grant to Hardenbergh. Governor Lord Cornbury awarded the grant to Hardenbergh and his partners, with the stipulation that they sell a relatively small tract of land to Cool and his associates. This tract, known as the Hurley Patentee Woods, was granted to Cool and his associates in July 1708.

Geographically, the Hurley Patentee Woods encompasses the Town of Hurley and portions of the towns of Rosendale, Olive, and Woodstock (see map included). Ticetonyk Mountain is in the northwest corner of the patent of which Matthias Ten Eyck was co-proprietor. Thus, he is likely the gentleman in question!

The name for the mountain appears to be of local origin. The earliest reference to Ticetonyk found is in the November 12, 1874 edition of *The Windham Journal*, in regard to a forest fire on the mountain; the peak is called "Tice Tenike mountain." Tobias Teneyck Mountain – today's Mount Tobias – is likely named for Matthias's older brother, Tobias Ten Eyck. Its name also appears to be of local origin, with the earliest reference to it found in Frederick W. Beers's 1875 *Atlas of Ulster County, New York*, where it is denoted "TOBIAS."



The 1708 land grant, Hurley Patentee Woods, overlaid onto a map with several towns of Ulster County denoted.



The northwest portion of the Hurley Patentee Woods land grant map, with the following peaks denoted: Ticetonyk Mountain, Tonche Hook, Tonshi Mountain, Torrens Hook, and Mount Tobias. Ticetonyk and Tonshi Mountains are just inside the northwest boundary of the land grant.



A portion of a map of the Town of Woodstock, which is part of Frederick W. Beers's 1875 *Atlas of Ulster County, New York*. Mount Tobias is denoted "TOBIAS." (Source: [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#), [Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection](#))

A Brief Biography of Tobias and Matthias Ten Eyck^{[3],[4],[5]}

The Ten Eyck brothers were the sons of Coenraet Ten Eyck (1617-1687), who was the first Ten Eyck to settle in America. Coenraet along with his wife, Maria Boele, and their children, Maria, Jacob, and Dirck, emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland to what was then called New Amsterdam (today's New York City) around 1650. Coenraet was a tanner and shoemaker by trade and was known as a master shoemaker in New Amsterdam. As one of the first tanners in New Amsterdam, he operated a tannery on the corner of today's Broad and Beaver Streets in Manhattan.

The union of Coenraet and Maria brought forth nine more children: Margariet, Andries, Tobias, Coenraet, Jr., Hendrick, Matthias, Margariet, Andries, and Metje; about four of their children died at a very young age. Following Maria's death, Coenraet married Annetje Daniels in 1682. The couple had no children by their marriage.

Coenraet's fifth child, Tobias Ten Eyck (1653-1699), was born in New Amsterdam. He was the first male Ten Eyck to be born in the New World. Tobias took up the trades of shoemaker and tanner from his father. When their father died in 1687, Tobias, Ditck, and Coenraet, Jr., took over their father's tannery business. In addition to these trades, Tobias served as a constable in 1683, and as a corporal in Captain William Merritt's militia in 1691.

Tobias was married at least twice. His first marriage to Aeltje Duycking in 1678 produced four children: Coenraet, Maria, Hendrick, and Hendrickje. After Aeltje's death around 1682, Tobias married Elizabeth Hageman in 1684. Their marriage produced seven children: Annetje, Coenraet, Adrian, Catharina, Aeltje, Margariete, and Jacob.

Regarding the location of Mount Tobias, I have found no evidence that Tobias ever lived or did business in Ulster County. Furthermore, census records do not show any person by the name of Tobias Ten Eyck as having lived in Ulster County during the Nineteenth Century or earlier. For whatever reason, the mountain appears to have been named in connection with Tobias's brother, Matthias.

Matthias Ten Eyck (1658-1741), Coenraet and Maria's eighth child, was also born in New Amsterdam. At an early age, Matthias relocated to Old Hurley in Ulster County, where he engaged in farming. As noted earlier, he was one of the patentees of the Hurley Patentee Woods land grant of 1708.

Matthias married Jannetje Roosa of Hurley in 1679. He had nine children by his only wife: Allard, Marytie, Weyntie, Marguerite, Andries, Jacob, Sarah, Abraham, and Rachel. Matthias died on July 6, 1741 and is interred at the Old Hurley Burial Ground in Hurley. The epitaph on his tall, narrow gravestone reads: "Capt: Mathys ten Eyck is geboorende 18 Maarte Anno 1658. Engestorvenden 6 July Anno 1741."

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Ashokan Spring. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199

Ascending Ashokan High Point at 60

Text by: Henry Dircks

1

Starting from fish-shape Paumanok, I venture beyond its suburban sprawl,
Across the flooding Hudson, and along a through-way of commerce and humanity,
Arriving at last, my soul replenished and invigorated, among the mighty Catskills!
Sunlight bathes one imposing sentinal on their eastern ridge, Ashokan High Point,
Whose summit, cloaked loosely in the dissipating fog, is my destination.
The challenge the mountain lays at my feet, daring sinewed limbs, an earnest heart,
Now six decades of age, evokes excitement and hesitation in my spirit.
My journey, toward vistas unknown, begins with a simple step forward.



2

A blazed trail, my guide, leads through woods, dappled in sunlight,
Among red and white oak, sugar maple, beech and fir.
My path winds upward gently at first, paved by disjointed stones,
Carriage roads now eroded by time and weather across a bygone century.
A distant stream rushing unseen toward a bridged confluence,
Pronounces the ease of the current's downward slope.
A jay, flitting between canopy branches, calls out a warning.
Mountain laurel, skirting the trail, signals the ascent's start.

3

Upward struggle my limbs, upward races my heart, upward turns my gaze.
Glacial sculptures, scrambles, boulders, erratics,
Forge walls against progress, forcing fatigued, breathless rests.
Every ridge surmounted reveals another.
Obstacles deny the senses of the beauty abounding,
Sap the heart of its purpose.
Intent, snagged in brambles,
Released, finally, by sky blue peeking through the summit's foliage.

4

The crest rewards a climber with a resplendent view,
Fields below stretch toward distant towns, smaller hills, placid lakes.
I revel at the sight, looking down as if from heaven.
Knowing that my trek must continue
With a long descent, a decline studded with pitfalls,
And the inevitable end,
I linger, humbled by the beauty and scale, with gratitude in my heart.

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Trilliums of the Catskills (L-R: *Trillium undulatum* (painted), red and yellow variations of *Trillium erectum* (red)).
Photos by Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond #2814 W1222

That One Time We Hiked With a Mule

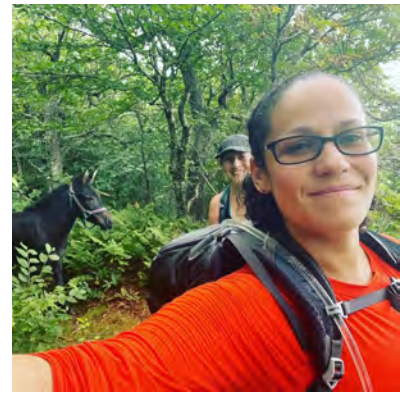
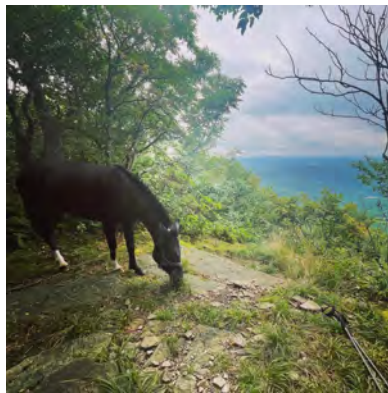
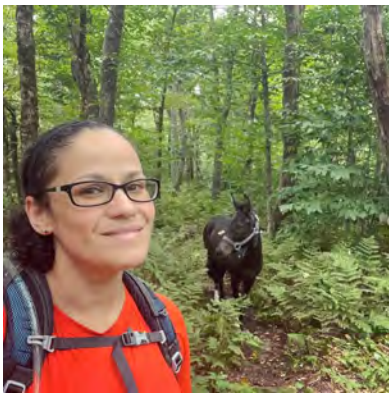
Text and Photos by: Marina Jacqueway #2813 W1323

With autumn just around the corner, Yana and I set out to add some new trail under my feet and accomplish some progress toward her Catskill grid agenda. This day's adventures took us on a traverse of Drybrook Ridge from Millbrook Rd. to Chris Long Road (The German Hollow Trail). This was my first time hiking Drybrook Ridge in place of the privately owned and now closed to public Doubletop Mountain. Not very far up the trail I noticed what appeared to be horse manure in various stages of decomposition. I turned to Yana and asked if this is a horse trail? She was not aware of horses using the ridge and we both agreed that it was smaller than we would expect for a horse. Yana was equally confused about the hoof prints that started about a half mile before and were clearly not deer. Perplexed, we continued on. In another few minutes I came face to face with the source of our confusion. It was a beautiful black mule! She was just standing there amidst some ferns and tall grass nervously observing us as we admired her presence and discussed the oddity of it. We are used to having some strange encounters and good stories from the woods, but this one would prove to be most intriguing. We continued moving forward as she meandered closely ahead of us. Yana posted an alert on social media to gather input and we also called the DEC to report the mule who obviously belonged to someone at some point



given that she still wore a headstall and noseband to which a lead could be easily attached. As we walked along, the mule instinctively tucked herself in behind us while continuing to follow at a safe but very close distance - seemingly enticed by both our company and the granola I offered her.

Responses to Yana's social media post came quickly. Several people were aware of this mysterious mule who reportedly had been living on the ridge for at least month. We made contact with a man who claimed to be the owner and he agreed to start from our end point (Chris Long Rd.) and work his way up to meet us along the trail to retrieve her. He said she had escaped his property over a month ago only a few days after he got her. At this point the hike really became all about the mule who had no name. I was determined to reunite this sweet animal with her owner so that she could get a nice meal and the care she deserved. She followed us closely for at least six miles only becoming weary when we stopped for breaks. At one point we came upon a junction and she started to go the wrong way (almost taking the Huckleberry Loop Trail down toward Ploutz Rd trailhead), but with some encouragement she chose to continue following us to the viewpoint where she posed for pictures and ate some tasty grass. Along the trail she was as sure-footed as a mountain goat, seamlessly maneuvering through rocks, roots and narrow passageways with complete confidence. She even took the detour to the high point of the ridge with us. This part was a bit nerve-racking for me. I was afraid she wouldn't follow us back and we'd be responsible for getting her even more lost than she was before. But after taking the opportunity to relieve herself in the bushes she continued following us back to the trail. It seemed as though she knew we were there to help her.



As we began our descent into German Hollow and with less than a mile remaining to our hike we wondered after the owner who still had not shown up. Yana had contacted him a couple times to provide status updates and he said he was on his way, but should have been there by this point. On the way down we were side-tracked by a plethora of fresh chicken of the woods - a harvest that we simply could not resist. It was at this point, with only about 0.75 miles to go, that our friend decided she had enough. She turned around and headed back up the trail ignoring our many attempts at calling her back. Disheartened, we returned to the trailhead where the alleged owner was nowhere to be found. I suppose it was a good thing she decided to turn around when she did. What would we have done with a mule back at our car? We couldn't help but think that maybe this very smart animal knew better than to continue following us toward what was perhaps not the happiest of homes for her, and which she had escaped in preference of the lush vegetation and relatively solitary and carefree life she was living at her not so newly established residence.

By the end of our hike word had reached the local equine community that this previously reported runaway mule was still living a wild life on Drybrook Ridge. Yana posted an update including her general location and condition. A slew of responses came through, as well as some other posts about previous encounters with the mule, including some angry ones threatening to "do something" about what some saw as nothing more than a destructive nuisance on the trail. Others were more concerned with the health and safety of the mule including some local residents who recommended a nearby equine rescue organization that might be able to help. Within a few days, members of the [Rosemary Farm Sanctuary](#) were able to locate and rescue our one-time hiking companion. They also connected with the owner who explained that this young mule had been purchased at an auction as a companion for a senior horse but quickly made it clear that she was not interested and escaped. The owner agreed that the mule, now named Madeline, would be better off remaining at the sanctuary where she would receive all of the love, care, training, and companionship that she deserves. This turned out to be such a happy ending to a story I will likely retell for years to come. I also look forward to visiting Madeline and her new friends and family at the Rosemary Farm Sanctuary.

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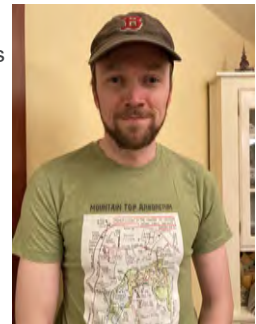
Mill Brook Ridge viewpoint and its resident garter snake. Photo by Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

Revisiting the Catskill Forest Through the Art, Science and History of Twenty-One Trees

Text by: Jake Haisley #2488 W1065

For many hikers, myself included, it is easy to walk through the woods without fully engaging with the forest that surrounds us. There's nothing wrong with this. There are many ways to hike, and many things to think about or talk about while we do so. If I'm doing a demanding winter hike that requires speed or mental fortitude, or if I'm hiking with a friend that I haven't seen in a long time, I'm not as attentive to the surrounding ecology as I might be on a leisurely late summer hike when the forest is popping with life.

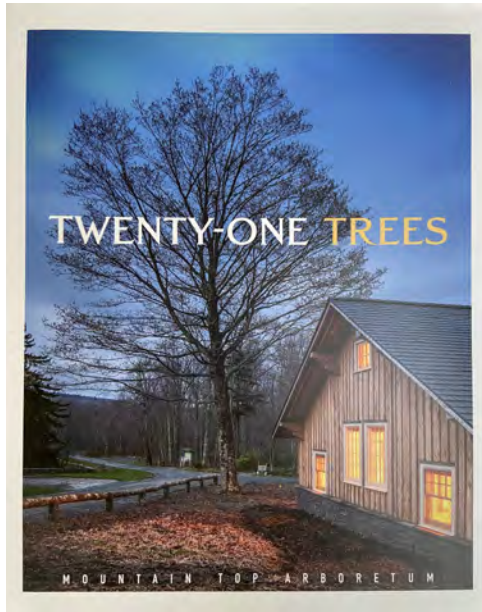
I love the Catskill forests, but for me, this love isn't just a natural occurrence that comes about without some patience and effort. Their physical beauty alone is not enough to build and sustain it, and sometimes being so familiar with them can lead to boredom. For me, what truly sustains this love is when I start to focus on relationships - patterns, differences, changes, maps, histories, stories, and people... To understand why trees and plants appear where they are, what the rocks and streams say about the prehistory of the place, and what those old, interlocking woods-roads tell us about more recent times. When the forest is considered relationally, a solitary white pine becomes an indicator of past disturbance and a holdout against the return of the mature "climax forest." The passage of time, the fight for survival, and the industry of settlers all come to the forefront; relationally, the forest is no longer a static object, but a meshwork of subjects and verbs going back for millennia.



I always enjoy discovering new resources that aid in the process of building and sustaining a relational appreciation for the forest. Last year, I discovered one in the Mountain Top Arboretum, a "quietly remarkable" forest garden that too few hikers are aware of. Occupying 178 acres of old meadows, marshlands, and woods, the arboretum is located in Tannersville just a stone's throw away from the All Souls Church that many of us have passed on the way to the Blackhead Range. Connected by a network of trails, the arboretum has an abundance of delightful and fascinating features, from a whimsical labyrinth and rock garden to secluded wetlands and a peat bog that Dr. Michael Kudish has determined to be one of the most ancient in the Catskills. It's a site of great beauty where curation, conservation, science and education all have their place.

One of the most remarkable features of the arboretum is, in fact, sitting on my table as I write this article. I call it a "feature" because the book *Twenty-One Trees* seems as integral to the experience of exploring the arboretum as the three miles of trails and paths that connect its lands. *Twenty-One Trees* is actually more than a book; it is a relational nexus between architecture, photography, science, history and the land itself. The title refers to 21 tree species, all vital to the Catskill forest and

familiar to hikers. These trees can all be observed in the arboretum's forest. They can also be observed in the interior framework of the Education Center, which was constructed in 2018 using timber collected from the arboretum and nearby lands. Inside the Education Center, visitors can observe and touch each piece of the frame, using a visual key to determine which species provided the wood.



A large coffee-table style book, *Twenty-One Trees* is above all a collection of stunning color photographs by renowned garden photographer Rob Cardillo. For each of the featured species, Cardillo provides a selection of images that enable us to see qualities that might elude us in casual observation. I have passed many a beech tree while hiking, but I've never seen the glistening, red tendrils of a spring green beech nut, or looked straight up to notice the subtle differences in shading of the oval leaves in a mature beech canopy. In close-up macro shots of hemlock flowers and white pine "candles," Cardillo uses the shallow depth-of-field of his macro shots to draw the eye to specific colors and textures that I've never given my eyes the time to fully acknowledge. In a series of seasonal photographs of a tall balsam fir, Cardillo shows us how this tree withdraws into summer's backdrop of greenery, pops out against the yellows of autumn, and bulks up with a layer of snowy padding in the winter.

Cardillo's extraordinary shots allow us to continue to observe these trees, from different angles, different proximities, and different seasons, after we have left the arboretum. In doing so, they invite us to return again and put some of these skills of seeing to use. Larry McCaffrey's succinct but vital descriptions provide key insights into natural history and cultural significance of each species, while guiding us to the best examples found throughout the arboretum. Combined with the photographs, these descriptions provide a richer and more artful profile of the species than you would find in a field guide. They remind us how these trees fit into our own historical narratives and lives: eastern white pines from the colonies provided the masts on the explorer ships of Captains Cook and Vancouver; passenger pigeons flocked to beech trees to feast on the nuts, making them an easier target for the hunters that eradicated them; and northern white cedar provides an excellent visual screen for your house... until the deer come along and devour the foliage.

Any devoted reader of *The Catskill Canister* will be familiar with the works of forest historian Dr. Michael Kudish and the Catskill geologists Dr. Robert and Johanna Titus. If you're not familiar, *Twenty-One Trees* features excellent examples of their writing, with a pair of essays in which they focus their investigative lenses on the Arboretum and share their insights with imagination and wit. In their essay *Glaciers, Ancient Mountains & Fossil Records*, the Tituses zero in on the exposed bedrock in the Arboretum's West Meadow, where a pattern called *trough cross-bedding* indicates that the outcrop was exposed to the currents of a Devonian era stream. The authors take us back to a time when primitive trees with thin, frail trunks and fern-like foliage crowded the banks of the stream, and the towering Acadian mountains, reminiscent of today's Himalayas, delivered scouring currents from the east, and with them the sediments that built the Catskills.

Focusing primarily on the development of the forest since the last ice age (14,000 years ago), Dr. Kudish's essay *Forest History of the Mountaintop Arboretum* is illustrated with one of his trademark hand-drawn color maps, so charming in its care for detail and soft pencil shadings that it has been printed on the arboretum's official T-shirt (available at the Education Center). The detail of the map demonstrates the great engagement that Mike has made with this land, exploring its woods and meadows with an ever-curious mind that finds enjoyment, fascination and historical clues around every corner. Mike's work around the Catskills is extensive and awe-inspiring, but his special affinity for these 178 acres is apparent. Beyond being a garden of trees, the Arboretum is also a laboratory of the forest, showcasing how pioneer species such as white birch and aspen have flourished on its abandoned pasturelands. Between the northern Parker Pasture and the southern Showers Pasture, Kudish locates a strip of land that was never pastured. Here he identifies the mature hemlocks with an expected age of 250 years. When the tanbark industry swept through the Catskills in the mid-Nineteenth Century, the tanners felled every mature hemlock they could reach to make tannin from their bark. The hemlocks that stand today didn't make the grade, and were passed over in favor of larger specimens. As the radiocarbon dating of plant fossils recovered from the Emerald Bog suggests, hemlocks have been in this forest for at least 13,900 years, and will continue to thrive in the climax forest if they can withstand the spread of the invasive hemlock wooly adelgid.

Twenty-One Trees is a treasure trove of information and inspiration that allows you to reflect on your past visit while stoking your curiosity for the next one. As Larry McCaffrey writes in the introduction, "this is not a book you read cover to cover but rather a

resource and aide memoire when you wish to connect again with this place. It also places your visit in a wider context, recognizing that it has occurred in an imperceptibly short time at a site that has taken millennia to form and will continue to evolve long after you leave.” Since my initial visit to the arboretum, I have returned twice. In my last visit, I observed some damage inflicted to trees in the West Meadow by an early February ice-storm. Limbs had fallen off many of these trees, which tend to be pioneers and introduced species. Walking past the meadow and into the strip of mature hemlocks, sugar maples, beeches and yellow birches, I saw a more robust forest with far less evident damage. An ice storm is a destructive event, but in the bigger picture it is a relatively common occurrence in which some trees thrive and others suffer damage. In this laboratory of trees, a story of forest evolution was unfolding right before my eyes.

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Roundtop and Kaaterskill High Peak from Indian Head. Photo by Siu Samantha Yuen #2894 W1311

Spring in the Catskills, 1983

Text by: Pete Ricci #475 W171

It's late spring and the first warm day in the Catskills, a welcomed reprieve from an extraordinary winter that refuses to be in harmony with the seasonal change. I'm at the trailhead off Prediger Road and plan to climb Indian Head and Twin Mountains.

The Devils Path starts over a bridge that spans a swollen creek where you hear the sounds of water gushing down, colliding with rocks and forming pockets of foam as it flows towards its terminus. Beyond the bridge, the trail is soft and spongy from the heavy snow melt. As I stride along, I can feel a gentle pull on my heels from the suction as though the trail refuses to let me go. My lungs are breathing deeply and my heart is beating an



unfamiliar cadence providing blood flow to the legs that are awakening from the winter's doldrums.

Insects do their fly-by buzzing and birds are chirping a happy melody, both are invigorated with the arrival of spring. Trees are sprouting buds and blades of grass are starting to reoccupy the forest floor. Beams of sunlight that pierced the forest canopy ignited the rising mists like microscopic light bulbs.

After some steep climbing through hardwoods, I come upon an open ledge with views of Kaaterskill High Peak and its companion, Roundtop. Looking out beyond the gaping crevasse of Platte Clove, I can see the ribbon of the Hudson River snaking its way through the heart of the valley. As I continue, the trail swings around towards the south revealing a panorama from Plattekill, Overlook Mountains and the Hudson Valley beyond. I soon come upon a crevice that resembles an eroded chimney that leads to a ledge high above. As I clamber up, I see a neighborhood of ice formations on the ledges desperately clinging while slowly melting from the warmth of the sun's rays.

Reaching the ledge, I decide to take my first break and enjoy the great views. As I lay on my pack, it feels good to relieve my muscles and let the sun soak my aching joints. As I relax, my mind wanders and meditates on long-ago family vacations spent in the Catskills. A collage of memories portrayed through my mind like movies projected on a wide screen. Sadly, most of the loved ones are no longer with us.

Climbing over Indian Head summit on a rocky footpath while weaving around big boulders makes for a laborious traverse. With the rise in elevation and cooler temperatures, the trail is covered with hoar frost punctuated with footprints frozen in place indicating the presence of hikers before me. Descending toward Jimmy Dolan Notch, I proceed cautiously as hiking solo has its rewards, but at the same time can be perilous. As I make my way down, I can see patches of snow stubbornly lying on the north slope of Twin Mountain. A climb of 500 feet in 0.5 mile is a testament to the ruggedness of the Devils Path that forms the rollercoaster profile for 24 miles from Indian Head, Twin, Sugarloaf, Plateau, Hunter, West Kill to St. Anne's Peak.

With the stiff climb behind me, I traverse a level section and wade through waist high growth of spruce, remnants of the blow down from the 1950 hurricane. I stop for lunch at the second ledge (actual summit), a great spot to take in the views. Looking south off the shoulder of Plateau, Olderbark Mountain and its southern ridges descending to the distance with numerous humps that suggests a profile of a sleeping dragon. The green growth of the forest canopy is slowly creeping upward in elevation to reclaim its' barren ridges and mountain tops. This ridge parallels a long cleft, together they make up what is called Mink Hollow, which rises to the height of land between Plateau and Sugarloaf Mountains.

After lunch, I head back to retrace my steps down to the col where I take the Jimmy Dolan Notch trail back to the vehicle. Down below the col where the foliage of trees is fuller, I look up in between the emerald leaves and see a patch of deep blue sky that reminds me of a song "Blue Sky" by the Allman Brothers Band. The lyrics resonate in my head all the way back to the trailhead. "You're my blue sky, you're my sunny day, Lord you know you make me high when you turn your love my way."

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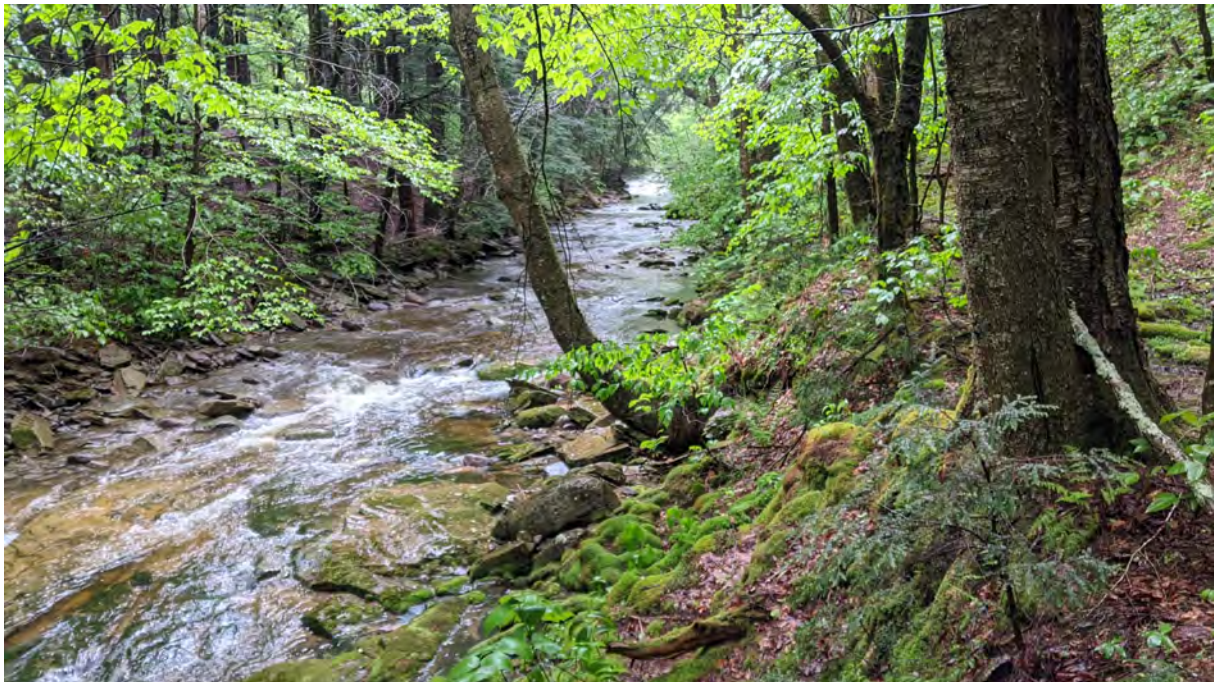


Diamond Notch Falls. Photo by Lori Beer #2393 W969

IN MEMORIAM

Frank J. Traver, #699 W477 passed away on December 24, 2021. He was 46er #2341 and Northeast 111er #213. He did the Northeast peaks twice—quite a few of them solo— because he loved them so much. He and his wife Barbara (#690) were about 50 miles shy of completing Vermont’s Long Trail in sections. He suffered a lot on their last Long Trail hike and wound up having both hips and both knees replaced, which ended his serious climbing days. He devoted much of his time to scouting, hunter safety training, and mentoring science with kindergarteners.

Earl Albright, #125 W59 died on Feb 3, 2022 at the age of 92. He achieved his membership in the Catskill 3500 Club in the 1970s. He continued to enjoy outdoor activities, including bicycling, running, kayaking, skiing, and hiking well into his later years. Earl loved Upstate New York and spending time at his house that he and his wife Lilo built in Delhi in the early 1990s.



East Branch of the Neversink, foot of Lone Mountain. Photo by Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

Rambles and Brambles Hike Schedule April - June 2022

Familiarize yourself with the seven [Leave No Trace](#) Principles for all your hikes:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare;
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces;
3. Dispose of Waste Properly;
4. Leave What You Find;
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts;
6. Respect Wildlife;
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

The Catskill 3500 Club's hiking credo includes three basic principles:

1. Follow the rules
2. Use your map and compass
3. Know your limitations.

The Club also promotes the adherence to the [hikeSafe](#) hiker responsibility code. [hikeSafe](#) encourages hikers to be prepared:

- with knowledge and gear
- to leave your plans
- to stay together
- to turn back for emergencies
- to share the hiker responsibility code with others.

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**. Instead, wear (and have available in your pack) garments of wool or fleece. Silk or polypropylene make the best base layers, as they tend to wick moisture away from the body. Hats, gloves and a headlamp must be part of the standard winter kit. Ice and snow can come early and unexpectedly to these peaks. **In early spring, if there is any doubt about the conditions that may be encountered, each hiker must bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead;** the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike, but be aware that while there may be bare ground at the trailhead, there is often very significant ice and snow as the elevation increases, which could result in those improperly prepared being sent back. Anyone not properly equipped may be refused permission to participate, at the leader's absolute discretion. Don't be seduced by buds on the trees at the trailhead; **early spring in the Catskills is not to be treated lightly.**

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.

Club hikes may be canceled at the hike leader's discretion if dangerous weather conditions exist. When in doubt (heavy rain, high winds, or other serious weather conditions), please contact your hike leader.

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.

The hikes listed here and on the [online events calendar](#) are official Catskill 3500 Club hikes. Any other advertised hikes to the 3500 peaks are private hikes and, while they can count for membership to the Club, the Club is not affiliated with those hikes.

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. See Club's website the [Catskill 3500 Club Hiking & Private Property guide](#).

Blaze Orange Alert: The turkey hunting season is coming May 1st! Refer to this [DEC link](#) for the season info, including the hunting hours and the special youth hunt weekends dates in April. Wear orange, avoid red, blue, white and black and remember the same for your four-legged hiking companions!

Wildlife Alert: Spring is also the fawn season; please be alert and keep your dogs leashed.



Spruceston Valley from Rusk ledges after late April's snows. Photo by Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond #2814 W1222

The calendar of the current hike schedule can also be found on the [Club site](#).

Club hiking schedule is subject to change.

Sat. Apr. 2 - PANTHER

Distance: 8.2 mi. Ascent: 1785', Elev: 3724'

Moderate Pace. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Amy Holiday #3831

aholiday@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 2 - ROCKY & LONE

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elevs: 3487', 3700'

Long, challenging bushwhack. Moderate pace.

Registration Period: Mar. 25 - 31

Leaders: Jon Gordon #2816 W1252 & Ben Gordon #2817 W1251

jonathan.gordon@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 2 - SLIDE, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3600', Elevs: 3782', 3857', 4184'

Moderate pace trail hike with challenging scrambles. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Joe Chenier #2233 W1138

jchenier1073@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 2 - SW HUNTER, HUNTER, EAST RUSK, RUSK

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 3250', Elevs: 3753', 4030', 3628, 3686'

Moderate pace trail hike & bushwhack. Advanced beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Mar. 22 - Apr. 4

Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262

russell.buildingscience@gmail.com 518-370-3600

Sun. Apr. 3 - WEST KILL

Distance 6.8 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elev: 3898'

Moderate pace trail hike. Beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Mar. 27 - Apr. 1

Leader: Tonda Highley #1944 W857

Thighley1944@gmail.com

Tue. Apr. 5 - VLY, BEARPEN & DRY BROOK RIDGE

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent 2100', Elevs: 3541', 3587'

Distance: 4.5 mi. Ascent 1065', Elev: 3465'

Unmarked trail hike in am, and trail hike in pm. Moderate pace.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951

marvfreedman@gmail.com

Thu. Apr. 7 - RUSK

Distance: 3.7 mi. Ascent 1600', Elev: 3686'

Short but steep bushwhack. Moderate pace.

Registration Period: by April 4

Leader: Ed Moran #2007 W950

edmoran@gmail.com 631-741-3765

Sat. Apr. 9 - PEEKAMOOSE-TABLE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Join us for our club trail maintenance outing. Please help us keep the Peekamoose-Table Trail clean, clear and safe for the enjoyment of all. Bring work gloves and your favorite trail maintenance tools (the Club will also have tools available). It's fun work and a great way to help the Club and the hiking community. Refreshments will be provided afterward. Please be sure to sign up so we know who's coming.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Lourdes Sonera #2525 W1075

L_Sonera@outlook.com

Sun. Apr. 10 - INDIAN HEAD & TWIN

Distance: 7.5 mi. Ascent: 2320', Elevs: 3573', 3650'

Moderate pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Apr. 2 - 8

Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994

michael@bongarbiz.com

Sun. Apr. 10 - MILL BROOK RIDGE & BALSAM LAKE

Distance: 8.5 mi, Ascent: 2800', Elevs: 3465', 3729'

Short bushwhack from Kelly Hollow to Millbrook Ridge, then easy trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

nmdange@live.com

Tue. Apr. 12 - NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2600', Elevs: 3605', 3558'

Moderate pace bushwhack with steep climbs. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951

marvfreedman@gmail.com

Wed. Apr. 13 - HALCOTT & SLEEPING LION

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent 2060', Elevs: 3509', 3391'

Moderate pace bushwhack with shuttle.

Registration Period: Apr. 4 - 11

Leaders: Shari Aber #2224 W944 shnaber@yahoo.com

Joseph Ferri #2223 W945 newpaltz33@yahoo.com

Sat. Apr. 16 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 7.8 mi. Ascent: 2831', Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'

Trail hike at a moderate pace.

Registration Period: Apr. 9 - 15

Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

hoakhill@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 16 - PLATEAU, SUGARLOAF, TWIN & INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 9.5 mi. Ascent: 4300', Elevs: 3835', 3783', 3650', 3573'

Challenging trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Sat. Apr. 16 - SLIDE, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3800', Elevs: 4184', 3857', 3782'
Moderate pace trail hike with steep scrambles. Shuttle Required.
Advanced beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Mar. 22 - Apr. 11
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
russell.buildingscience@gmail.com 518-370-3600

Sat. Apr. 16 - WEST KILL & SW HUNTER

Distance 12.0 mi. Ascent: 3749', Elev: 3898', 3753'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Mar. 28 - Apr. 13
Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063
lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Sat. Apr. 16 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 6.2 mi. Ascent: 1575', Elev: 3525'
Moderate Pace. Friendly dogs welcome.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Amy Holiday #3831
aholiday@gmail.com

Tue. Apr. 19 - SW HUNTER, HUNTER, EAST RUSK & RUSK

Distance: 12mi. Ascent: 3075'. Elevs: 3753', 4030', 3628', 3686'
Long bushwhack and trail hike at a moderately-fast pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390
ericapellegrino71@gmail.com 443-791-1259

Sat. Apr. 23 - FRIDAY, BALSAM CAP, ROCKY, LONE, TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 4500', Elevs: 3692', 3608', 3487', 3700', 3825', 3819'
Challenging bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Apr. 16 - 22
Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244
hoakhill@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 23 - HUNTER & SW HUNTER

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 2307', Elevs: 4030', 3753'
Moderate pace, steep trail hike from Becker Hollow to Notch Lake. Short shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
shall@catskill.net

Sun. Apr. 24 - HUNTER

Distance: 6.3 mi. Ascent: 2080', Elev: 4030'
Moderate Pace
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Amy Holiday #3831
aholiday@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 23 - ROCKY & LONE

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elevs: 3487', 3700'
Moderate pace bushwhack and trail hike from Denning.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Joe Chenier #2233 W1138
jchenier1073@gmail.com

Tue. Apr. 26 - PLATEAU, SUGARLOAF, TWIN & INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 4350', Elevs: 3835', 3783', 3650', 3573'
Moderate pace trail hike with challenging scrambles & great views. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com

Thu. Apr. 28 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elev: 3652'
Relaxed pace bushwhack and trail hike with steep scrambles.

Map and compass instruction. Beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

ad322@freeelectron.net 518-947-6407

Fri. Apr. 29 - TWIN

Distance 5.4 mi. Ascent: 1640, Elev: 3650'

Relaxed pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Sharon Klein #3364

CatsNGunks@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 30 - HALCOTT via Elk Creek

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1400', Elev: 3509'

Relaxed pace bushwhack with map and compass instruction.

Beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

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Sat. Apr. 30 - WITTENBERG & CORNELL

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 2357', Elevs: 3782', 3857'

Moderate pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091

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Sun. May 1 - RUSK

Distance: 3.5 mi. Ascent: 1600', Elev: 3686'

Relaxed pace bushwhack with map and compass instruction.

Beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

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Tue. May 3 - INDIAN HEAD, TWIN, SUGARLOAF & PLATEAU

Distance 13 mi. Ascent: 5000', Elevs: 3573', 3650', 3783', 3835'

Long, challenging trail hike at a moderately-fast pace. Eastern Devil's Path traverse with shuttle.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390

ericapellegrino71@gmail.com 443-791-1259

Thu. May 5 - SLIDE via Finger Lakes Trail

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elev: 4184'

Relaxed pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

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Fri. May 6 - WINDHAM & BURNT KNOB

Distance: 8mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3525', 3177'

Moderate pace trail hike with great views. Short bushwhack to the summit of Burnt Knob.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Sat. May 7 - PANTHER

Distance: 6.6 mi, Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3724'

Moderate pace.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951

marvfreedman@gmail.com

Sat. May 7 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance 7.3 mi. Ascent: 1810', Elev: 3652'

Moderate pace trail hike and bushwhack.

Beginners welcome. Learn map & compass skills.

Registration Period: Apr. 18 - May 4

Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063

lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Sat. May 7 - VLY & BEARPEN

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3541', 3587'
Moderate pace unmarked trail hike.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
nmdange@live.com

Sun. May 8 - TWIN

Distance 5.4 mi. Ascent 1750', Elev: 3650'
Relaxed-moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: May 1-6
Leader: Lyn W. #2865 W1312
catskill35r@gmail.com

Thu. May 12 - PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2700', Elevs: 3819', 3825'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: by May 2
Leader: Ed Moran #2007 W950
edmoran@gmail.com 631-741-3765

Fri. May 13 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance 8 mi. Ascent 2550', Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'
Relaxed-moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: May 6 - 10
Leader: Tonda Highley #1944 W857
Thighley1944@gmail.com

Sat. May 14 - BALSAM & EAGLE

Distance: 9.5 mi. Ascent: 2800', Elevs: 3607', 3583'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: May 6 - 12
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sat. May 14 - BIG INDIAN & FIR

Distance: 10.5 mi. Ascent: 2078', Elevs: 3699', 3629'
Out and back trail hike and bushwhack from Biscuit Brook at a moderate pace.
Registration Period: May 7 - 13
Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244
hoakhill@gmail.com

Sat. May 14 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2650', Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'
Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Joe Chenier #2233 W1138
jchenier1073@gmail.com

Sat. May 14 - HALCOTT & RUSK

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1400', Elev: 3509' (Halcott)
Distance: 3.5 mi. Ascent: 1660', Elev: 3686' (Rusk)
Two short but steep bushwhacks at a moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sat. May 14 - PANTHER via Giant Ledge

Distance: 6.6 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3724'
Required map and compass pre-hike homework.
Moderate pace trail hike with map & compass practice.
Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Apr. 18 - May 9
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
russell.buildingscience@gmail.com 518-370-3600

Sun. May 15 - ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Route 214 Clean Up. Bring work gloves and a great attitude – all else will be provided, including refreshments afterward. Your participation helps the Club, the environment, and keeps the Catskills beautiful!

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Lourdes Sonera #2525 W1075

L_Sonera@outlook.com

Sat. May 21 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 8.8 mi. Ascent 1705', Elev: 3652'

Moderate pace.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091

shall@catskill.net

Sat. May 21 - WEST KILL, NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 10+ mi. Ascent: 3853', Elevs: 3898', 3605' 3558'

Strenuous bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leaders: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168 & Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

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Sat. May 21 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK & Beaks

Distance: 6.2 mi. Ascent: 1575', Elev: 3525'

Relaxed pace trail hike with novice birding along the way.

Registration Period: May 9 - 15

Leaders: Ira Orenstein #415 W777 & Karen Bloom #1733 W776

ksbiho@aol.com (preferred) 914-262-5816

Fri. May 27 - SUGARLOAF

Distance 6.4 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3783'

Relaxed pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Sharon Klein #3364

CatsNGunks@gmail.com

Sat. May 28 - FIR, BIG INDIAN, EAGLE & BALSAM

Distance: 14 mi, Ascent: 3700', Elevs: 3629', 3699', 3583', 3607'

Long, challenging bushwhack and trailed hike from Biscuit Brook to McKenley Hollow at a moderate pace. Shuttle Required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Sat. May 28 - INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 6.25 mi. Ascent: 1523', Elev: 3573'

Trail hike in a clockwise loop from Prediger Road at a moderate pace.

Registration Period: May 21 - 27

Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

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Sat. June 4 - SW HUNTER & HUNTER

Distance: 8mi, Ascent: 2500', Elevs: 3753', 4030'

Moderate pace, steep trail hike from Notch Lake to Becker Hollow. Short shuttle required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Sat. June 4 - WINDHAM, BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 12.81 mi. Ascent: 3849', Elevs: 3525', 3940', 3994', 3953'

Moderate pace bushwhack and trail hike.

Bushwhack up Windham, then Escarpment trail to Blackhead Range finishing at Barnum Rd.

Shuttle required.

Registration Period: May 16 - June 1

Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063

lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Tue. June 7 - WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3800', Elevs: 3782', 3857', 4184'

Moderately-fast paced trail hike with steep scrambles. Shuttle Required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390
ericapellegrino71@gmail.com 443-791-1259

Wed. June 8 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 7.2 mi. Ascent 2600' Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: May 30 - June 6
Leaders: Shari Aber #2224 W944 shnaber@yahoo.com
Joseph Ferri #2223 W945 newpaltz33@yahoo.com

Thu. June 9 - BALSAM LAKE MOUNTAIN

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1250', Elev: 3729'
Relaxed pace trail hike.
Registration Period: by June 7
Leader: Ed Moran #2007 W950
edmoran@gmail.com 631-741-3765

Sat. June 11 - DRY BROOK RIDGE via Huckleberry Loop

Distance: 13mi. Ascent: 3100', Elev: 3465'
Moderate pace trail hike of a less traveled scenic loop.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
nmdange@live.com

Sat. June 11 - FRIDAY & BALSAM CAP

Distance 7.5 mi. Ascent: 2905', Elevs: 3692', 3608'
Moderate pace bushwhack.
Registration Period: May 23 – June 8
Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063
lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Sat. June 11 - TABLE & PEEKAMOOSSE

Distance: 9.6 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elevs: 3825', 3819'
Moderate Pace. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Amy Holiday #3831
aholiday@gmail.com

Sat. June. 11 - SLIDE at Sunrise, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 3800', Elevs: 4184', 3857', 3782'
Moderate pace trail hike with steep scrambles.
Meeting at 3 AM. Shuttle Required.
Advanced beginners welcome.
Registration Period: May 23 - June 6
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
russell.buildingscience@gmail.com 518-370-3600

Sun. June 12 - BALSAM LAKE

Distance: 3.5 mi. Ascent: 1200' Elev. 3729'
Moderate pace trail hike. Rain, inclement weather will cancel.
Registration Period: June 6 - 10
Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326
suzkna@msn.com 718-435-3092

Fri. June 17 - THOMAS COLE & BLACK DOME

Distance 6.3 mi. Ascent: 2135', Elevs: 3953', 3994'
Relaxed pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Sharon Klein #3364
CatsNGunks@gmail.com

Sat. June 18 - SHERRILL & NORTH DOME

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2600', Elevs: 3558', 3605'
Moderate pace bushwhack. Shuttle Required.
Registration Period: June 10 - 16
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sat. June 18 - SLIDE, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 3000', Elevs: 4184', 3857', 3782'

Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: June 10 - 16

Leader: Tonda Highley #1944 W857

Thighley1944@gmail.com

Sat. June 18 - WEST KILL & St. Anne's

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elevs: 3898', 3423'

Moderate Pace. Shuttle Required.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Amy Holiday #3831

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Sun. June 19 - VLY & BEARPEN

Distance 6.5 mi. Ascent 2000', Elevs: 3541, 3587'

Relaxed-moderate pace unmarked trail hike.

Registration Period: Jun. 12 - 17

Leader: Lyn W. #2865 W1312

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Sun. June 19 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 4.5 mi. Ascent: 1600', Elev: 3525'

Relaxed pace bushwhack with map and compass instruction.

Beginners welcome.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

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Sat. June 25 - TABLE, PEEKAMOOSSE, LONE, ROCKY, BALSAM CAP, FRIDAY, CORNELL, WITTENBERG & SLIDE

Distance: 22+ mi, Ascent: 5500', Elevs: 3825', 3819', 3700', 3487', 3608', 3692', 3857', 3782, 4184'

Very long and challenging trail/bushwhack loop of the Neversink 9 from Denning.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Sat. June 25 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance 7.3 mi. Ascent: 1810', Elevs: 3652'

Moderate pace trail hike and bushwhack.

Beginners welcome. Learn map & compass skills.

Registration Period: June 6 - 22

Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063

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Sun. June 26 - EAGLE, BIG INDIAN & FIR

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3200', Elevs: 3583', 3699', 3629'

Relaxed pace bushwhack with map and compass instruction.

Registration Period: Open

Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082

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Eastern Devil's Path from Hurricane Ledge. Photos by Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

NEW MEMBERS

Members listed are as of the publication; more recent finishers will be listed next quarter.

New Lifetime Members:

Number	Name
259	Jonathan Pierce
717	Julianne Schofield
1368	Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago
1453	Michael Dwyer
1776	Keith Johnson
1940	Stephen J Emanuel
2702	Timothy P Lawrence
2710	Christopher Adams
2850	Elizabeth Levine
3176	Gert Nikolaus Arnold
3274	Alex Chicoine
3392	Amanda Kaplon
3455	Bryan Burnham
3463	Erica Pellegrino
3516	Karen Bryant
3530	Evan Taylor
3538	Ginger Rouse
3539	Charles Rouse
3568	Rebecca Van Kollenburg
3578	Lynn M Houston
3646	Matthew Fecica
3676	Jeffrey Huth
3718	Tammy Brown
3747	Jennifer Swantz
3770	Glen Koste
3815	Caitlin Nitz
3821	Melanie Bybee
3826	Fangzhou Zhou

3832	Anne Rubin
3841	Matthew McBride
3843	Thomas Fraser
3844	Gina Tintle
3850	Virginia Leitner
3855	Raido Oja
3867	Zachary T Stein
3881	Christoper Garibian
Asp	Amy Goldman
Asp	Peter Ross
Asp	Stacey Estrella
Asp	Dayana Zeballos
Asp	John Shea
Asp	Victor "Chip" Nippert
Asp	Janice Pickering

New Members:

Number	Name	Date of Finish	Final Peak
3798	Stephen Johnson	11/27/2021	Rusk
3799	Jerrold Cattetey	11/24/2021	Rocky
3800	Matthew Kowalski	12/4/2021	Fir
3801	Emily Kowalski	12/4/2021	Fir
3802	Jason Taormina	2/7/2021	Thomas Cole
3803	Tracey Streeto	11/30/2021	Panther
3804	Sarah Richardsen	12/4/2021	Sherrill
3805	Brian Hoody	12/11/2021	West Kill
3806	Daniel Pratt	7/10/2021	Windham
3807	Paula Piacenti	12/12/2021	Cornell
3808	Derek Roberts	11/21/2021	Panther
3809	Douglas Tinkler	3/19/2021	Panther
3810	Ally Engelberg	10/23/2021	Twin
3811	Matt Kipilman	10/23/2021	Twin
3812	Thomas King	4/24/2021	Cornell
3813	Richard Scarponi	12/13/2017	Kaaterskill
3814	Changju Lee	12/22/2021	Panther
3815	Caitlin Nitz	11/6/2020	Rocky
3816	Jonas Bers	12/23/2021	Blackhead
3817	Michael Skauge	10/23/2021	SW Hunter
3818	Kris LaRosa	12/18/2021	Halcott
3819	Ryan Raaum	12/23/2021	Balsam
3820	Rich Van Kampen	12/28/2021	Fir
3821	Melanie Bybee	12/29/2021	Panther
3822	Kristina Sullivan	12/29/2021	Panther
3823	Paul Scalese	12/27/2021	Panther
3824	Jessica Breslin	12/31/2021	Friday
3825	Jesse Roy	12/31/2021	Friday
3826	Fangzhou Zhou	12/31/2021	Slide
3827	Sophronia Barone	1/4/2022	Blackhead
3828	Daniel Fleischman	1/4/2022	Blackhead
3829	Alexandria Midcalf	1/7/2022	Slide
3830	Jamieson Tall	1/8/2022	Blackhead
3831	Amy Holiday	1/8/2022	Eagle
3832	Anne Rubin	12/26/2021	Blackhead
3833	Daniel S Cohen	1/1/2022	Blackhead
3834	Brian Twardy	1/4/2022	Panther

3835	Alexander Zec	1/8/2022	Slide
3836	Laura Ranaudo	1/16/2022	Balsam
3837	Daniel Colomb	1/17/2022	Slide
3838	Charu Bhatia	1/2/2022	Blackhead
3839	Chris Minckler	1/16/2022	Slide
3840	Sherene Imran-Lall	9/8/2020	Kaaterskill
3841	Matthew McBride	1/22/2022	Balsam
3842	Karthik Kalikiri	1/14/2022	Panther
3843	Thomas Fraser	1/16/2022	Slide
3844	Gina Tintle	1/16/2022	Slide
3845	Alec Betancourt	1/23/2022	Panther
3846	Julia Bouchard	1/23/2022	Panther
3847	Philip P Barone III	1/9/2022	Balsam Cap
3848	Christopher Fernando	1/30/2022	SW Hunter
3849	B Kennedy	1/1/2022	Blackhead
3850	Virginia Leitner	1/28/2022	Panther
3851	Jill Bauerle	1/8/2022	Kaaterskill
3852	Logan Scott	1/31/2022	Slide
3853	Sarah (Ye) Zheng	1/31/2022	Blackhead
3854	Amy L Williams	10/11/2020	Slide
3855	Raido Oja	1/17/2022	Blackhead
3856	Collin Borzell	1/30/2022	Balsam
3857	Forrest Hanson	1/22/2022	Panther
3858	Matthew Swoyer	2/6/2022	Panther
3859	Thomas Denniston	2/9/2022	Slide
3860	Katherine Bridges	2/10/2022	Panther
3861	Adam Piontek	2/10/2022	Panther
3862	Steven P Consiglio	2/12/2022	North Dome
3863	Megan Murphy	2/12/2022	Rocky
3864	Mimi Ji	1/30/2022	Panther
3865	Paul Winke	2/12/2022	Balsam
3866	Taekyu Kim	2/14/2022	Rocky
3867	Zachary T Stein	2/11/2022	Slide
3868	William Perazzo	2/15/2022	Big Indian
3869	Kate Donham	2/17/2022	Wittenberg
3870	Glen Koste	1/8/2022	Balsam
3871	Bradley G Cleverley	12/19/2021	Cornell
3872	Donald Hopper	2/20/2022	Sherrill
3873	Raymond J Iaia	2/20/2022	Slide
3874	Christopher Frewin	12/31/2021	Slide
3875	Eric Frewin	12/31/2021	Slide
3876	Sherri Rulison	2/22/2022	Panther
3877	Vivek Joshi	2/20/2022	Balsam
3878	David Snider	2/20/2022	West Kill
3879	Michael Krejsa	2/26/2022	Kaaterskill
3880	Jeffrey Bock	2/23/2022	Balsam Cap
3881	Christopher Leon Garibian	2/27/2022	Lone
3882	Victoria Inzerillo	2/28/2022	Panther
3883	Whitney Flansburg	1/8/2022	Wittenberg
3884	Rebecca Bingqing Wang	2/27/2022	Panther

Winter Members:

Winter Number	Name	Number	Date of Finish	Final Peak
1446	Manuel Hernandez	2893	3/6/2021	Windham
1447	Jason Taormina	3802	2/7/2021	Thomas Cole
1448	Dianna Morris	3464	12/27/2021	Rusk
1449	Alexandria Midcalf	3829	1/7/2022	Slide
1450	John Sandman	3045	1/8/2022	Plateau
1451	Tammy Brown	3718	1/12/2022	Cornell
1452	John Kielar	2689	1/15/2022	Cornell
1453	Jonathan Koop	3104	1/16/2022	Twin
1454	Brian Twardy	3834	1/4/2022	Indian Head
1455	Tracy Little	3180	1/28/2022	Friday
1456	Dan Petit	2844	1/29/2022	Lone
1457	Crystal J Davis	2843	1/29/2022	Lone
1458	Sarah (Ye) Zheng	3853	1/31/2022	Blackhead
1459	Eva M Cleveland	3243	2/2/2022	Balsam Lake
1460	David Hayes	3181	2/11/2022	Kaaterskill
1461	John Krzeminski	3517	2/12/2022	Southwest Hunter
1462	Darlene Whitaker	2887	2/13/2022	Sherrill
1463	William Perazzo	3868	2/11/2022	Big Indian
1464	Glen Koste	3870	1/31/2022	Friday
1465	Melanie Forstrom	3346	3/21/2021	West Kill
1466	Eric Milner	3777	1/16/2022	Kaaterskill
1467	Sherry Rulison	3876	2/22/2022	Panther
1468	Anthony Rera	3759	3/1/2022	Bearpen
1469	Mercedes Karabec	3606	2/17/2022	Wittenberg
1470	David Snider	3878	2/27/2022	Balsam Lake



Late afternoon on Balsam. Photo by Chris Zachary.

Editor's Notes

By Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond



I hope you are continuing to enjoy *The Canister*, and I thank each and every one of you who has reached out with feedback, suggestions and of course, with submissions. Feedback, as well as content contributions to future editions and ideas are very much welcomed and appreciated. Submissions on the topics of hiking with kids, pushing your limits, exploring something new and exciting, history of the Catskills, ecology, wildlife and geology, your personal experiences, advice, etc. are just some of the examples of what we would love to include in the next issue of *The Canister*! Any book lovers out there? I would love to publish your review of a relevant nature/Catskills/hiking book. For photo submissions, please ensure the photos are high resolution (several MB at a min) and in a landscape or panoramic format. We would love to see your photos of foliage, geological oddities, waterfalls, wildlife, views, flora, sunsets and sunrises. Please contact me at editor@catskill-3500-club.org.

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