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View of Slide Mountain from Panther Mountain. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199

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View looking northwest from Cross Mountain near the Grand Staircase. Photo by Matt Smith #889 W309

Trail Spice

The President's Column by Maria Bedo-Calhoun

It is hard to believe that I am already writing a column for the fall edition of *The Canister!* Some of that is because I am composing this in mid-August and we just had quite the steamy week, but, also, a little over two weeks ago was the first Club gathering — our 55th Annual Meeting — in well over two years. It took place outside at the Ashokan Center on a perfect summer day. It was so wonderful to greet friends, share hiking stories, award certificates to new members and return to a semblance of normalcy. Later in this edition are some photos from the day and, if you look on the [Club Facebook page](#), you will see many more smiling faces! I want to take this moment to thank all the members of the Annual Dinner Committee (Michael Bongar, Tina Volz, Bill Chriswell, Mike Doehring and Linda VanSteenburg) who worked so hard to make it a successful and fun day.

One of the important and legally necessary parts of the annual dinner is that members in good standing (those up to date on their dues) vote for Club governance materials. Thank you to all who voted at the dinner or by proxy vote. On the ballot was approval of the restated Certificate of Incorporation, our substantially revised bylaws, as well as the slate of officers to serve until April 2022. The approved documents can be found [here](#).

When the Board voted to move to a 501c3 a year and half ago, I don't think any of us realized the work that we would need to do to even get to the point of applying for c3 status — how much revision was truly needed in our governance materials as they had not been fully reviewed in many years. Quietly, behind the scenes, the Club Governance Committee has been working extremely hard for a year to get us in compliance. I deeply appreciate all the help and guidance they have given me in our monthly or even bi-weekly meetings analyzing every word and sentence of these documents. Thank you to Joe Bogardus, Jim Bouton, Jon Gordon, Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond, Charlie Lutomski and Matt Smith for your dedicated time and shared knowledge. The next step in this process is that our lawyer works with the New York State Attorney General to first get our restated Certificate of Incorporation approved and then (finally!) apply for that 501c3 status. This will allow the Club to become a more traditional non-profit and more successfully and easily work on the needs of the Catskills as we will not be restricted as we are now by our current 501c7 (social club) status.

There is a lot of other news for the Club besides all of this though! You will see it later in this issue. There are goodbyes to several Board members and welcomes to new ones. The Board voted on donations to several worthy organizations. We also are in the midst of a successful inaugural season of the 3500 Club Trailhead Steward program. The Bouton lean-to project is still on hold until NYS approves a fly-in, but that is the last step needed for the replacement at this point. Will there be a return to our normal Winter Weekend? We will start to think about that in the fall as we all get a better sense of how things evolve and that will be the same analysis for whether we can return to our April dinner. But the

success of our gathering this summer and the time, energy and thought our Board and our many volunteers continue to give in our various programs shows me that the Club is in strong shape. That it is full of members who are dedicated to sharing their love of hiking, the Catskills and connecting with nature. It is really inspiring to see and thank you all!



Shin Creek Road in autumn. Photo by Jim Hopson #1813 W782



Trail Mix: News and Notes from the Club



3500 Club Fifty-Fifth Annual Dinner Recap



After over two years, the Club held the Fifty-Fifth Annual Meeting at the beautiful outside setting of the Ashokan Center on July 31, 2021. It was a perfect summer afternoon in the month it rained nearly every day and about 180 members, new and old, with friends, gathered to celebrate 2020 and 2021 finishers, greet faces that had not been seen in quite a while and share camaraderie and stories. This time we had a photographer, Eric Adams, to document the event, so be sure to view the photos on our [Facebook page](#)! Our dedicated merchandise coordinators, Margaret and Terri, had a tent set up with the Club merchandise and reported brisk sales. The Hike Leader of the Year award was given to Al Davis. Goodbyes were expressed to departing Board members and hellos were made to new ones as you will read about later in this *Canister*. It was a great day and lots of fun was had by all! We hope to see you all back at the Chateau next April, and we are thankful to Ashokan for being able to host it outdoors this year.

By: the Annual Dinner Committee (Mike Doehring, Michael Bongar, Linda VanSteenburg, Maria Bedo-Calhoun, Bill Chriswell).



The Club extends appreciation to departing Board members



At the Annual Dinner, the Club Board said goodbye to several Board members who have given so much of their time and talents to the 3500 Club. We deeply appreciate all their work, efforts and dedication that they shared during their years on the Board.

- Bill Winterbottom became the Outings Chair in 2014 and has brought so many new hike leaders, ideas and positive energy to all that he did.
- Erica Winterbottom, was the force and heart of the creation of the Club Search and Rescue team in 2017.
- Stash Rusin, 2nd Vice President, whose love for the Catskills is so evident, but whose full life just did not allow him to feel like he could devote the time needed to serve on the Board.



Thank you all and you will be missed!

Fortunately, we have three equally dedicated Board members replacing them and we welcome them to the Board.



Catskill 3500 Club Welcomes New Board Members



The Officers of the Catskill 3500 Club want to extend a very warm welcome to the three new Board members: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago, Marv Freedman and Annmarie Spiciarich.

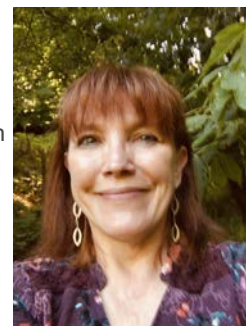
Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago, #1368 W1063, joins the Board as the 2nd Vice President. Lisa's love of the Catskills started when she was a camper at Frost Valley YMCA, where she hiked her first Catskill peak, Doubletop in 1989. Her years as a camper and counselor at Frost Valley taught her to love and respect the environment and led her to major in environmental science. Lisa backpacked in the Catskills with college friends and later lived and taught environmental education at Frost Valley for a year. This is when she learned about the Catskill 3500 Club and hiked most of the peaks, finishing in 2001. She gradually then got into cycling and was an avid cyclist for several years. She rode across the country in 2007. Lisa spent years riding up (and down!) the many mountain road passes of the Catskills on bicycle instead of hiking its mountains. Her knees, sadly, don't like the cadence of cycling anymore and she is back to her first love — the mountains. Living between the Gunks and the Catskills, Lisa loves to explore both of these beautiful places, with her two dogs or with her husband (who are all 3500 Club members). Having hiked all of the Catskill trails, she is now slowly working on the grid and savoring each hike. Lisa has been a hike leader for the Club for the past few years and she enjoys sharing her love of the mountains with others. This year, Lisa also joined the CMSAR team and she is working toward being mission ready. She recently received the Wilderness First Responder training through SAR. As a middle school biology teacher, she tries to get kids to love and appreciate the outdoors.



Marv Freedman, Life Member #2242 W951, Catskill All Trails Challenge #35, 420 Grid #28, after serving as an assistant to the Outings Chair, joins the Board as the Outings Chair. Marv has enjoyed outdoor sports ever since he took up rock climbing and caving in college. Over the years he's been an enthusiastic bicyclist, canoeist, kayaker, downhill and cross country skier, runner, and even a figure skater. But he never enjoyed organized hiking. He complained that wherever he spotted something interesting and stopped to admire it, the next person in line, rushing ahead with eyes glued to the trail, would walk into him. But after years of working as a programmer and systems engineer, with eating as his only hobby, he realized that he had become so overweight, that the only exercise he could still handle was walking. When walking around the block became boring, he started doing local hikes in Hunterdon County, NJ, soon graduated to the Catskills, and joined the 3500 Club as an Aspirant in 2013. He's been a 3500 Club hike leader since June 2018, and has led over 50 Club hikes. He especially enjoys sharing long bushwhacks. Marv's a Lieutenant in the Club's Catskill Mountain Search and Rescue team. He recently became an EMT, and Wilderness EMT and helped teach Wilderness First Aid and Wilderness First Responder courses for the Club.



Anmarie Spiciarich joins the board as the SAR Committee Chair. Anmarie is an apparently ancient member of the 3500 Club, clocking in at #276 in the late 1970s. She retired from the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department as a sergeant after 23 years of service, which followed seven years of work as a paramedic. She currently works at a suicide hotline/mobile crisis team and trail guides horseback rides at the beautiful Mohonk Mountain House. Her heart remains firmly in the Catskills, having started climbing at the age 13 with the Red Hook Mountaineers and progressing to Kilimanjaro and SAR in later life. She is certified as a WEMT and a WEMT instructor. She is currently finishing her first book on stress resilience for first responders.



Congratulations to Al Davis



It is with honor and appreciation that the Catskill 3500 Club presents the Hike Leader of the Year Award for 2020 to Albert "Al" Davis. Al started hiking in Seattle in the late 90s with [The Mountaineers](#). The Mountaineers provided (and still provide) an extensive training program. When Al retired, moved back home to the Catskills, and began leading hikes for the 3500 Club in 2013, he brought a bit of that program with him. Many of Al's map & compass training hikes have been so popular that he's run them multiple times to satisfy his waiting lists. Al prefers short but interesting hikes, so he seeks out novel routes, which are often adopted by other leaders. Thank you, Al!



Al Davis (L) and Bill Winterbottom (R) at the annual dinner awards ceremony

By: Marv Freedman, Outings Chair



Save the date for Winter Weekend



The 2022 Winter Weekend is tentatively scheduled to take place over the weekend of January 22-23.

With the continuing uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, the dinner portion of our annual Winter Weekend remains in jeopardy, although chances are good that the hiking portion will continue. We will continue to observe what occurs through the Fall and hopefully reach a final decision then. We are hoping for the best, but in the end will do what's safest for our participants.

By: Bill Chriswell, Winter Weekend Chair



Treasurer's Report for 2021



Another season in the Catskills brings the Club's support to new recipients as well as to some existing groups we have supported for a long time. This report serves as a way to "get the word out" and to show where your donations are going to. For 2021, we are continuing our support of the following organizations with the following donations:

<u>Adirondack Mountain Club</u>	\$3500
<u>Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center</u>	\$1000
<u>Team Wilderness</u>	\$2500
<u>Catskill Mountainkeeper</u>	\$1000

And some new ones for this year:

<u>Friends of Bramley Mountain Firetower</u>	\$500
<u>Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve</u>	\$1000
<u>Big Indian/Oliveria Fire District</u>	\$500
<u>Margaretville Fire Department</u>	\$500
<u>Save Bluestone Forest</u>	\$500

This totals \$11,000 of support, all funded by donations above and beyond the membership dues. We hope this reflects a balance of who we are as a Club and the groups we support. Everything from regional fire departments who are generally involved with SAR, to advocacy for land access and preservation, as well as supporting our youth to discover the great outdoors. Even support for the Feathered and Furry Wildlife who call the Catskills home is part of our outreach. We hope this reflects the love that we all share with everything related to the Catskills and your continued support allows us to reach out more and farther on the future. Finally, becoming a 501c(3) will allow us to reach out to more groups and perhaps more donations, so stay tuned!

By: Jay Hui, Treasurer



Merchandise Update




Don't forget your orange for hunting season! Orange is the new black!

We will have orange performance Tee's in short and long sleeves for hunting season and also orange beanies. We expect them in mid fall. Charcoal heather short sleeve Tee's and pullover and front zip sweatshirts are back in stock! [Ordering form](#), which includes all currently offered items, can be found on the Club's website. To reserve your beanie, place an order or for more information concerning style and size availability you can email us at merchandise@catskill-3500-club.org.



Note: the images of the new merchandise are the proofs we received from the supplier. Proofs are intended for a general placement not for exact scale. The logo will be the same size through all garments and centered appropriately.

By: Margaret McGrath and Terri Baker, Merchandise Coordinators

 **Upcoming Race Alert** 

Mark your calendars for the upcoming race being held this fall. We recommend avoiding the trails along which the race is being held to give runners space and to reduce the traffic and impact.

Cat's Tale Trail Marathon, the annual marathon race in the Catskills, will be held on October 2nd, 2021. Course route is provided at the [link](#), but in a snapshot:

- Early Saturday morning, October 2nd, 2021, the runners start out in waves at Fox Hollow trailhead and will follow the Giant Ledge-Panther-Fox Hollow Trail over Panther and Giant Ledge
- Then down the Phoenicia East Branch Trail, through the Winnisook Club's easement, connecting to the Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide Trail
- Continuing over the Burroughs Range, down to downtown Phoenicia via the Cross Mt. Trail (Phoenicia East Branch).

Runners have to finish in 10 hours, with a cut off of 5:30 p.m. Fun fact: Mike Siudy (#1728 W695) is one of the race directors.



Save the date for fall Trail Maintenance and Adopt-a-Highway Events



PEEKAMOOSE-TABLE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Join us for our Club trail maintenance outing on Sunday, October 17th, 2021. 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 afterwards.

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, October 31st, 2021 for the Route 214 clean up. 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! Registration information: open; to sign up, please contact [Lourdes Sonera](#).

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*

🌲 **Dues News** 🌲

Dues for calendar year 2021 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](#) 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!

And, speaking of life membership — the new patches are in! If you are a life member and have not received your patch yet, please get in touch with either [Dave](#) or [Chris](#) to verify your address.



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

! ! **Current Officers and Contacts** ! !

It’s been a few years since we ran this feature, and with the recent departures of Bill, Erica and Stash and introductions of Lisa, Annmarie and Marv, we think that it is also a good opportunity to list all the Club Board members for those who may not know who they are. Please say hello on the trails!

ELECTED OFFICERS
PRESIDENT* Maria Bedo-Calhoun
1ST VICE PRESIDENT* Charlie Lutomski
2ND VICE PRESIDENT* Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago
SECRETARY* Linda VanSteenburg
TREASURER* Jay Hui

APPOINTMENTS	
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR* David White	DIGITAL CONTENT CHAIR* David Bunde
THE CANISTER EDITOR* Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond	NYNJTC REPRESENTATIVE* Matt Smith
OUTINGS CHAIR* Marv Freedman	ARCHIVIST Jeff Glans
TRAIL MAINTENANCE CHAIR* Lourdes Sonera	ASSISTANT TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Chris Adams
SAR COMMITTEE CHAIR* Annmarie Spiciarich	ASSISTANT WEBMASTER Bill Roehrig
CANISTERS CHAIR* Jim Bouton	NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR Rob Stewart
ASPIRANTS CHAIR* Jake Haisley	MERCHANDISE COORDINATORS: Margaret McGrath & Terri Baker
ANNUAL DINNER CHAIR* Mike Doehring	ASSISTANT TO THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CHAIR Colleen Hardcastle
WINTER WEEKEND* Bill Chriswell	ASSISTANT TO THE ANNUAL DINNER CHAIR Manuel Alfonso Peraza
CONSERVATION CHAIR* Carol White	ASSISTANT TO SAR CHAIR Lyn Walker

* Indicates a member of the executive committee, able to vote on motions brought before the board



3500 Club Board members, from L to R, back row: Charlie Lutomski, David Bunde, Bill Chriswell, Matt Smith, Maria Bedo-Calhoun, Mike Doehring, Dave White; front row: Marv Freedman, Annmarie Spiciarich, Linda VanSteenburg, Jim Bouton, Jay Hui, Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond, Carol White (missing are Lourdes Sonera, Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago and Jake Haisley).

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View from Jimmy Dolan Notch. Photo by Lori Beer #2393 W969

3500 Trailhead Steward Program Update

Text by: Michele Kaminsky #2804 W1305



The inaugural season of the Catskills 3500 Club Trailhead Steward Program, in collaboration with the New York State DEC's Adopt-a-Trailhead initiative, has been a tremendous success. We have had a few rainy weekends, but that hasn't prevented positive interactions with hikers and visitors at the Slide trailhead this summer. The volunteer stewards' engagement with visitors has provided a unique opportunity to offer guidance and advice to those who are new to hiking or unfamiliar with the demands of the terrain. Catskill 3500 Club members and aspirants have graciously volunteered (711 hours from late May-July) to improve the hiking experience for all. While visits are significantly lower than last year, we have counted 1,247 visitors, and reported 90% informative interactions around [Leave No Trace™](#) and preparedness principles.



The Club members and aspirants staffing the trailhead are passionate hikers who advocate for the wilderness by sharing their time and knowledge. The stewards have promoted planning and engaged with less experienced hikers, offering alternatives that reduce the chance of injuries and rescues. The trailhead atmosphere is warm, welcoming, friendly, and encouraging. Our volunteers want visitors to have a positive, safe, and responsible hiking experience, exploring the mountains and trails we love so much.

For us, volunteering as stewards is more than wearing patches on our shirts and advising on trail and weather conditions. This is a belief, a passion for the preservation of the environment for generations to follow; we're rewarded by knowing we contributed. Some of the little things we've done to make a big difference include greeting them with a simple "hello, good morning," showing visitors the maps, finding a young hiker a makeshift walking stick, reassuring a tired, cold hiker with blistered heels, offering a refill of water to a thirsty hiker, and being with them while they waited for aid in retrieving keys from inside their locked vehicle. Hopefully, our passion and actions trigger others to pay it forward, whether by picking up trash, packing out what they pack in, or providing trail magic, and to fully embrace LNT principles. When visitors walk away saying "wow! that was great," with smiles on their faces and dirt on their boots, that is the reward for the time granted to this mission.

Each of us learns from one another, including the volunteers; many volunteers have vast knowledge of trails, mountains, and roads less traveled. Learning or seeing something new, meeting people from near and far, and taking a chance to chat about our love of hiking, have all led to unforgettable encounters, only leaving a yearning for more.

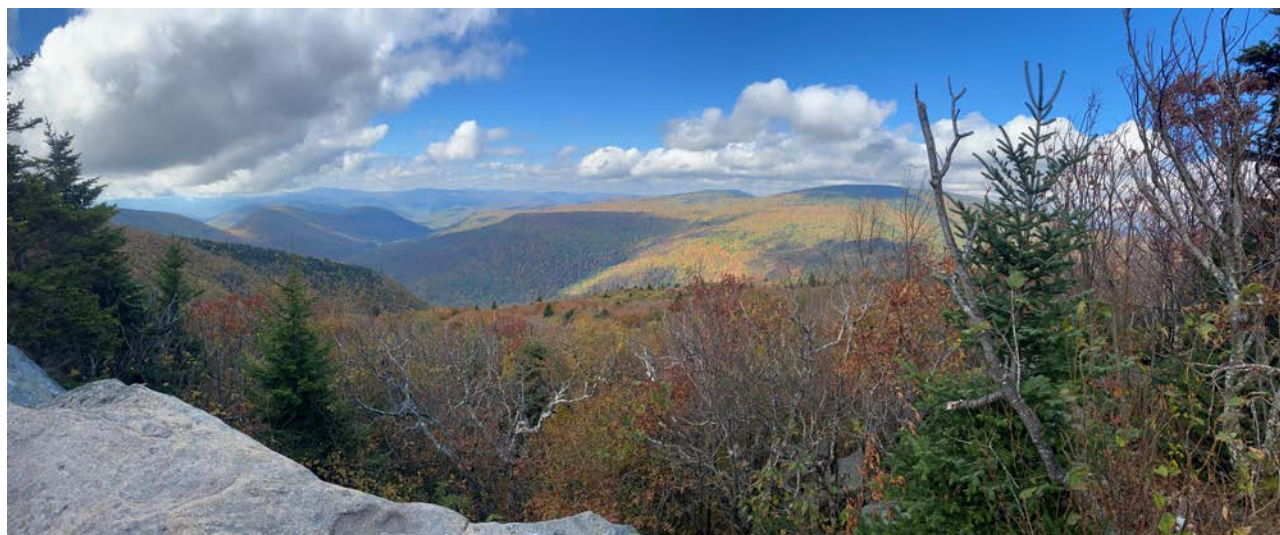
We still have opportunities at Slide Trailhead for this season. Club members and aspirants who want to make a difference in the environment in which we all recreate, go to the [Catskill 3500 Club's Adopt-A-Trailhead page](#) to learn more. To volunteer, go to [Sign Up Genius](#) and choose your dates! You will not regret it.



Some of the trailhead stewards at the annual dinner (not all who attended made it for the photo, including Michele!)

Photos by: Eric Adams

Michele Kaminsky obtained her nursing degree from SUNY Morrisville and has worked on a surgical unit for five years as an RN. She has been working the last 25 years in an urgent care setting, and also spent five years working as a licensed veterinary technician part time while on break from full time work to get her degree in veterinary science from SUNY Delhi. Michele enjoys the outdoors, fishing, biking and hunting, but her real passion is hiking. Michele became an ADK 46er in 2012 and finished the Catskill 35er winter in March 2020 and the winter ADK fire tower challenge in March 2021. Michele decided she wanted to give back to the activities that she enjoys immensely and began volunteering this year for Catskill 3500 Club and helping with FFLA fire tower projects. She has stewarded for both Slide mountain and Stillwater fire tower, and worked on both Blue Mountain and Berryhill observer's cabins and she is looking forward to more opportunities in helping out with the Catskill 3500 Club.



View from Orchard Point on Plateau Mountain. Photo by Steve Normann #3312

Conservation Corner



Text by: Carol White #860 W310, Conservation Chair, and Cathy Pedler, ADK Director of Advocacy

The Catskill Park Strategic Planning Advisory Committee has met 15 times since November 2020, conducting a public survey to which almost 4,000 people responded. The populace addressed traffic and parking problems in high use areas to ensure public safety, and urged continuing public education and stewardship to protect the natural world as more of us seek inspiration in wilderness. They discussed supporting local economic vitality and tourism by reaching out

to diverse populations, using the best available data and monitoring. A similar Strategic Planning Advisory Group addressed high usage in the Adirondack High Peaks and posted its final report in January 2021.

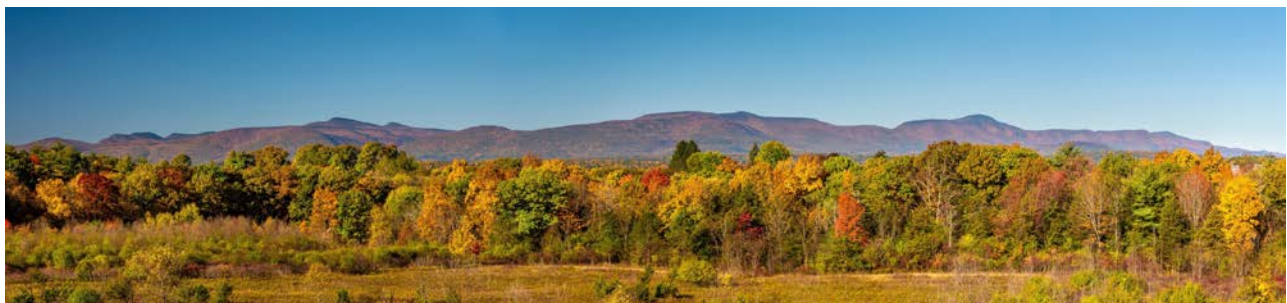
The Adirondack Mountain Club engaged the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics in Colorado to assess recreation-related impacts of high use in the Catskill Park, with a steering committee of land managers and regional groups including the Catskill 3500 Club, Catskill Mountain Club, NYNJ Trail Conference, Woodstock Land Conservancy, DEP, and DEC. The Center's Ben Lawhon toured Catskill Park recreational sites in June. An interim report is being finalized and will be submitted to the DEC Commissioner; a final report will seek public input on recommendations. ADK, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and the Catskill Center are funding the project.

Saving the Bluestone Wild Forest.

Forest Preserve waters and trails are threatened by a developer proposing to build a concrete and steel fabrication plant on land surrounded by Bluestone Wild Forest. This factory would be adjacent to Onteora Lake and Pickerel Pond and several hiking trails off Route 28 just west of Kingston. Its potential impacts include water withdrawals from the aquifer and Pickerel Pond, increased noise and industrial traffic, and visual impacts. In late June the Town of Kingston held a virtual public hearing on the proposal, and nearly 100 individuals and organizations including the Catskill 3500 Club and ADK opposed the project and submitted comments. ADK provided funding for the analysis of potential project impacts. After reviewing comments and materials from the hearing, the Kingston Planning Board issued a declaration in July agreeing that there is the potential for significant adverse impacts on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement will be required, as part of the State Environmental Quality Review process.

“Forever Wild” Victory!

The price of forever wild is eternal vigilance, to paraphrase Patrick Henry. The people of New York adopted the world's first constitutional protection for wilderness in 1894. From 2013 to 2021, legal battles in three courts deliberated the destruction of 25,000 trees to build snowmobile trails up to 20 feet wide requiring heavy construction machinery in the Forest Preserve, which would then require daily maintenance with large mechanized groomers. New York's highest state court ruled this year in a 4–2 decision that this activity will violate the “forever wild” clause of the Constitution, Article 14. This precedent will govern Forest Preserve management for decades, stopping the building of hundreds of *additional* miles of such trails and the destruction of hundreds of thousands of additional trees. Described in the larger context of climate change, the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter had filed an amicus curiae brief: “Our future relies upon our wild forests to sequester carbon, protect drinking water, and provide refuge in a rising tide of extinction.” The Court of Appeals justices recognized the magnitude of their decision: “Destruction of this forest, actually the gift we've been given by God to preserve, may be economically 'rational,' but it is not constitutional.” An amendment would be required, decided again 'by the people' in two separate legislatures. Each generation is joining the race to save wilderness, and New York's highest Court has reaffirmed that 3,000,000 acres of the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve must indeed be kept forever wild.



Pano of Northern Catskills - Wall of Manitou/Escarpment. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199

When High Peak Was King

How Kaaterskill High Peak Was Once Considered the Highest Mountain in New York State: Part II

Text by: John Sasso #2034

At a height of 5,344 feet, Mount Marcy is the highest peak in the State of New York. Until 1836, the stature of topographical eminence was held not by the High Peak of Essex,[a] but by Kaaterskill High Peak[b] in the Catskill Mountains. As a matter of fact, Whiteface Mountain reportedly had an elevation of less than 3,000 feet! It took an ascent of Whiteface by a State Geologist, Ebenezer Emmons, to determine that it exceeded 4,000 feet in height, thereby dethroning High Peak. Furthermore, that the mountain Emmons saw 16 miles to the south, Marcy, was indeed the highest of all mountains in New York State.



The assumption that High Peak was the highest mountain in the state is matched in its inaccuracy by the claim it was the highest in the Catskills. High Peak ranks 22nd in height[c] among the Catskill Mountains. It took a Swiss scientist by the name of Arnold Henri Guyot, through his extensive surveys, to determine that Slide Mountain was the most prominent peak in the Catskills.

Dethroned by Mount Marcy

Up until 1837, the Catskill Mountains were thought to be the highest in the state, with Round Top and High Peak the most prominent among them. What is today referred to as the Adirondack High Peaks region was sparsely settled by people of European descent. No formal, scientific exploration had yet been performed, thus, very little was known about the topography of the region. It was considered much more remote and far less apparent to the eyes of many, compared to the eastern stretches of the Catskill Mountains, which were a mere five miles west of the Hudson River.

In his 1829 lecture before the Albany Institute, the American scientist Joseph Henry divided the state's system of mountains into three principal divisions. The second division, which he defined as the region north of the Mohawk Valley and between Lakes Ontario and Champlain (hence, comprising the Adirondacks), had not been "minutely explored" by topographical surveys.[1] The only mountain mentioned was Whiteface Mountain[d], with a reported elevation of 2,686 feet – 2,179 feet less than today's recognized elevation! Whiteface's elevation was also more than 1,000 feet less than those of Round Top and High Peak, which Henry mentioned in his lecture.

Henry was not the source of Whiteface's grossly underestimated height of 2,868 feet. As the first elevation quoted for any Adirondack High Peak, it was first given in the 1824 edition of Spafford's gazetteer.[2] It was alluded to in the 1813 edition of his gazetteer, in which he referred to the peak as the greatest height of land in the Peruvian Mountains,[e] having an elevation "a little short of 3000 feet from the level of Lake Champlain." [3] Given the apparent specificity of this elevation, I have been unable to locate when this was derived and by whom.

But the days of the Catskill Mountains seen as the highest in New York were numbered. On April 15, 1836, the State Legislature passed "an act to provide for a Geological Survey of the State" where, under the direction of Governor William Learned Marcy, several "competent persons" would be employed to make a geological survey of the state. [4] New York would be divided into four geological districts, where a geologist was appointed to each district. The Second Geological District, comprising much of the Adirondack Mountains, would be assigned to geologist Ebenezer Emmons.

The survey commenced in the summer of 1836 and continued into 1840. In August 1836, a small party started off from the small, industrial village at the McIntyre Iron Works, in the area known today by many Adirondack 46ers as the Upper Works. The intention of their August 17-20th trip was to investigate the yet-unexplored Opalescent River, the eastern branch of the Hudson. The group of nine was comprised of: Archibald McIntyre, Duncan McMartin, and David Henderson (partners in the Iron Works), David C. Colden (a friend of Henderson's and financial backer of the Iron Works), William C. Redfield (a self-trained meteorologist), James Hall (assistant to Emmons), and three woodsmen (among them, John Cheney and Harvey Holt). Much of what is related herein of this expedition is taken from Redfield's field notes (a type-written copy of which is in the collections of the Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, under MS 63-273[f]) and his 1838 paper published in *The American Journal of Science and Arts*. [5]

It would take two days of very difficult bushwhacking along the Opalescent to reach their first discovery, Lake Colden, which they named in honor of Mr. Colden. On a rainy morning of August 19th, from their camp at the mouth of Lake Colden, the men split up into two groups to embark on short expeditions of their own. Redfield, Henderson, and an unnamed woodsman proceeded up the Opalescent for about two miles in a general course due south-to-southeast. The three apparently passed what is known as The Flume (a deep chasm about seven-tenths of a mile from Lake Colden), for Redfield wrote “the river has assumed the bed of a displaced trap dyke, by which the rock has been intersected, thus forming a chasm or sluice of great depth, with perpendicular walls.” At a point just after The Flume, which Redfield speculated to be around two miles from camp, he wrote:

“I mounted a hill about 150 feet on the south bank and saw a third high peak bearing N. 80 or 85 east [...] surmounted by a beautiful dome of rock the whole apparently of difficult ascent. These mountain peaks evidently exceed four thousand feet in height.”

This is the earliest, written record indicating that there were Adirondack High Peaks which clearly exceeded the elevations of the Catskills’ Round Top and High Peak. The “third high peak” Redfield referred to is Mount Marcy, or what he would refer to as the High Peak of Essex.

Redfield’s educated estimation that Marcy’s height exceeded that of any Catskill peak would soon be confirmed, albeit indirectly. On September 20, 1836, Emmons and Hall made an ascent of Whiteface. Over the next two days, Emmons made barometric measurements from the summit on an hourly basis. Through his barometric hypsometry, leveraging the barometric measurements made at base observation stations such as those in Albany and Burlington, VT, he established the first recorded elevation for Whiteface: 4,855 feet.^[6] This historic measurement firmly established that Round Top and High Peak were *not* the highest in the state.

Another significant observation made by Emmons while on Whiteface was given in his 1837 report:

“The highest peak among these mountains is about sixteen miles south from Whiteface, and so far as we know, has neither been ascended nor measured. Whiteface is generally assumed to be the highest, but erroneously, as is proved by levelling from its summit in range with those southern elevations. In this manner it has been ascertained that three of them, at least, are higher than it.”^[7]

The peak Emmons took note of is the same one Redfield observed from a hill off the Opalescent in 1836 – Mount Marcy! In a matter of a couple of days, Emmons demoted Whiteface in its assumed rank as the highest among the mountains he would come to name *the Adirondacks*.

The second year of the geological survey would find Emmons in pursuit of Redfield’s “beautiful dome of rock.” On August 3, 1837, Emmons, along with at least seven other men, left the village of the McIntyre Iron Works. Accompanying Emmons were Redfield, Hall, and Henderson; the botanist, John Torrey; the artist, Charles Cromwell Ingham; and at least two guides, most notable among them, John Cheney and Harvey Holt.

Emmons and his group made their way up the Opalescent toward Lake Colden, to the camp which Redfield and his group established the year before. The next day, the group proceeded up the Opalescent from Lake Colden, pressing beyond the hill which Redfield stood upon to catch the first glimpse of Marcy. At a distance of about three miles from camp (Redfield’s estimate), they reached the “Second Elbow” of the river, the point where Uphill Brook feeds into the Opalescent. Following the Opalescent as it veered northeastward, they passed Feldspar Brook to the east, a half mile from the Second Elbow.

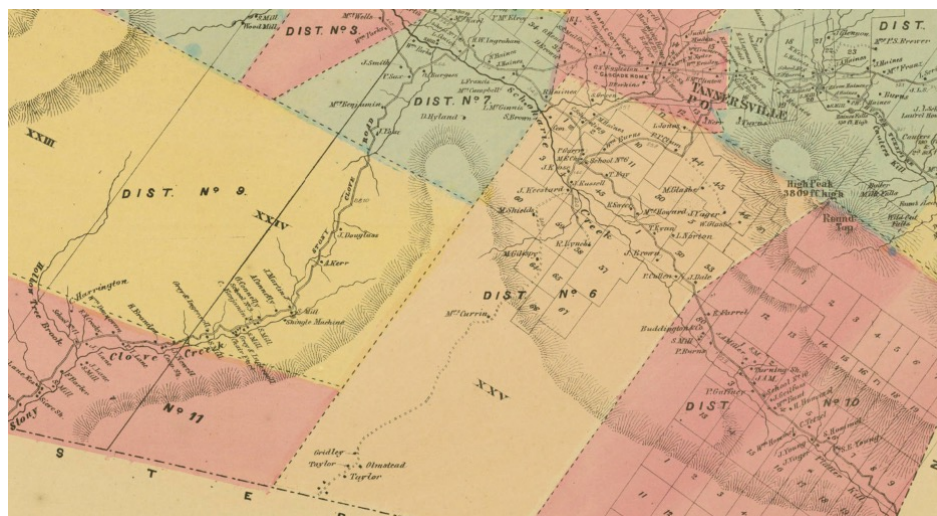
As the group made their way up the Opalescent toward the northeast, where it diminished into a stream, they made camp at a point Redfield estimated as having an elevation of 3,700 feet. “Holt’s Camp” was established in the gorge between Marcy and the unnamed mountain one mile north-northwest of it. The next day, August 5, 1837, the group woke up to ice on the vegetation. Their push toward the open rock of Marcy’s summit cone was a laborious one, for Redfield wrote how they found themselves “entangled in the zone of dwarfish pines and spruces, which with their numerous horizontal branches interwoven with each other.” Finally, at 10:00 a.m., the summit of Mount Marcy was beneath their feet!

At 1:00 p.m., barometric observations were taken from the summit. Emmons arrived at a measured altitude of 5,467 feet, or 1,663 feet higher than the Catskill peak that was considered the highest in the state. Today, Marcy's recognized elevation is 5,344 feet, which would be established by Colvin in 1875. Round Top and High Peak were now relegated to be the highest peaks in the Catskill Mountains. Their ranking would change almost 30 years after Emmons's historic ascent, with the arrival of Arnold Henry Guyot.

A Name Correction and Another Demotion

The Catskill Mountains remained largely unexplored, unmapped, unmeasured, and unnamed until a Swiss scientist by the name of Arnold Henri Guyot came along in 1862. During summer vacations taken from that year until 1879, Guyot mapped the location and carefully measured the elevations of 73 summits, 27-30 of which are High Peaks recognized by the Catskill 3500 Club.^[8] The elevations of all but four of the mountains were determined using barometric hypsometry, with the remainder determined via a pocket level.

Of their names – or lack thereof – Guyot would try to “avoid the fanciful names so much in vogue” and provide “fitting appellations,” such as locally-known names or names based on their geographical location. Several peaks, such as Round Top, High Peak, South Mountain, and North Mountain, had their names repeated among the Catskills. To prevent confusion, he did some renaming; for example, Graham Mountain was once called South Mountain, and Onteora Mountain was once called Round Top. Guyot did show gratitude toward some of his assistants by naming peaks after them, such as Rusk Mountain (for Samuel E. Rusk) and Mount Kimball (for Henry Kimball). The name Mount Kimball failed to stick and was replaced with Thomas Cole Mountain, for the much-venerated Nineteenth Century artist whose works include a variety of landscapes of the Catskills.



A portion of an 1867 map of the Town of Hunter by F.W. Beers.^[9] Prior to Arnold Guyot's 1879 *Map of the Catskill Mountains*, maps such as this lacked a detailed, physical description of the Catskill region. Note the incorrect placement of High Peak and Round Top at the upper-right corner, which Guyot would correct. (Source: [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#))

By the end of his survey, the fruits of Guyot's labor were the 1879 *Map of the Catskill Mountains*.^[10] and a paper published in 1880 entitled “On the Physical Structure and Hypsometry of the Catskill Mountain Region.”^[11] His map would be the first to provide a detailed, physical description of the region, including rivers, lakes, and ponds. The Catskill 3500 Club and mountain climbers of the Catskills (in general) owe much gratitude to the tireless labor-of-love of Guyot, a man whose excursions into the mountains often involved challenging bushwhacks without the aid of today's modern, electronic mapping devices or a detailed map of the region. It seems almost an injustice that there is no peak in the Catskills named in his honor.^[9]

When Guyot embarked on his 17-year survey of the Catskills (he skipped the summer of 1871, having gone to California for his health and some barometrical hypsometry work in the Rocky Mountains), High Peak and Round Top were considered the highest among the Catskill Mountains, despite their demotion by Redfield and Emmons. According to a paper he read before the National Academy of Sciences on April 21, 1875, entitled “On the Orography of the Catskill Group of Mountains,”^[12]^[13] High Peak and Round Top were the first visited in 1862, and would be revisited in 1864,

1870, and 1871 to make barometric measurements. On his first visit, he measured Round Top's height as 3,684 feet. In the same year or 1863, he made an ascent of Blackhead Mountain (also referred to as Black Head or Cole's Dome Mountain) and measured its height as 3,926 feet.[14] Hence, Guyot demoted Round Top in its rank as the highest peak in the Catskills. But his survey was not over.

In August 1871, Henry Kimball, whom Guyot referred to as "the most indefatigable and skillful mountain climber of the Catskills," guided Guyot up Hunter Mountain. Guyot measured its height as 4,004 feet, thus, edging out Blackhead Mountain and pushing Round Top further back in the ranks of the Catskill Mountains.[15] It appears that Kimball may have pushed for Hunter Mountain to be renamed Mount Guyot, but the proposed name failed to stick.

The final straw came when, in the same year following Guyot's ascent of Hunter, he and (likely) Kimball made an ascent of Slide Mountain in the southern Catskills. After careful measurements he took on the summit, he determined the height of Slide to be 4,179 feet – the highest among all mountains he had measured thus far in his survey. Guyot would report his finding to the National Academy of Sciences in the aforementioned 1875 paper. Guyot would repeat his barometric measurements on Slide in 1876 and refine the peak's elevation to be 4,205 feet. In October of that year, Guyot wrote to journalist Frank Moore, proclaiming that Slide "is the highest point of the Catskill Mountains." [16] By the time Guyot published his seminal paper on the Catskill Mountains in 1880, High Peak and Round Top were not among the top-ten highest peaks.

In the same letter to Moore, Guyot went on to say that "High Peak (Old Round Top), which was always considered the highest point, is overtopped by half a score of others." This is the earliest written record I could find in which Guyot makes the name-switch between High Peak and Round Top, seeing that he determined the height of the former as 3,500 feet and the latter as 3,664 feet. His name-swap would be reflected in his 1879 "Map of the Catskill Mountains."



Round Top (Roundtop Mountain) and High Peak, with today's placement, denoted on Arnold H. Guyot's 1879 "Map of the Catskill Mountains." (Source: [New York Public Library Digital Collections](#))

[a] The first name known to be given to Mount Marcy was "The High Peak of Essex," applied by William C. Redfield after he saw the peak from a hill on the south bank of the Opalescent River on August 19, 1836.

[b] Officially known as High Peak, which shall be used throughout this paper.

[c] Some sources rank High Peak as 23rd in height, but this appears to be incorrect.

[d] Denoted "White Face."

[e] Spafford states that the name "Peruvian Mountains" was applied by the early French settlers in regard to "their supposed mineral treasures," such as those in the South American country of Peru.

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Spooky woods of West Kill. Photo by Jason Pelton #3013 W1211

Trudge through it! Muddy times in the Catskills

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It's that time of year again. Mud season. Part of the experience of hiking is getting your feet dirty. Whether it's from mud, loose dirt, dirty water, rocks or even bear poop, we all battle that same challenge and getting dirty while on the hike is part of the adventure.



One of the biggest problems we have in the hiking community is trail widening. Trail widening occurs when the path is widened and free-flowing water from either heavy rain or small creeks can't be maintained in the middle of the trail to keep the trail intact. When the water goes around the normal part of the trail, it creates another trail that will eventually widen the already established trail. This usually happens when there is a lot of mud or water in the regular trail and hikers try to avoid the mud by going to the side of the trail where it's dry or there is grass. Now, why is this a problem? Well, we, as stewards of the Catskills, would like to keep our forest almost untouched and leave it just the way it was when it was created. That's why we're hiking, right? To enjoy time away from the normal life!



Examples of trail widening

When the trail is widened, it makes the experience more unnatural and disturbs the forest as well as the animals and creatures living in the forest. The usual plants can't grow where the hikers are now going and vegetation can't grow anymore due to the widening of the "new" trail. So how can we help?

1. Rock hop/tree branch hop/dead tree hop. Basically, if there is something stable in the middle of the trail, use it and avoid going around the trail to widen it.
2. Get muddy. It won't hurt to get your shoes muddy. They will dry and can be cleaned. Socks can dry and be cleaned. Pants will dry and can be cleaned. If you're unsure of the depth of the mud, use your hiking poles or a tree branch and see how deep it goes. Look for rocks or anything to hop on to not widen the trail.
3. Last resort is completely bushwhack far off trail to avoid it and not create another trail right next to the current trail. If you see problems with trail widening, please report it to the DEC so the officials and volunteers can address the problem. If we all work together, we can keep the trail widening to a minimum and enjoy our beautiful forest like it once was!

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Majestic yellow birches from the heart of the Catskills. Photos by Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond #2814 W1222

CATSKILLS SUMMITS: FIRST GROWTH OR NOT?

Text and Images by: Michael Kudish #147

Many folks ask me if there is any first growth forest left in the Catskills. Plenty. In fact, the latest remeasurement is 107 square miles in about 64 separate parcels. Most of this first growth (also called original, primeval or virgin) forest is at the high elevations above an average of 2,800 feet, including the upper slopes and summits of the vast majority of peaks over 3,500 feet. Hunter and Southwest Hunter are the only peaks over 3,500 feet in which first growth no longer remains on their summits.



DEFINITION:

First growth forest is defined here as a forest that has not been utilized for commercial purposes such as logging, hemlock bark peeling, agriculture, or quarrying. It has not been burned by people. It can have natural disturbances such as blowdown, ice and snow damage, landslides, and lightning fires. It can have recreational use (hiking trails, hunting, fishing, camping); it also can be used for educational purposes: scientific study and teaching.

THE CHART:

The accompanying chart is divided into three pages. The first page lists those summits still remaining in first growth. The second page lists those summits that have been logged. The third page lists those summits that have been burned over by people, have had ski slopes built upon them, or have been farmed.

On each page, the peaks have been divided into three elevational classes: 3,500 feet and above, 3,000 - 3,499 feet, and below 3,000 feet.

On pages 1 and 2, the peaks have been classified in two historic classes: those that never had towers and those that had.

The summits in each class have been listed alphabetically for the most part for the convenience of 3500 Club members. There are a few exceptions in which additional summits were added to the class after the lengthy list was completed.

There has been no attempt to list all summits over about 2,500 feet simply because this writer has not examined all of them for their history, but enough summits ARE listed to give Club members a general idea of what has happened to them in the region. Note that many subsummits are included.

Some summits fall into two or more classes. For example, the first growth forest of Belleayre's ridgeline has been cut up

into blocks by a network of ski slopes. Ditto for Bearpen. Some summits have ski slopes that had previously been logged, e.g., Cave, Plattekill, Pisgah, Colonel's Chair (Hunter).

Some of the longer ridges have multiple summits, some of which may have their own names. I'm thinking of the Beaver Kill Range where all summits, including Mongaup Mountain, Sand Pond Mountain, and Mount Willowemoc (also known as Pointer), are in first growth.

FIRST GROWTH ON THE SHOULDER, NOT ON THE SUMMIT:

There are three peaks which share the same but unusual history. Some first growth remains on each of them, but not on the summit; the first growth is instead on the shoulder of the mountain. These peaks are Hunter, Samson, and one of the summits of Mill Brook Ridge: the 3,180-foot summit immediately above and southwest of the Kelly Hollow Lean-to (the easterly summits, including the highest, or 3,480-foot, summit and Woodpecker Ridge however remain in first growth).

Hunter's summit ridge was logged over by the Fenwick Lumber Company in the 2nd decade of the 20th century. It had been barked by Edwards' New York Tannery in the 1840s on the lower eastern slopes, but a narrow swath of first growth remains on the east shoulder between the Fenwick summit operations above and the Edwards' operations below.

At the west end of Mill Brook Ridge, southwest of Kelly Hollow, the summit ridge was logged by the Nassau County Boy Scouts in 1979 prior to the 1980 sale to New York State. The lower slopes in Kelly Hollow were logged over by James Owens (1907-1909) and possibly again by Corbett & Stuart in the 1920s, but a narrow belt between them on the north slope of the ridge remains in first growth.

TOWERS:

Wooden observation towers were built privately on five peaks in the late Nineteenth Century. As a result, a fraction of acre was cleared off from the very summit, but the surrounding forest is still in first growth. On Balsam Lake, Slide, and Belleayre Mountains, these wooden towers were later replaced by steel fire towers by New York State mainly during the first decade of the Twentieth Century. On Wittenberg and Kaaterskill High Peak, the wooden towers were never replaced.

Wooden observation towers were built upon a few summits that do not remain in first growth: Pisgah (Greene County), Tower, and possibly Overlook.

Steel fire towers were built on summits with second or subsequent growth forests: Red Hill, Bramley, Utsayantha, Leonard Hill, and Pines (Rock Rift).

Graham Mountain is unique because an educational television relay tower was built upon it in the early- to mid-1960s.

HEMLOCK BARK PEELING:

Hemlock bark peeling for the tanning industry occurred on most peaks, but only as high as the upper limit of hemlock — about 3,000 feet. Most bark roads stopped well below this level. I cannot think of a summit over 2,500 feet that had been barked over by the tanners.

SUMMITS UNDER 3,500 FEET IN FIRST GROWTH:

Under 3,500 feet, a large percentage of peaks had been logged or burned over to their summits. Some, however, do remain in first growth. These are listed on page 1 of the chart.

SUMMITS UNDER 3,500 FEET AND LOGGED:

Logged summits are especially common in the western Catskills of Delaware County. To list them all would require many pages. Some of them are on page 2 of the chart.

SUMMITS UNDER 3,500 FEET AND BURNED OVER:

Most of these are along the Escarpment and in the lower Ashokan Basin. See page 3 of the chart.

UNFAMILIAR NAMES:

Some 3500 Club members may not recognize some of the peak names. This is because some of the peaks have names that are no longer used, and/or are not labeled on the maps. I'm thinking of, for example:

Timothyberg – the south summit of the Tremper Range.

Schekelmoose – the 3,640-foot summit between Slide and Giant Ledge.

Beach Flat – This is the long ridge that separates the Panther Kill Valley from the upper reaches of Woodland Valley; this east spur of Panther Mountain is named after the Beach & Woodworth Families (who ran a sawmill), not the beech tree.

Schoolhouse Mountain – The two summits lie between Graham and Balsam Lake Mountains.

I have taken the liberty over the years to name a few of nameless places for my own convenience, including some summits. One name some of my colleagues have also adopted is Tsuga Top, the 3,040-foot summit due south of Giant Ledge (*Tsuga* is the Latin name for hemlock). The summit between Big Indian and Doubletop I have named Pigeon Peak because it lies at the head of Pigeon Brook. The ridge between the south end of Dry Brook Ridge and Schoolhouse Mountain I call Turner Hollow Ridge after Turner Hollow which descends its east slope into Seager. And the peak northeast of Lew Beach I call Shin Creek Mountain because Shin Creek drains its south slopes.

CONCLUSION: What a diversity of histories these Catskills peaks have! No two are exactly alike.

CATSKILLS SUMMITS CLASSIFIED BY FOREST HISTORY

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Elevation class ↓	PAGE 1 OF 3: FIRST GROWTH (NOT LOGGED, BARKED, FARMED, BURNED BY PEOPLE)			
	NO TOWER			TOWER
≥ 3500 feet	Balsam Balsam Cap Bearpen Big Indian Black Dome Blackhead Cornell	Doubletop Eagle Fir Friday Halcott Indian Head Lone	North Dome Panther Peekeamoose Plateau Rocky (>3500 ft?) Rusk Sherrill	Sugarloaf Table Thomas Cole + Coudal Twin Vly West Kill Windham High Peak
3000 to 3499 feet	Acra Point Barkaboom Beaverkill Range Dry Brook Ridge East Jewett Edgewood (Silver Hollow) Evergreen Giant Ledge Haynes Hemlock Hunter's field	McGregor Mill Brook Ridge Mongaup Olderbark + Little Rocky Onteora (Greene Co.) Packsaddle Pigeon Peak * Richmond	Roundtop (Greene Co.) Schoolhouse, East + West * Sleeping Lion Spruce Stoppel Point Tsuga Top * + Schekelmoose * Turner Hollow Ridge * Van Wyck Wildcat Winnisook Lake Woodpecker Ridge	Belleayre
< 3000 feet	Beech Hill Cabot Mary Smith Middale	North Tach-me-not Parker Samson	Shin Creek * West Beach Flat *	

Elevation ↓	NO TOWER	TOWER
>3500 ft.	Southwest Hunter	Hunter
3000 to 3499 feet	Ashland Pinnacle + Last Mtn. Cave Churchill Denman Irish Moreville Range North Old Clump Pine Island Plattekill + Prsgah (Delaware Co.) Rose Roundtop (Ontario) + Bloomberg in Delaware County Shultice	Warren White Man Utsayantha
<3000 feet	Barnes Hill Garfield Hodge Pond Mtn. Moon Hill * Patterson Ridge + Bald Mtn. Pelmar Hollow Mtn. Pakatakan Mtn.	South Mtn. (Delaware Co.) Warren Mtn. Subsummits Hiram's Knob Huckleberry Brook Ridge Bramley Leonard Hill Pines (Rock Riff) Red Hill Tower Mtn.

Elevation ↓	BURNED BY PEOPLE		SKIED	FARMED	
	NO TOWER	TOWER		NO TOWER	TOWER
>3500 feet			Beavten (2 ski areas) Peekamoose (private, but not to summit)		
3000 to 3499 feet	Arizona Bunt Knob Little Rocky (Mombaccus area) Mombaccus North Point Plattekill (Greene Co.) Shokan High Point	Overlook + hotel	Prsgah (Delaware Co.) - 2 ski areas Plattekill (Delaware Co.) Colonel's Chair (Hunter Mtn.) Cave (Windham) Belleayre - 2 ski areas		
<3000 feet	Carl Murphy Hill Pleasant Rover Samuel's Point Sheridan South (Kaateskill area) Terrace	Ticateneyck Tobias Touch-me-not Tremper + *Timachberg	Blue Hill Clum Hill (Cortina)	Elm Ridge Van Leant Round Hills Breath Hill	Prsgah (Greene Co.) + hotel

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Long Path on Plateau. Photo by Yana Levchinsky-Grimmond #2814 W1222

Book Review of *Love and the Long Path*:

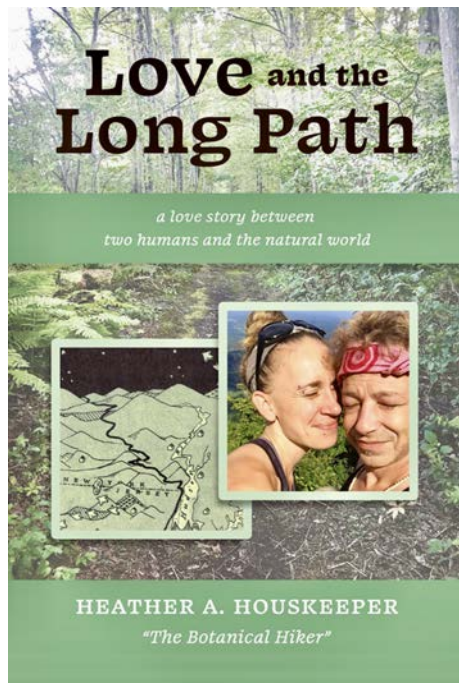
A love story between two humans and the natural world, by Heather A. Houskeeper

Text by: Charlie Gadol

Hiking the Long Path is a journey many have undertaken, but few have accomplished this feat as a thru-hike, and still fewer have published a narrative of their experiences in book form. Heather A. Houskeeper's *Love and the Long Path* relates the story of her thru-hike with her boyfriend Scott, a blues musician. She was drawn by the allure of another thru-hike, having previously hiked the Appalachian Trail, Mountains to Sea Trail and the Finger Lakes Trail, but in contrast to her previous adventures, she would be accompanied by someone special to her who could share in her experience.



Besides being the chronicle of their travels, this book is also truly a love story about how two people can confront the difficulties thrown at them – everything from angry porcupines and bears in the middle of the night to lack of water or available campsites and freezing nighttime low temperatures – and still come out of it with a stronger relationship. As Heather puts it: “My love for Scott had already exceeded that which I thought possible. It was varied and deep and passionate, like a vine with a hundred different tendrils that twined this way and that around my heart; but now there was a blossom, nurtured by having ventured together into the unknown.”



Another attraction of this book is the vast botanical knowledge that Heather liberally sprinkles into its pages. Heather is an herbalist certified in herbal medicine, botany, and plant identification and has authored two previous guides to edible and medicinal plants, on the Mountains to Sea Trail and the Finger Lakes Trail. I found these parts of the book fascinating. For example, after cursing the nettles on Edgewood Mountain recently this spring, I was surprised to find that they could be consumed as a wild green, which sounds to me like sweet revenge. Another example of the well worked prose and the abundance of botanical knowledge is seen while Heather and Scott are struggling up Blackhead Mountain. Heather still has the perspective to see that “this place was strange – beautiful and rugged – and so was the collection of plants at my feet. Dandelions, blackberries, Virginia waterleaf and violets – plants normally found at lower elevations in the Catskill region – mingling with the typical evergreens and birches of the High Peaks... .” Reading this passage evokes a sense of what it is like to not merely experience a hike as an obstacle to be overcome, but as a journey through an ecosystem.

The reader also gets to experience second hand the surprise and satisfaction Heather and Scott found on encountering trail angels along the way, especially in the northern reaches of the trail. On one hungry stretch, they suddenly find Clark’s Tavern in the middle of nowhere and enjoy the hospitality and food of the restaurant owners. In West Fulton, they are unexpectedly invited to join in a picnic dinner with a group of friends including a DEC ranger who have established an arts community. There are many more examples of the sort of trail magic one often hears about from long distance hikers. Experiences like these add to the enticement of the Long Path, which is more than just a hike, but also a taste of the wild side of what the Hudson Valley has to offer. This book is a must read for anyone preparing their own Long Path hike.

Charlie is recently retired from working as a pathologist in the Hudson Valley. He does a lot of volunteering with the NYNJ Trail Conference, as a board member and a trail maintainer, and recently became Catskill Long Path trail chair. Charlie organizes a bunch of trail races in the Catskills and Hudson Valley, some of which are fundraisers for the Trail Conference and Run Wild. Run Wild is a group of trail race directors who use the proceeds from races and fundraising to support land conservation and he is also on their board. Charlie recently hiked the Long Path as a fundraiser for the NYNJ Trail Conference. He lives with his wife and pets in New Paltz and enjoys reading. He can be reached via [email](#).

Heather Houskeeper is an herbalist and long distance hiker, known as “The Botanical Hiker.” You can visit her website at www.TheBotanicalHiker.com, find her on [Facebook](#) or on her [blog](#).

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View from Peekamoose. Photo by Siu Samantha Yuen #2894 W1311

Peekamoose?

Text by: Ralph Ferrusi #122 W34

How so ever did a mountain get called “Peekamoose?” Some northeast peaks have “tough guy” names: Panther, Wildcat, Giant, Wolf Jaw. There are no Little Debbies. Some names describe the geographical shape, or a geographical feature, or location of the peaks: Slide, Doubletop, Table, Plateau, Twin, Isolation, Lone. Kaaterskill High Peak rises above Kaaterskill Clove, Hunter above the village of Hunter. Thomas Cole is named after the founder of the Hudson River School of painting. Perhaps I'm over thinking this, but how come Black Dome and Blackhead did not become Asher Durand and Frederic Church? Back to Peekamoose: where the heck did this name come from?



[Wikipedia](#) says “Peekamoose” is “possibly an anglicization of an Algonquin word meaning 'broken off smooth'” and goes on to mention Poke-O-Moonshine in the Daks. We down-staters dodged a bullet with that one.

OK, while we're at it, how did other Catskill peaks end up with their (relatively) uncommon names? Rocky? It's a no brainer!

I arbitrarily looked up **Sherrill**: it was named after Eliakim Sherrill—February 16, 1813-July 4, 1863—“an [antebellum](#) from the state of New York and a brigade commander in the Union Army during the American Civil War. He was mortally wounded during the Battle of Gettysburg defending against Pickett's Charge.” Who would have thought! By the way, “antebellum” means “before the war; specifically, before the American Civil War.”

My curiosity was aroused: let's see how much I can find out about other Catskill peaks that have unusual/uncommon mountain names: let's tackle, in height order, West Kill, Cornell, Wittenberg, Friday, Rusk, Vly, and Halcott.

West Kill is named after the West Kill stream that flows along its northern side.

Cornell: Ezra Cornell was born in the Bronx on January 11, 1807 and died in Ithaca on December 9, 1874. He was the

founder of Western Union, Ithaca's first library and a co-founder of Cornell University. He served as a New York State Senator and as a President of the New York Agricultural Society. Perhaps this had something to do with a mountain in Ulster County being named "Cornell?" Your guess is as good as mine.

Wittenberg, alleged to be known as "the Wittenberg" by "locals," means, somewhere/someplace/somehow, "white mountain." The city of Wittenberg is on the Elbe River in north-central Germany, southwest of Berlin. It dates to 1180 AD, and Wittenberg University was founded in 1502. The city is famous for its connection to Martin Luther, and the Protestant Reformation. So there...

Friday: Why would a mountain be named after a day of the week? I couldn't find any explanation anywhere. Ralph III did finish his Winter Peaks on Saturday, March 2, 2002, on Friday. Or, was it Saturday?

Rusk: according to [Wikipedia](#) "Rusk was named by Arnold Henri Guyot after Samuel Rusk, who assisted the Princeton geology professor on what would be the first accurate survey of the Catskills in the 1870s and 80s. There is some evidence, however, that Guyot meant to name what is today East Rusk after Rusk and save Evergreen for today's Rusk but got confused with his maps. Guyot made probably what is the first recorded ascent of the mountain during his survey, but it is unknown whether anyone else had come first."

Vly: from "[wordnik](#)": "*noun* A swamp or morass; a shallow pond; a depression with water in it in the rainy season, but dry at other times." From [Wiktionary](#): "*noun* Alternative form of vlei."

Hmmm, I've always thought of Vly as the peak I do after Bearpen, not a *swamp*...

Halcott: like the town in which it is partially located, took its name from an early landowner. From a Spring 2010 *The Times of HALCOTT* article by Hilton Kelly: "John Halcott was born about 1758 in England to a well-to-do family and was one of 21 children, all others 10 sets of twins. At 18, John disobeyed his parents, ran away and joined the British Army and was sent to America to fight for King George...John with his family came to Delaware County (Halcottsville) about 1800 or 1803."

"...one of 21 children..." think about this next time you're grinding your way up this relatively diminutive peak from Route 42.

Researching and writing this has been a hoot. I hope you enjoyed reading it and were edified by it. Good hiking!

Ralph is Catskill 3500 Club member #122 W34, as well as ADK 46er #2023, Northeast 111er #139, and an Appalachian Trail 4000-Miler. For more Catskills adventures, check out his book [Catskill Tales and Trails](#) (published in 2006). Ralph was a longtime editor of the Peripatetic Porcupine column in *The Canister* and he also drew the header for *The Canister*, which was in use from 1976 -2013! Ralph can be reached by [email](#).



Falls on Trout Creek. Photo by Steve Aaron #3199

IN MEMORIAM

Ted Asch, #419 W153 passed away in early 2020. Ted, who was in his early 90s, had been living in Florida since the death of his wife Celine. He volunteered his time and knowledge at a nearby wildlife sanctuary and enjoyed gentle hiking with an informal local group.

“My last visit with him in the spring of 2018 was filled with chat about our many fun hikes together, especially the half dozen or more 3500 peaks we joyfully climbed back when, and our Peekamoose trail maintenance work.”

—John Hornyak, #290 W104

Thomas Robinson, #2343 passed away on June 18, 2021. Tom began working on his 3500 peaks with his kids when they were young. He and his children Kim (#2340), Justin (#2342), and TJ (#2341) earned membership into the 3500 Club together. In addition to the 3500 Club, Tom was a member of the Catskill Mountain Club and the New York New Jersey Trail Crew.

“Tom was always very responsible in terms of preparation, asking questions of hike leaders, making sure the kids were properly attired and prepared. As Club hike leaders, Tom (#1503 W627) and I took them on many of their trips, including their grand finale in December 2014 on Balsam. He set an amazing example for his children and had a deep love of the mountains.”

—Laurie Rankin, #1337 W531

“Years ago, Tom signed up for our Ramble hike. After that hike, Tom asked if they could go next week, and after that hike the next and the next. Not many years later, we were on the final winter peak, Blackhead, for all but TJ. The next day was his turn on Balsam. If any of the family would be on such a hike, we would at least want to meet at the trailhead.”

—Dave White, Membership Chair, and Carol White, Conservation Chair

We recently found out that two longtime members had passed away a while back.

Charter member #5, **Betty Hurd**, passed away in December 2011 at the age of 98. As a naturalist and avid hiker, Betty was active in numerous hiking and conservation groups, among them: ADK, Catskill 3500, John Burroughs Natural History Society, Mohonk Consultations and Mohonk Preserve, Scenic Hudson and Sierra Club.

Carl Zwingli, #118 W26 passed away in June 2018. He was 93. Before his 84th birthday he was written up in his Newton, NC paper for having walked over 1600 miles in under a year. Carl also enjoyed painting and photography.



Early ice on Indian Head. Photo by Dan Thompson

Rambles and Brambles [Hike Schedule](#) October - December 2021

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 cold 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 fall kit. Ice and snow can come early and unexpectedly to these peaks; if there is any doubt about the conditions that may be encountered, each hiker is strongly advised to **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. **Fall 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 hunting season is coming! Refer to this [DEC link](#) for the summary of hunting seasons. Wear orange, avoid white and remember the same for your four-legged hiking companions!

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clock one hour back.



Spruceton Trail's fog-enclosed descent off Hunter Mountain. Photo by Jim Hopson #1813 W782

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

Club hiking schedule is subject to change.

Sat. Oct. 2 - HUNTER & SW HUNTER from 214

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 2307', Elevs: 4030', 3753'

Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: Sept. 24 - Oct. 1

Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091

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Sat. Oct. 2 - TWIN & INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 2100', Elevs: 3650', 3573'

Moderate pace trail hike.

Registration Period: Sep. 25 - Oct. 1

Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244

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Sat. Oct. 2 - WINDHAM, THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME, BLACKHEAD

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 4059', Elevs: 3525', 3953', 3994', 3940'

Moderate pace bushwhack and trail hike. Bushwhack up Windham, then car shuttle to hike Blackheads range traverse

Registration Period: Sept. 18 - 27

Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063

lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Sun. Oct. 3 - WEST KILL, NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 4700', Elevs: 3898', 3605', 3558'

Long, challenging trail hike and bushwhack at a moderate pace. Shuttle required. Follow proposed Devil's Path extension to Shaft Rd.

Registration period: Open

Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168

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Tue. Oct. 5 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE (Weekday)

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2550', Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'

Relaxed pace trail hike.



Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Tue. Oct. 5 - WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE (Weekday)

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3800', Elevs: 3782', 3857', 4184'
Moderate pace trail hike with steep scrambles. Shuttle Required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390
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Thu. Oct. 7 - NORTH DOME & SHERRILL (Weekday)

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elevs: 3605', 3558'
Moderate pace bushwhack. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com

Fri. Oct. 8 - SLIDE (Weekday)

Relaxed pace. Beginners welcome.
Distance: 6.7 mi. Ascent: 1784', Elev: 4184'
Registration period: Open
Leader: Sharon Klein #3364
CatsNGunks@gmail.com

Sat. Oct. 9 - EAGLE & BALSAM

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2800', Elevs: 3583', 3607'
Moderate pace trail hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Sept. 27 - Oct. 4
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
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Sat. Oct. 9 - HALCOTT via Elk Creek

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1400', Elev: 3509'
Relaxed pace true bushwhack, with map & compass training. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Sat. Oct. 9 - LONE & ROCKY

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elevs: 3700', 3487'
Bushwhack at a moderate pace from Denning.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sun. Oct. 10 - PANTHER Bushwhack

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1450', Elev: 3724'
Moderate pace bushwhack via novel route from the West.
Registration Period: Oct. 4 - 8
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
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Wed. Oct. 13 - BALSAM LAKE & MILL BROOK RIDGE (Weekday)

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500', Elevs: 3729', 3465'
Moderate pace trail hike from Balsam Lake to Alder Lake. Shuttle Required.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Wed. Oct. 13 - BIG INDIAN, FIR, SPRUCE, HEMLOCK (Weekday)

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 2350', Elevs: 3699', 3629', 3384', 3251'
Moderate pace bushwhack & trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Oct. 4 - 11
Leaders: Shari Aber #2224 W944 shnaber@yahoo.com and
Joseph Ferri #2223 W945 newpaltz33@yahoo.com

Thu. Oct. 14 - PLATEAU (Weekday)

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 2200', Elev: 3835'
Registration period: by Oct. 12

Leader: Ed Moran #2007
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Sat. Oct. 16 - BIG INDIAN

Distance: 8.5 mi. Ascent: 1700', Elev: 3699'
Relaxed pace trail hike.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Sharon Klein #3364
CatsNGunks@gmail.com



Sat. Oct. 16 - FRIDAY, BALSAM CAP, ROCKY, LONE, TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 12+ mi. Ascent: 4500', Elevs: 3692', 3608', 3487', 3700', 3825', 3819'
Long, challenging bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Oct. 16 - WEST KILL

Distance 7 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elev: 3898'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration period: Oct. 8 -15
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Sun. Oct. 17 - 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
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Wed. Oct. 20 - TWIN & SUGARLOAF (Weekday)

Distance: 8.5 mi. Ascent: 2700', Elevs: 3650', 3783'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Oct 12 - 18.
Leader: Tonda Highley #1945 W857
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Sat. Oct. 23 - BIG INDIAN & FIR

Distance: 10.5 mi. Ascent: 2400', Elevs: 3699', 3629'
Moderate pace bushwhack and trail hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Oct. 9 - 18
Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063
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Sat. Oct. 23 - FRIDAY & BALSAM CAP

Distance: 7.5 mi. Ascent: 3100', Elevs: 3692', 3608'
Moderate pace bushwhack.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sat. Oct. 23 - PANTHER

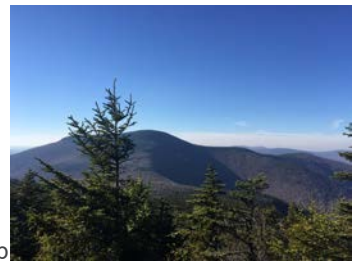
Distance: 6.6 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3724'
Required map and compass pre-hike homework.
Moderate pace trail hike with map & compass practice. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Sept. 26 - Oct. 6
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
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Sat. Oct. 23 - NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elevs: 3605', 3558'
Moderate pace bushwhack. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Oct. 23 - WITTENBERG & CORNELL

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 2357', Elevs: 3782', 3857'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration period: Oct. 15 - 22
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Fri. Oct. 29 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK (Weekday)

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elev: 3525'
Moderate pace trail hike with great views. Optional short bushwhack to Burnt Knob summit.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sat. Oct. 30 - PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE

Distance: 9.5 mi. Ascent 2325', Elevs: 3819', 3825'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Oct. 22 - 29
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Sat. Oct. 30 - RUSK, EVERGREEN, PINE ISLAND & PACKSADDLE

Distance: 8+ mi. Ascent 3500', Elevs: 3686', 3379', 3146', 3100'
Moderate pace bushwhack. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Oct. 30 - SW HUNTER & HUNTER

Distance 9.2 mi. Ascent 2100', Elevs: 3753', 4030'
Relaxed-moderate pace.
Registration period: Oct. 24 - 29
Leader: Lyn W. #2865 W1312
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Sun. Oct. 31 - 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
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Sun. Oct. 31 - PLATEAU

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3835'
Relaxed pace trail hike with steep climb/descent. After the Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup from 214.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Tue. Nov. 2 - FRIDAY & BALSAM CAP (Weekday)

Distance 7.5 mi. Ascent: 2905', Elevs: 3692', 3608'
Relaxed pace bushwhack.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Wed. Nov. 3 - BALSAM & EAGLE (Weekday)

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 2580', Elevs: 3607', 3583'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Tonda Highley #1944 W857
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Sat. Nov. 6 - SUGARLOAF bushwhack

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3783'
Relaxed pace bushwhack and trail hike.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Sat. Nov. 6 - VLY, BEARPEN & HALCOTT

Distance: 11+ mi. Ascent 3750', Elevs: 3541', 3587', 3509'
Unmarked trail hike in am and short but steep bushwhack in pm, at a moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Nov. 6 - WEST KILL

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 1900', Elev: 3898'
Moderate pace trail hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Oct. 8 - Nov. 1
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
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Sat. Nov. 6 - WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 3600', Elevs: 3782', 3857', 4184'
Trail hike with some challenging scrambles at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sun. Nov. 7 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK (Note: Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 7)

Distance 7.3 mi. Ascent: 1810', Elev: 3652'
Moderate pace trail hike and bushwhack. Beginners welcome. Learn map & compass skills.
Registration Period: Oct. 24 - Nov. 2
Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063
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Sun. Nov. 7 – HUNTER (Note: Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 7)

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 4030'
Relaxed pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Tue. Nov 9 - FRIDAY, BALSAM CAP, ROCKY, LONE, TABLE & PEEKAMOOSSE (Weekday)

Distance: 12+ mi. Ascent: 4500', Elevs: 3692', 3608', 3487', 3700', 3825', 3819'
Long, challenging bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390
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Wed. Nov. 10 - FIR, BIG INDIAN, EAGLE & BALSAM (Weekday)

Distance: 14 mi, Ascent: 3700', Elevs: 3629', 3699', 3583', 3607'
Long, challenging bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle Required.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Wed. Nov. 10 - TWIN & INDIAN HEAD (Weekday)

Distance: 7.55 mi. Ascent: 2320', Elevs: 3650', 3573'
Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Nov. 1 - 8
Leaders: Shari Aber #2224 W944 shnaber@yahoo.com and
Joseph Ferri #2223 W945 newpaltz33@yahoo.com



Fri. Nov. 12 - EAGLE (Weekday)

Relaxed pace trail hike. Shuttle required
Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1583', Elev: 3583'
Registration period: Open
Leader: Sharon Klein #3364
CatsNGunks@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 13 - BALSAM LAKE via MILL BROOK RIDGE from ALDER LAKE

Distance 9 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3729', 3465'
Moderate pace thru hike. Beginners welcome. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Nov. 13 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 6.2 mi. Ascent 1525', Elev: 3525'
Moderate pace trail hike from Peck Road.
Registration Period: Nov. 5 - 12
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Sun. Nov. 14 - HALCOTT, SLEEPING LION & SOUTH VLY

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000', Elevs: 3509', 3391', 3356'
Moderate pace bushwhack. Shuttle Required
Registration Period: Nov. 8 - 13
Leaders: Jon Gordon #2816 W1252 and Ben Gordon #2817 W1251
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Sun. Nov. 14 - RUSK, EAST RUSK, HUNTER, SW HUNTER

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 3200', Elevs: 3686', 3628', 4030', 3753'
Long bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Thu. Nov. 18 - SLIDE MOUNTAIN (Weekday)

Distance: 5.5 mi. Ascent 1800', Elev: 4184'
Registration period: by Nov. 16
Leader: Ed Moran #2007 W950
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Sat. Nov. 20 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 7.3 mi. Ascent: 1810', Elev: 3652'
Required map and compass pre-hike homework.
Moderate pace bushwhack & trail hike with map & compass practice. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Oct. 21 - Nov. 4
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
russell.buildingscience@gmail.com 518-370-3600

Sat. Nov. 20 - PLATEAU, SUGARLOAF, TWIN, INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 9.5 mi. Ascent: 4300', Elevs: 3835', 3783', 3650', 3573'
Trail hike of 4 Devil's Path peaks at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
nmdange@live.com

Fri. Nov. 26 - BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY (Weekday)

Distance: 7.7 mi. Ascent: 2813', Elev: 3608', 3692'
Moderate pace bushwhack.
Registration Period: Nov. 17 - 23
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sat. Nov. 27 - WEST KILL, SW HUNTER & HUNTER

Distance: 15.5 mi. Ascent: 4100', Elevs: 3898', 3753', 4030'
Moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com



Sat. Nov. 27 - SLIDE, CORNELL & WITTENBERG

Distance: 10.4 mi. Ascent: 2738', Elevs: 4184', 3857', 3782'
Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Nov. 13 - 22
Leader: Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago #1368 W1063
lgizz@hotmail.com 845-532-3922

Sun. Nov. 28 - BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 6.7 mi. Ascent 2150', Elevs: 3994', 3953'
Relaxed-moderate pace.
Registration period: Nov. 21 - 26
Leader: Lyn W. #2865 W1312
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Sat. Dec. 4 - BALSAM LAKE via MILL BROOK RIDGE from ALDER LAKE

Distance 9 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3729', 3465'
Moderate pace thru hike. Beginners welcome. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com

Sat. Dec. 4 - BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE

Distance: 6.8 mi. Ascent 2941', Elevs: 3994', 3953'
Moderate pace.
Registration Period: Nov. 26 - Dec. 3
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Sat. Dec. 4 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 3.4 mi. Ascent 1574', Elev: 3525'
Easy bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace from Big Hollow Rd. With map and compass training.
Registration Period: Nov. 27 - Dec. 3
Leader: Harold Oakhill #283 W1244
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Tue. Dec. 7 - DRY BROOK RIDGE via Huckleberry Loop (Weekday)

Distance 13 mi. Ascent: 3100', Elev: 3465'
Moderate pace loop hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com

Thu. Dec. 9 - HALCOTT (Weekday)

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent 1800', Elev: 3509'
Registration period: by Dec. 7
Leader: Ed Moran #2007
edmoran@gmail.com 631-741-3765

Thu. Dec. 9 - WEST KILL (Weekday)

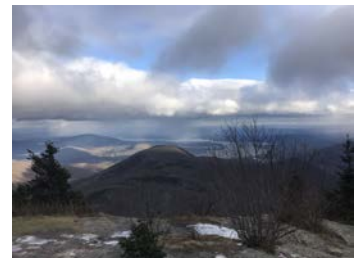
Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 1900', Elev: 3898'
Moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
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Sat. Dec. 11 - FRIDAY, BALSAM CAP, ROCKY, LONE, TABLE & PEEKAMOOSSE

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 4500', Elevs: 3692', 3608', 3487', 3700', 3819', 3825'
Long, challenging bushwhack and trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Sat. Dec. 11 - WITTENBERG & CORNELL

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 2357', Elevs: 3782', 3857'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration period: Dec. 3 - 10
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Tue. Dec. 14 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK (Weekday)

Distance 7 mi. Ascent 1525', Elev: 3525'
Moderate pace trail hike. Shuttle required.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Erica Pellegrino #3463 W1390
ericapellegrino71@gmail.com 443-791-1259

Fri. Dec. 17 - HUNTER (Weekday)

Distance: 8.2 mi. Ascent: 1898', Elev: 4030'
Moderate pace loop.
Registration Period: Dec. 6 - 12
Leaders: Ira Orenstein #415 W777 and Karen Bloom #1733 W776
ksbiho@aol.com (preferred) 914- 262-5816

Sat. Dec. 18 - PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE

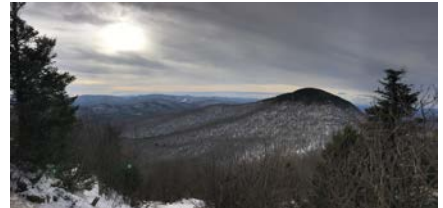
Distance: 9.5 mi. Ascent 2325', Elevs: 3819', 3825'
Moderate pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Dec. 10 - 17
Leader: Sue Hall #2460 W1091
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Sat. Dec. 18 - VLY & BEARPEN

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent 2100', Elevs: 3541', 3587'
Unmarked trail hike at a moderate pace. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com

Tue. Dec. 21 - BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME & THOMAS COLE (Weekday)

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2550', Elevs: 3940', 3994', 3953'
Relaxed pace trail hike.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Al Davis #2192 W1082
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Tue. Dec. 21 - HALCOTT, VLY & BEARPEN (Weekday)

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1400', Elev: 3509' (Halcott)
Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3541', 3587' (Vly & Bearpen)
2 hikes at a moderate pace. Hike either or both. Short but steep bushwhack followed by a moderate unmarked trail hike.
Registration period: Open
Leader: Michael D'Angelo #2910 W1168
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Tue. Dec. 21 - SUGARLOAF (Weekday)

Distance: 4.3 mi. Ascent: 1723', Elev: 3783'
Moderate pace trail hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Dec. 7 - 16
Leader: Russell Ley #2927 W1262
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Wed. Dec. 22 - SLIDE (Weekday)

Distance: 5.6 mi. Ascent: 1740', Elev: 4184'
Moderate pace trail hike. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Dec. 15 - 20
Leader: Tonda Highley #1944 W857
Thighley1944@gmail.com

Sun. Dec. 26 - BEARPEN & VLY

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elevs: 3587', 3541'
Moderate pace unmarked trail hike
Registration Period: Dec. 18 - 23
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sun. Dec. 26 - BLACKHEAD

Distance: 5.2 mi. Ascent: 1720' Elev: 3940'
Moderate pace.
Registration Period: Open
Leader: Marv Freedman #2242 W951
marvfreedman@gmail.com



Sun. Dec. 26 - PANTHER

Distance: 6.6 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3724'
Moderate pace. Beginners welcome.
Registration Period: Dec. 17 - 23
Leader: Tom Rankin #1503 W627
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Wed. Dec. 29 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK (Weekday)

Distance: 7mi. Ascent: 2000', Elev: 3652'
Trail and bushwhack with a few tough scrambles, great views, and 2 plane crashes at a moderate pace.
Registration period: Open

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Aspirant Marina, the wonder cat, lounging on Bearpen. Photo by Allison Muller

NEW MEMBERS

Our annual dinners for 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but nearly 200 of us gathered for a gala annual meeting as a barbecue at the Ashokan Center on July 31, 2021. All members of the "class of" 2020 and 2021 who were in attendance, were called out to come forward and pose for a photograph, holding a certificate or a generic "CLASS OF 202x" one. The same was done for those who have finished since then. Certificates have been mailed with the welcoming letter for the last year and a half, and will continue to be, going forward.

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

By: Dave White, Membership Chair.

New Lifetime Members:

Number	Name
290	John Hornyak
662	Renate Koble
1452	Ellen Dwyer
1938	Brendan Parker
1939	Amanda Parker
1959	James Juliano
1979	Christiane Mulvihill
2346	Wendy Porter
2443	Neil Berenholz
2467	Nancy D Allen
2804	Michele Kaminsky

3023	Sonja C Rossi
3134	David Trestick
3178	John Buddle
3212	Susan Vidal
3235	Thomas Filocco
3243	Eva Cleveland
3308	Veronica Andreassen
3564	Sandra Galindo
3662	Stephanie Langner
3675	Amee van Harrant
3683	Ed Krebs
3684	Jordan Bower
3688	James Darley
3689	Maryam Yaghoubi
3695	Sarah Rodman
Asp	David I August
Asp	Karthik Kalihiri

New Winter Members:

Winter Number	Name	Number	Date of Finish	Final Peak
1441	Vaibhav Lohiya	3450	3/21/2021	Balsam Lake
1442	Ian Swanson	3654	3/12/2021	Balsam Cap
1443	Jordan Bower	3684	3/13/2021	Panther
1444	Sandra Galindo	3564	3/13/2021	Panther
1445	Frank Maccreery	3522	3/20/2021	Twin

New Members:

Number	Name	Date of Finish	Final Peak
3600	Elise Gold	4/23/2021	Kaaterskill
3601	Richard Bader	3/15/2021	Slide
3602	Michele Wait	3/15/2021	Slide
3603	Josh Fabian	3/30/2021	Kaaterskill
3604	Sharon Charbonneau	4/7/2021	Slide
3605	DeePika Chandarana	3/27/2021	Slide
3606	Mercedes Karabec	4/4/2021	Bearpen
3607	Dan Weinheimer	4/14/2021	Slide
3608	Sharyn Fogelman	1/24/2021	Blackhead
3609	Grace Thalasinis	4/10/2021	Fir
3610	Heidi Tanner	4/30/2021	Balsam
3611	Shivakumar Bangalore	4/18/2021	Balsam
3612	Louis Collins	4/17/2021	West Kill
3613	Maria Schwarz	4/18/2021	Panther
3614	Alexander Martsynkevich	4/18/2021	Panther
3615	Anthony Saturnino	3/22/2021	Big Indian
3616	Jonathan Tario	4/18/2021	Rocky
3617	Jason Davey	4/22/2021	Blackhead
3618	David Komoroske	4/24/2021	Hunter
3619	Nicholas DiBenedetto	4/25/2021	Plateau
3620	Charles Callejo	4/3/2021	Sherrill
3621	Myra Romano	4/27/2021	Wittenberg
3622	Steven K Spreitzer	5/1/2021	Windham

3623	David R Smith	5/1/2021	Fir
3624	Richard M Rozanski	5/1/2021	Fir
3625	Jeff Artist	5/1/2021	Balsam Lake
3626	Anitha Motaganahalli	5/2/2021	Twin
3627	Michael Murphy	5/3/2021	North Dome
3628	Riccardo Arrigucci	2/13/2021	Panther
3629	Valentina Guerrini	2/13/2021	Panther
3630	Vilasonh Engineri	5/8/2021	West Kill
3631	Ravikumar Gurrapu	5/8/2021	West Kill
3632	Wayne M Roth	5/15/2021	Kaaterskill
3633	Shawn Connolly	5/2/2021	Rocky
3634	Mark L Jackson	5/10/2021	Vly
3635	Robin Clearwater	5/8/2021	West Kill
3636	Pamela Winski	3/13/2021	SW Hunter
3637	Thomas Dean	5/15/2021	Sherrill
3638	Aggie Drzymala	5/2/2021	Kaaterskill
3639	Alicia Copenhafer	5/22/2021	Blackhead
3640	Jordan Copenhafer	5/22/2021	Blackhead
3641	Kyo Sook Koo	3/11/2020	Rocky
3642	Michael Nussbaum	5/22/2021	Sugarloaf
3643	Gary Tierney	5/23/2021	Lone
3644	Melissa North	5/23/2021	Lone
3645	Mark Daniel Walsh	5/26/2021	Plateau
3646	Matthew Fecica	6/1/2021	Panther
3647	Meghan Donovan	5/15/2021	Sugarloaf
3648	Sean Casey	5/15/2021	Sugarloaf
3649	William J Buchanan III	5/22/2021	Slide
3650	Gary Glick	5/24/2021	Lone
3651	Sheela Gopalakrishnan	5/30/2021	Windham
3652	Alison Wrynn	5/31/2021	Panther
3653	Terrence Brasile	5/16/2021	Rocky
3654	Ian Swanson	3/1/2021	Balsam
3655	Alex Turcotte	5/30/2021	Friday
3656	Richard Smith	6/2/2021	Windham
3657	Wayne Thompson	10/21/2020	Indian Head
3658	Thomas Folts	5/1/2021	Windham
3659	Michael Swanson	3/1/2021	Balsam
3660	Shannyn Dewey	3/14/2021	Fir
3661	Renata Zieba	5/22/2021	Plateau
3662	Stephanie Langner	5/22/2021	Bearpen
3663	Steve Markel	6/5/2021	Rocky
3664	Richard Frio	6/5/2021	Rocky
3665	Onino Viengkham	6/5/2021	Plateau
3666	William Keefe	6/5/2021	Plateau
3667	Hana Walton	6/5/2021	West Kill
3668	James Walton	6/5/2021	West Kill
3669	Catherine Zang	6/12/2021	Balsam Lake
3670	James Ryan Halbert	6/13/2021	Windham
3671	Sandra Manca	6/5/2021	Rocky
3672	Clark Dickson	6/5/2021	Kaaterskill
3673	Negar Aliabadi	6/13/2021	Rusk
3674	Maria Gaston-DeSimone	6/19/2021	Kaaterskill
3675	Amee van Harrant	6/20/2021	West Kill
3676	Jeffrey Huth	6/26/2021	Kaaterskill

3677	Gemma Reinhard	6/26/2021	Kaaterskill
3678	Amy Bateman	6/26/2021	Kaaterskill
3679	Frank Quiles	3/15/2021	Kaaterskill
3680	Wanda Lora-Quiles	3/15/2021	Kaaterskill
3681	Lindsay Woodard	5/2/2021	Rocky
3682	Daniel Field	6/21/2021	North Dome
3683	Eric Krebs	7/6/2020	Slide
3684	Jordan Bower	3/13/2021	Panther
3685	Sharon Burns-Leader	6/12/2021	Southwest Hunter
3686	Paul Gallo	6/19/2021	Balsam Lake
3687	Belle Sclafani	7/1/2021	Balsam Lake
3688	James Darley	5/16/2021	Kaaterskill
3689	Maryam Yaghoubi	5/16/2021	Kaaterskill
3690	Dylan Medici	6/17/2021	Balsam Cap
3691	Lisa Dokken	6/21/2021	Sherrill
3692	Igor Brodsky	3/13/2021	Blackhead
3693	Jonathan Burn	5/15/2021	Rocky
3694	Eve Alvarez	6/25/2021	West Kill
3695	Sarah Rodman	6/25/2021	West Kill
3696	Todd Calhoun	7/11/2021	Lone
3697	Heather Hammond	7/10/2021	Slide
3698	James A Gisondi	7/10/2021	Slide
3699	Rachel Wolf	7/5/2021	Halcott
3700	Colin G Thomas	7/11/2021	Hunter
3701	Jordan Bulanda	7/15/2021	Blackhead
3702	Kevin Anneken	7/15/2021	Blackhead
3703	Jenna Hans	7/6/2021	Balsam Lake
3704	Abigail Hanlon	7/11/2021	West Kill
3705	Raven Matherne	7/15/2021	Slide
3706	Emily Glauber	7/17/2021	Kaaterskill
3707	Ashley Hannan	7/17/2021	West Kill
3708	A Ross Kerr	7/18/2021	Bearpen
3709	Megan Mullin	7/19/2021	Rocky
3710	Annette Hogan	7/23/2021	Panther
3711	Steven A Sarbak	7/24/2021	Kaaterskill
3712	Janine Sarbak	7/24/2021	Kaaterskill
3713	Doug Fish	7/23/2021	Balsam Lake
3714	Alina Stobiecka	7/16/2021	Sugarloaf
3715	Christina King	7/28/2021	Indian Head
3716	Colton King	7/28/2021	Indian Head
3717	Robert Griffin	7/31/2021	Blackhead
3718	Tammy Brown	7/31/2021	Kaaterskill
3719	Kristen Decker	8/8/2021	Panther
3720	Christian Smythe	8/7/2021	Cornell
3721	Gary Keir	8/14/2021	Eagle
3722	Jared Brown	2/21/2021	Fir



Cascading yellows and temperatures on Ginseng mountain. Photo by Nathan Laing #3165

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 landscape format is preferred. 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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