

ADK 2022 FALL WEEKEND

OUTING DESCRIPTIONS

Silver Bay / Lake George

A-1: Friday, September 23

Hike to Inspiration Point and Sunrise Mountain via Bob James Trail, Silver Bay
Leader: Hester McCarthy hestermccarthy@gmail.com 847-501-0242

Rating: B / Moderate / 5.1 miles RT / 1500 elevation change

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 10

This hike starts at Silver Bay.

Description: This trail leads to Inspiration Point and Sunrise Mountain, two rocky overlooks with outstanding views of Lake George and the Vermont mountains. There is one steep ascent and one steep descent but this hike involves mostly more gradual climbs. The connecting trail between the two overlooks crosses several streams and goes along cascading waterfalls at several points. We will take the time to enjoy the views from both overlooks. Inspiration Point is at 900 ft. and Sunset Mountain is 1200 ft.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay South Parking Lot adjacent to Route 9N and across from the Woodside Trailhead at 11:00 am. Leader will have a sign.

A-2: Friday, September 23

Inspiration Point, Silver Bay

Leader: Sue McMeekin-Davis sjmcmeekindavis@gmail.com

Rating: C+ / easy / 2 miles RT / 600 ft. elevation gain

Duration: 2 1/2 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: Across the road (We walk there.)

Description: Gradual but steady uphill climb on comfortable path to super outlook over Lake George. This will be at a leisurely pace, spending time at the top to appreciate the view.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 1:00 pm.

A-3: Friday, September 23

Buck Mountain Hike, Pilot Knob, Lake George

Leader: Lynn Butterworth tlynnbutterworth@gmail.com 518-240-6162

Rating: B+ / moderate to strenuous / 6.5 miles RT / 2000 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4 - 5 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 38 miles/ 60 minutes

Description: This trail is a constant gradual climb and three steep sections. The last .7 mile is very steep on open rock. To start, the trail follows Butternut Brook, and there are a couple of stream crossings. At 3 miles, the trail ascends steeply on solid rock, offering views of Crossett Pond and southern Lake George. At 3.2 miles, the open, rock-faced summit offers a 270 degree view of Lake George—Million Dollar Beach to the south, Bolton Landing to the west, and the Narrows and the Tongue Mountain Range to the north.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Buck Mountain Trailhead, Pilot Knob approach, at 8:30 am.

1750 Pilot Knob Road, Kattskill Bay, NY 12844

A-4: Friday, September 23

Amy's Park Loop Hike, Bolton Landing

Leader: John Rendinaro rendj7@gmail.com 518-240-6162

Rating: B / moderate / 5 miles RT / 600 ft. elevation change

Duration: 3 - 4 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 18 miles / 30 minutes

Description: This trail circles a pond and wetlands, home to beaver and a heron rookery. It is mostly flat with some rolling hills, along with 3 - 4 easily manageable water crossings. There is one, steeper climb that traverses a ridge and then a very steep, half-mile climb that brings you to a nice lookout of Hi Nopit Hill in the foreground and Lake George and Crane Mountain in the background.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Amy's Park Trailhead, Padanarum Road, Bolton Landing at 11:00 am. From exit 24 of the Northway, take Rt. 11 / Riverbank Rd. toward Bolton Landing. Go approx. 4 miles then turn left onto Church Hill Rd. At end, turn left onto North Bolton Rd. In approx. 1 mile, stay straight onto Padanarum Rd. In approx. 2 miles, bear right at the fork. Parking area is approx. 1 mile on the left. It is the FIRST parking lot on the LEFT.

A-5: Friday, September 23

Paddle to Hike. Putnam Pond to Clear Pond and Graphite Mine Site

Leader: Sam Vona strat3771@gmail.com 908-328-9653

Rating: B / 2-5 miles of paddling and ~2 miles of hiking RT

Duration: ~4-5hrs **Limit:** 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 22 miles / 35 minutes

Description: We will launch at the public boat launch at Putnam Pond campground and paddle a little over a mile to the north side of North Pond where we will land within sight of the trail to Clear Pond. Switching to hiking boots, we will follow the trail just under a mile to some lovely viewpoints at Clear Pond. Retracing out steps a little bit, we will cross over to the opposite shore of Clear Pond and explore the remnants of a Graphite mine. A steep but short uphill off the trail will bring us to a mine pool with blue/green water that would seem more appropriate in the Bahamas than the Eastern Adirondacks before heading back to our boats. We will extend our paddle back by exploring more of the North Pond/Putnam Pond shore line.

Meeting Place/Time: Putnam Pond Campground boat launch for a 9:30 am departure. I will send a google maps pin for precise location. Putnam Pond Campground will require a small daily use fee to launch.

A-6: Friday, September 23

Bradley Lookout / The Pinnacle

Leader: Noelle McCrum nkinderteach@hotmail.com 518-494-5193

Rating: Bradley: C / 1.1 mi. RT / 183 ft. elevation gain

Pinnacle: B / 3 mi. RT / 482 ft. elevation gain

Duration: Bradley: 50 min. / Pinnacle: 2 hrs. **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 25 min.

Description: These hikes start at the same trailhead. Bradley's Lookout will be climbed first. This is a sweet, short, very gradual climb to a fantastic view overlooking Lake George. If you choose you can then hike the Pinnacle which is a little longer and steeper but with a slightly different but rewarding view. You can thank the Lake George Land Conservancy for these two gems.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Silver Bay Registration Area at 1 pm. Or meet at the trailhead at 1:30. Get off at exit 24 of the Northway, take County Rt. 11 towards Bolton Landing for 2.1 mi. Turn right onto Valley Woods Rd. for .6 mi. Turn right onto Edgecomb Pond Rd. for 1.5 mi., then turn right to stay on Edgecomb Pond Rd. for 1.5 mi. The trailhead parking will be on the left.

A-7: Friday, September 23

Pole Hill Pond/Walnut Ridge hike

Leader: Moira Goldfarb moiragoldfarb@hotmail.com 585-507-5184

Rating: Bradley: C / 1.1 mi. RT / 183 ft. elevation gain

Pinnacle: B / 3 mi. RT / 482 ft. elevation gain

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 18 miles / 30 minutes

Description: The hike begins at the Isabel La Roche Godwin Preserve trailhead on Padanarum Rd in Bolton Landing. In just over 1 mile of moderate climbing we arrive at Pole Pond, a lovely wilderness pond. From here, the trail continues uphill with a few short steep sections reaching Walnut Ridge in about 1 mile. The open ledge with outstanding views of Lake George will be our destination for a brief rest and snack before retracing the steps to the parking area.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 12:00 pm.

A-8: Friday, September 23

Cook Mt. Hike, Lake George

Leader: Sara Mullins s.mullins@frontier.com 518-494-4614

Rating: B / moderate / 2.9 miles RT / 1000 ft. elevation change

Duration: 3 - 4 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 21 miles / 15 minutes

Description: The summit of Cook Mountain offers views of Lake George and Vermont from two different viewpoints. From the trailhead, we'll follow the yellow trail uphill until it joins the Ridges Trail. We'll turn left here and make a steep climb for about .5 miles and then a more gradual climb for another .6 miles. We'll follow a short loop trail to the east for views of Vermont and Ticonderoga, and then follow the Ridges Trail to its end for great views down Lake George.

Meeting Place/Time: Because parking is limited primarily to the roadside near the Cook Mountain Preserve trailhead, we'll meet at the Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:30 a.m. to arrange carpools for anyone interested. Those driving independently should arrive at the trailhead at 10 a.m. From Silver Bay, take Rt. 9N for about 11 miles until you see the Wind-Chill Factory Ice Cream Store on the right, and then turn right onto Alexandria Avenue north of the Ice Cream store. Continue for about a mile and turn right onto Baldwin Avenue and drive about 1.7 miles to the trailhead.

A-9: Friday, September 23

Northwest Bay Paddle on Lake George

Leader: Susan Jefts sjefts7@gmail.com 518-232-6776

Rating: B / Moderate / 4 to 5 miles, with stop for swimming and snack

Duration: 3 - 3.5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance From Silver Bay: 9 miles / 12 minutes

Description: We'll paddle the quiet wetland waters of Northwest Bay inlet on Lake George, and after a mile or so we'll enter the bay itself. We'll explore along the east shore of the bay for another mile or so, hugging the shore if it's windy, and stop for a possible swim and snack on one of the small peninsulas before heading back. Bring water, lunch, whistle, life jacket, sunscreen.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at 10:30 at the Registration area or at 11:00 at the put in at Northwest Bay Fish and Wildlife Access area on Route 9N, 9 miles south of Silver Bay. You'll see the brown NYS state Fishing access sign on left, a few hundred feet south of the Clay Meadow (Quarry) Parking lot for 5th Peak. If you drive down to the water to drop off your boat, be aware of the large ruts (at least as of this writing, Nov. 2021). Otherwise, you can park in upper part of the lot and carry your boat down.

A-10: Friday, September 23

Hike: Roger's Rock Little Slide

Leader: Todd Earl doublehpatrol@gmail.com 518-260-3939

Rating : C+ / easy / 3.5 miles RT / 600 ft elevation change

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:**10

Distance from Silver Bay: 9 miles / 15 minutes

Description: The owners of private land have graciously allowed us to access this great summit overlooking Lake George! The moderate hike starts by following an old road from Valley View Farm, leading through beautiful beech and birch woods to a final 1/2 mile climb to the overlook. Todd will add some very interesting historical facts along the way.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration area at 11:45 am.

A-11: Friday, September 23

Stewart and Kipp Mts

Leader: Gary Schiavi gary.schiavi@gmail.com 518-361-4283

Rating: C+ / easy / 2.8 miles RT (combined) / 850 elevation change (combined)

Duration: 2 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 26 miles / 35 minutes

Description: Stewart and Kipp Mts. are two of the hikes that are part of the Chester Challenge with trailheads within a mile of each other. First, we'll hike Stewart's 0.8 mile round trip, warm up and enjoy views of the surrounding area and Loon Lake and then take a short drive to Kipp Mountain and hike the 1.0 mile and 670 ft. trail to the summit. Both hikes are out and back.

Additional Chester Challenge hikes are led by Rose Cooper (Saturday) and Steve Sokol (Sunday). Complete all six and get a Chester Challenge patch.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Loon Lake Beach parking area located on US Route 9/NYS Route 8 (5381 US 9 Chestertown) near the intersection with White Schoolhouse Rd. at 12:00 noon.

A-12: Friday, September 23

Jabe Pond Fishing

Leader: Jeffrey Schanzer jeffschan@aol.com (518) 494-5614

Rating: C / N/A miles RT/ N/A

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 4.9 miles / 13 minutes

Description: Jabe Pond is a lovely wilderness pond with Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout. Artificial lures only, minimum keeper size 12". There is a parking lot very close to the Pond. High clearance vehicles are recommended. Participants must bring a light weight canoe as fishing from shore is very limited.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 12:00 pm.

A-13: Friday September 23

Lost Pond Caves exploration and hike

Leader: Tom Zelker tomzelker@gmail.com 518-827-3301

Rating: C / Easy / 2.8 miles round trip small elevation gains

Duration: about an hour hike in; explore cave about an hour; hike back

Limit: 8 (I can supply helmets)

Distance from Silver Bay: 22 miles / 30 minutes drive

Description: A beautiful hike through deep woods; gently rolling terrain. We can take our time and enjoy the forest. Right near Lost Pond is the main cave; stooping and crawling; no tight squeezes or climbing. The cave has several interconnecting

passages. You will need flashlights and gloves...and a change of clothes. It is an interesting and fun cave to explore.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 11:45 am.

A-14: Friday, September 23

Bartonville Mt. from The Hub, Brant Lake

Leader: Meredith Todd meredith36ny@yahoo.com **H:** 518-494-8088

C: 315-521-8088

Rating: C+ / 3.1 mile loop / 600 feet elevation gain

Duration: 2.5 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 20 miles / 30 minutes

Description: From The Hub on Mill Pond in the hamlet of Brant Lake, we will take the Jack and Jill hiking trail up to a view of Brant Lake. From there, we will explore more of the mountain on a series of nicely designed, scenic single-track mountain bike trails, eventually reaching our starting point. We reach the summit at 3/4 mile, then will be on trails with little elevation change before a gentler descent.

Meeting Place/Time: Noon at the Silver Bay Registration Area or the trailhead on Market St, Brant Lake at 12:35. From Silver Bay, drive north on Tower Point Rd to Rt 9N. Turn right/north on 9N to Hague, then turn left/south on State Route 8. Go 16.3 miles to Mill Pond in the hamlet. Turn right on either end of the pond onto Market St. You can't miss the large parking lot on short Market St. From the Northway/I-87 Exit 25, turn north on State Rt 8, go about 1.7 miles to the hamlet and turn left onto either end of Market St. at the pond. There should be plenty of parking availability.

North Creek

A-15: Friday, September 23

Oven Mountain Hike, North Creek

Leaders: Roy and Sue Keats royskipaddle@gmail.com 518-466-8544

Rating: C+ / relatively easy with a few steady ups / 2.5 mile RT / 730 feet elevation gain

Duration: 3.5 hours Limit: 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 34 miles / 45 minutes

Description: The trail is on private land which is managed by a local forester. He will be on hand to answer any questions about the area. Oven Mountain is the nearby mountain that you see from many ski trails and the gondola on Gore Mountain. The trail offers several beautiful views of Crane Mountain, Eleventh Mountain, Gore Mountain and Moxham Mountain with a distant panorama of the High Peaks and the Lake George Mountains.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Wevertown Community Center at 2370 NY 28 (near northeast corner of intersection of NY 28 and NY8) at 11:00 am. We will carpool as necessary from there using higher clearance vehicles such as Subaru Foresters or Toyota RAV4.

Silver Bay / Lake George

B-1: Saturday, September 24

Uncas Cliffs/Waterfall Hike, Silver Bay

Leaders: Greg Clark and Laurie Clark greg1.clark@hotmail.com 518-812-4420

Rating: B / moderate / 2.6 miles / total ascent 760 ft / 425 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4 hours **Limit:** 12

Description: This trail starts over rolling terrain which leads to a rather rocky and steep incline before coming to a lookout over Lake George. There is a 425 ft. elevation gain over .8 miles to the lookout. Here we will take a short break and enjoy the view. From here we will hike .6 miles with some up and downhill terrain which is relatively easy before coming to a beautiful waterfall. We will take a leisurely break here also for pictures and perhaps eat lunch before heading back to Silver Bay. This is a very pleasant hike and we will take it at a relaxed pace to take in all of the sights along the way - many photo ops

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the south parking lot adjacent to Route 9N and across from Woodside Trailhead at 10:30. Look for a sign Uncas Cliffs/Waterfall.

B-2: Saturday, September 24

Hike to Inspiration Point and Sunrise Mountain via Bob James Trail, Silver Bay

Leaders: Judy and Steve Thomson judythomson1230@gmail.com 518-229-7473

Rating: B / Moderate / 5.1 miles RT / 1500 elevation change

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 10

This hike starts at Silver Bay.

Description: This trail leads to Inspiration Point and Sunrise Mountain, two rocky overlooks with outstanding views of Lake George and the Vermont mountains. There is one steep ascent and one steep descent but this hike involves mostly more gradual climbs. The connecting trail between the two overlooks crosses several streams and goes along cascading waterfalls at several points. We will take the time to enjoy the views from both overlooks. Inspiration Point is at 900 ft. and Sunset Mountain is 1200 ft.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay South Parking Lot adjacent to Route 9N and across from the Woodside Trailhead at 9:40 am. Leaders will have a sign.

B-3: Saturday, September 24

Southern Tongue Range Loop, Lake George

Leader: Megan McLaughlin & Rich Rogers megan@adk.org 631-365-3934

Rating: A+ / very strenuous / 15 miles RT / 3150 ft. elevation change

Duration: 9 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 9 miles / 15 minutes

Description: This trail crosses 3 peaks, offers a variety of terrain, and is a favorite of adventurous souls seeking challenges similar to those found in the High Peaks. After crossing the bay, the trail begins a steady climb up to 5th Peak (1798ft) where we will be rewarded with our first breathtaking views of Lake George. The trail then continues south down the range with some ups and downs to French Point Mt (1736ft) and First Peak (1572ft), giving a feeling of walking straight down into the lake. This path will take us through forests, grassy fields, blueberry patches, a little rock scrambling and of course classic Adirondack mud. If time allows we can walk to Montcalm Point at the very tip of the peninsula or skip it, opting to shorten the hike by almost a mile. From there it is 5 rolling miles along the beautiful Northwest Bay Trail back. All 3 peaks are included in the Lake George 12ster.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 6:45 am or at the Clay Meadow trailhead ready to hike at 7 am. The trailhead is on the right hand side of Rt. 9N 4.6 miles north of the intersection of County Rt. 11 (which comes from Exit 24 of the Northway) and Rt. 9N. It is 9 miles south of Silver Bay on the left.

B-4: Saturday, September 24

Pole Hill Pond Loop

Leader: Jen Shepherd Jlynnne.adk@gmail.com

Rating: B+ / moderate / 6 miles RT / 1535 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4-6 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 11 miles / 15 minutes

Description: We'll follow the well-marked blue trail over three peaks to the pond then loop back out. The peaks have some mild to slightly strenuous ascents, mostly just steady uphill with the middle peak offering views of Lake George to the South. No technical challenges but hikers should be in good condition for the uphill.

Meeting Place/Time: Pole Hill Pond Trailhead off Route 9N at 9am. Directions from Silver Bay: Left onto NY-9N S for 9.9 miles. Trailhead is on the left.

B-5: Saturday, September 24

Cat and Thomas Mountains Hike, Bolton Landing

Leaders: Lynn Butterworth & John Rendinaro tlynnbutterworth@gmail.com
518-240-6162

Rating: B+ / moderate to strenuous / 7.3 miles RT / 1700 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4 - 5 hours **Limit:** 15

Distance from Silver Bay: 17 miles/ 30 minutes

Description: This trail is a loop that tackles two peaks, both of which offer views of Lake George and surrounding mountains. We will start on the red trail, which heads up Cat Mountain. There are rolling hills with two steep, straight up sections and three easy water crossings. The last .5 mile to the top of Cat is a strenuous climb, but the 270-degree views from the open rock top are spectacular. The blue trail to the yellow trail is a gradual descent that goes down to a col and then climbs back up to a ridge that leads to the Thomas Mountain peak, which offers a different view of Lake George. The final descent from Thomas is gradual and the last two miles back to the trailhead is mostly flat on an old logging road. During this hike, we will pass wetlands and part of the hike will be along a stream. From these peaks, you will view Edgecomb Pond, Northwest Bay and the Narrows in Lake George, views of the southern half of Lake George, and the Green Mountains to the east, Trout Lake to the south, and Crane and Gore Mountains to the west.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Cat Mountain Trailhead, Edgecomb Pond Rd., Bolton Landing at 9:00 am. From Silver Bay YMCA, take Rt. 9N south for approx. 13 miles. Turn right onto Rt. 11 / Bolton Landing- Riverbank Rd. In approx. 2 ½ miles, turn left onto New Vermont Rd. In ¼ of a mile, turn left onto Valley Woods Rd., and then immediately turn right onto Edgecomb Pond Rd. In 1 ½ miles, turn right to stay on Edgecomb Pond Rd. then turn right into the parking area.

B-6: Saturday, September 24

Black Mt. Loop Hike, Lake George

Leader: Sue Atwell bradtatwell@aol.com **518-885-8436**

Rating: B+ / moderate / 6.6 mi. RT / 1046 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4-5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 35 mi. / 47 min.

Description: This is the highest mountain on Lake George at 2646 ft., but only a 1046 ft. ascent from the trailhead. The trail starts off level but then there are steeper sections to reach the top with a fire tower. There are great views of Lake George. The loop trail heads down toward the lake with other great views, but then makes a turn to pass Black Mountain Pond and Lapland Pond back to the original trailhead.

Meeting Place /Time: Meet at the Registration Area at Silver Bay at 8:30 am. Or meet at the trailhead at 9:30 am, ready to hike. From NY 22 approx. 18 miles S of the Fort Ticonderoga entrance road, turn W at the sign for Huletts Landing and drive 2.7 mi. to a L turn onto Pike Brook Rd. At 0.8 mi. is the trailhead.

B-7: Saturday, September 24

Amy's Park, Bolton Landing

Leaders: Jim and Bobbi Jennison bobbijennison@aol.com 941-504-0368

Rating: B / moderate / 5.2 mile loop trail / 580 ft elevation change with one short steep section

Duration: 4 hours Limit: 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 18.1 miles / 25 minutes

Description: Amy's Park is part of the Lake George Conservancy and is adjacent to the Godwin Preserve. It is a beautiful property of ponds, marshes and forests. The summit has nice views of the surrounding area, High Nopit Mountain, as well as a glimpse of Lake George.

Meeting Place/Time: 9:00 at the trailhead at 887 Padanarum Rd. Bolton Landing, NY 12814. Directions: Head south on Silver Bay Rd and continue on NY 9N south for 12.7 miles. Turn right onto Bolton Landing-Riverbank Rd. Take your first right onto N. Bolton Rd. for 1.7 miles. Continue straight onto Padanarum Rd. After 1.2 miles the destination will be on the left.

B-8: Saturday, September 24

Mead/Beckman Mtn & Cougar Trail, Chestertown

Leader: Rose Cooper rosecoper2@gmail.com 914-844-3078

Rating: B / Mead and Beckman, 2.1 mi RT / 597 ft elev. change

Duration: 2.5 hours

Cougar Trail / 1.3 mi RT / 226 ft elev. change

Duration: 1 hour

Limit: 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 25 miles / approx. 30 minutes

Description: Part of the Chester Challenge, in cooperation with Friday hikes led by Gary Schiavi and Sunday hikes by Steve Sokol.

Complete six hikes and receive a pin or patch

Meeting Place/Time: 9:00 am, North Warren Information Center, 3 NY Route 8 (Dynamite Hill), Chestertown

B-9: Saturday September 24

Jabe Pond Paddle, Hague

Leader: Sue Sliva suesliva@aol.com 518-494-4215

Rating: B / moderate / 3 mile shoreline paddle

Duration 2-3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: under 5 miles

Description: Jabe Pond is a beautiful, remote, scenic 161 acre pond with 3 miles of shoreline and several islands. It is home to Loons and other aquatic birds. High clearance vehicles are recommended.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 10 a.m.

B-10: Saturday, September 24

Eagle Lake Paddle

Leader: Marie Naple marie.naple@usa.net 619-518-3655

Rating: B / moderate / 6 miles

Duration: 4 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 24 miles / 35 minutes

Description: Eagle Lake is a beautiful spot that sits right alongside Route 74 between Ticonderoga and Schroon Lake. You will launch into the western portion of the lake which is a very attractive section to explore. The lily pads and aquatic wildflowers are amazing. You can access the eastern portion of the lake by paddling under Route 74. Loons are very common on this lake. There are a few islands on the lake including Turtle Island. At the far end of the lake we will explore a wetland, a lean-to, a sandy beach, and a horseshoe pit.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:30 am. There is parking at the launch for about 7 cars.

B-11: Saturday, September 24

Deer Leap

Leader: Sue McMeekin-Davis sjmcmeekindavis@gmail.com

Rating: C+ / easy / 3.5 miles RT / 767 ft. elevation gain

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: Approximately 8 miles drive south.

Description: Wooded path from parking area to great outlook over Lake George. First 1/2 mile steady, but gradual uphill; some up and down the rest of the way.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:00 am.

B-12: Saturday, September 24

Severance Mountain Hike

Leader: Tracey Donaldson traceydonaldson0710@gmail.com 845-464-5177

Rating: C+ / 2.3 miles RT **Elevation change:** 745 ft.

Duration: about 2.5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 30 miles / 40 minutes

Description: Severance Mountain is a 2.3 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail located near Schroon Lake, New York that offers the chance to see wildlife and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking and walking. The top offers nice views of Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake in Severance. There are lunch options in Schroon Lake or Ticonderoga afterwards if desired.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the trailhead located on Route 9, just north of Schroon Lake. Arrive early to be ready to hike at 10:00. The trailhead is about a 40 minute drive from Silver Bay YMCA. Easiest route is to head north on 9N to Ticonderoga about 12 miles. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Wicker Street. In .3 of a mile, turn left onto Race Track Road. Go .7 mile and turn left on Route 74. Go 16.7 miles to the blinking light on Route 9. Turn left at the light and proceed .6 miles to the trailhead on the right.

B-13: Saturday, September 24

Amy's Park (Lake George Land Conservancy)

Leader: Peggy Carrol peggycarrol281@gmail.com 281-804-5744

Rating: C / Easy / Approx. 3.9 miles RT / 130 ft elevation change

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 18 miles / 30 minutes

Description: Amy's Park is a beautiful property of ponds, marshes and forests in the uplands of Bolton Landing. Part of the Lake George Land Conservancy, the Bolton property includes the headwaters for Indian Brook and contains important wildlife habitat within its large, unfragmented forest and wetland complexes. Our approximately 4 mile out and back hike is mostly flat, includes bridges and a few short climbs with views of the North and South Ponds, beaver lodge and dam.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:15 am or at the Amy's Park Parking lot ready to hike at 10 am. The Main Parking Area which is the trailhead for the yellow trail: Padanarum Road, Bolton, NY 12814 (0.8 miles beyond intersection with Trout Falls Rd) Coordinates: 43.641047, -73.651391
From Silver Bay travel south on 9N for 13 miles; turn right on Bolton Landing-Riverbank Road for 200 ft; turn right onto North Bolton Road (CR 41) for 1.7 miles; continue straight onto Padanarum Road for 1.9 miles; slight right to stay on Padanarum Rd for .8 miles to the parking on the left.

B-14: Saturday, September 24

Tour of historic Fort Ticonderoga and Carrilon boat tour

Leader: Julie Milner juliemilner07@gmail.com 816-914-3703

Rating: C / easy / ~3.0 miles RT

Duration: 5 hours / 5 person minimum / **Costs:** Fort admission 5-12 years \$12, Adult \$24, Srs. (65) \$22. Boat tours \$40, includes Fort. Lunch available for purchase at a cafe on site.

Distance from Silver Bay: 15 miles / 30 minutes

Description: Fort Ticonderoga, formerly Fort Carillon, is a large 18th-century star fort built by the French at a narrows near the south end of Lake Champlain. The visit will include a guided tour of the fort, visit to the museum, an optional 75-minute guided boat tour at 1pm and an opportunity to walk in the King's gardens or walk up to Mount Defiance. The views are spectacular, the museum docents very engaging and the canons LOUD.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:15 am or at the Fort Ticonderoga ticket window at 10 am. Carpool to the fort.

Directions from Silver Bay: Turn right onto Lakeshore Dr., travel 12 miles north. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Montcalm St. for 1.7 miles. Keep right onto Sandy Redoubt for 1 mile. Arrive at the fort parking lot. Walk up to the entry gate.

B-15: Saturday, September 24

LaChute River Ramble

Leader: Dan Nielsen catskill549@yahoo.com 914-815-7146

Rating: C- / Easy / 4 miles RT, several early outs possible / 300' elevation change

Duration: <3 hours **Limit:** none

Distance from Silver Bay: 13.3 miles / 20 minutes

Description: The LaChute River flows from the northern end of Lake George into the southern part of Lake Champlain. At this time of year, the many waterfalls, both man-made and natural, should give us all a good show. From the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, walk through Bicentennial Park to our first waterfall "Falls of LaChute", cross the covered bridge, wind our way through local streets to the LaChute trailway, pass several waterfalls on the way upstream. After a short bushwack to the uppermost falls we'll ascend to the pedestrian bridge for a view of Lake George, cross the LaChute onto Lord Howe Street and descend into downtown Ticonderoga via Montcalm Street. If time permits, we will stop at the Hot Biscuit Diner where the state historical marker honoring Grace Leach Hudowalski is located. Grace was the first woman to climb all 46 Adirondack high peaks over 4000' becoming 46er number 9. Descending along Montcalm Street we will pass many historic buildings and at Burleigh's Luncheonette, 121 Montcalm Street, we can wet our whistle in this 1950's style diner before the walk ends a block later. This will be a slow paced walk with plenty of picture taking opportunities.

Map: <https://www.prideofticonderoga.org/images/pdf/lachute-map.pdf>

Meeting Place/Time: 10:30 AM at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, Bicentennial Park, 137 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga NY. Free public parking is available at McCormick Street and Tower Avenue, opposite the Elks Lodge, one block north of the museum.

North Creek

B-16: Saturday, September 24

Schaefer trail to top of Gore Mountain

Leader: Greg Schaefer greg.schaefer@frontier.com 518 -251-5451

Rating: A / Strenuous / 9-10 mi. RT / Elevation change of 2560 ft.

Duration: 6 ½ hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 41 mi. / 55 min.

Description: This trail starts at the Gore Mt. Ski Bowl in North Creek. It winds around Roaring Brook with its many waterfalls and then to the top of Gore with great views of the High Peaks. There are some gradual climbs and then some steeper climbs. It also is part of the Fire Tower Challenge. The trail was named after the Schaefer brothers. Greg is the perfect person to give some local history about early skiing at Gore and early mining.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Silver Bay Registration Area at 7:30. Or meet at the trailhead at 8:30 ready to hike. From Silver Bay follow Rt. 9 south 13 mi., then turn right onto County Rt. 11 for 4.7 mi. and follow to the Northway exit 24. Go north to exit 25 then get off, turn left onto Rt 8 toward Chestertown. Follow Rt. 8 for 11 mi. then turn right onto Rt. 28 in Wevertown. Go 5.1 miles past the signs for Gore Mt. After that you will see signs for the Ski Bowl on the left. Follow that road toward the transfer station for a short distance and you will see the trailhead on the right. If coming from Warrensburg follow rt. 9 going north then turn left onto Rt. 28 and follow that to the Ski Bowl.

B-17: Saturday, September 24

Moxham Mountain Hike

Leader: Steven Sokal stevensokal@outlook.com 518-577-1789

Rating: B / moderate / 5.0 miles RT / 1012 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 38.5 miles / 50 minutes

Description: This trail maintains an easy grade most of the way with a few short stretches with a moderate gradient. The summit affords the hiker views of Gore Mountain and Mud and Clear Ponds to the south, Crane Mountain to the south-east and on a clear day Snowy and Blue Mountains to the west.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:00 am ready to hike. The trailhead is 1.8 miles down the paved portion of 14th Road, off NY Rt. 28N in Minerva and 0.2 miles further on dirt road. Parking is available on both sides of the road.

B-18: Saturday, September 24

OK Slip Falls

Leader: Anne Bernat annebernat@icloud.com 571-218-5484

Rating: B / moderate / 6.4 miles RT / 1013 ft. elevation change

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 50 miles/ 60 minutes

Description: This is an out and back hike in the Hudson Gorge Wilderness that leads to OK Slip Falls; the 2nd highest water falls in the Adirondack Park. This trail was opened to the public in 2014 after the state purchased the land in 2013. The trail is rolling terrain and can be muddy/wet so sturdy shoes recommended. We will lunch at the falls.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 8:45 am or at the OK Slip Falls trailhead ready to hike at 10 am. The trailhead is on the left side of Rt. 28 between North River and Indian Lake. From the intersection of Rt 8 & Rt 28 in Wevertown, go NW on Rt 28 for 15 miles. The trailhead will be on your left and is well marked with ample parking.

B-19: Saturday, September 24

Gore Mountain Gondola w/ 20 min. Interpretive talk

Leader: Maria Rinella rinellium@frontiernet.net 518/251-4446

Rating: C / easy / .5 mile loop / 50' elevation

Duration: 1 hour / 2nd hour optional / **Limit** 20

Distance from Silver Bay: 40 miles / 50 minutes

Description: We will ride the gondola at Gore Mt. (a NYS Ski Resort) to the summit of Bear Mt. and walk the Alpine Sky Loop. We will be joining an Interpretive talk led by Gore Mt. staff. The loop is about .5 mile, takes just under 45 minutes, and has less than 50' elevation change. Upon the completion of our walk/talk, we will have an optional hike down to the Saddle Lodge (a mid-mountain winter warming site), a RT distance of 1.2 miles, an additional hour on the trail, with an elevation change of 250'. Gore Mt. will be one of the host venues for the World University Games in January, 2023. We will get updated information on this world class sporting event, called the Olympics for Universities and attracting 50 countries, 600 universities and 2500 athletes.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the main ticket office at Gore Mountain Ski Center, 793 Peaceful Valley Rd., North Creek, NY 12853 by 10 am. There is a \$25 charge for the gondola ride. We may qualify for a group discount if enough participants attend.

B-20: Saturday, September 24

Garnet Lake Paddle and Hike to Lizard Pond

Leaders: Roy and Sue Keats royskipaddle@gmail.com 518-466-8544

Rating: B / moderate / 6 mile RT / 480 feet elevation gain

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 34 miles / 45 minutes

Description: We will paddle Garnet Lake from the state boat launch. We'll tour the lake with great views of Mt. Blue, Ross Mtn, and Crane Mountain, and look for all the wildlife on the lake. On our way around the lake, we will take out at the Lizard Pond Trailhead and hike into Lizard Pond. The lean-to is only 1.25 miles one-way and puts us at a pretty wilderness pond. We then return to our boats to continue around Garnet. The total trip mileage (paddling + walking) would be about 6 miles. Participants need to have water shoes for launching and hiking shoes or boots for hiking to the Pond.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Wevertown Community Center at 2370 NY 28 (near northeast corner of intersection of NY 28 and NY8) at 9:00 am. We will drive from there to Garnet Lake.

Pharoah Lake

B-21: September 24

Treadway Mt. Hike

Leader: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com 518-301-3712

Rating: B+ / Moderate with some steepness / 7.8 RT / elevation change 900

ft.Duration: 5-6 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 22 miles / 32 min.

Description: A nice woods walk around Putnam Pond for about 1.8 mi., then the last 2 miles are a steady climb, eventually following a pretty rocky ridge to the summit with views of the surrounding area.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration area at 8:45. Or Putnam Pond State Campground at 9:30. If coming from Exit 28 on the Northway, go straight on NY 74 E for 12 miles then turn right onto Putts Pond Rd for 3.6 miles. (763 Putts Pond Rd.) If coming from Rt. 9N and going through Ticonderoga, turn left onto NY 74 W and go 3.6 mi. Then turn left onto Putts Pond Rd. for 3.6 mi.

B-22: Saturday, September 24

Pharaoh Mt

Leader: Jeanne Tommell jhtommell@yahoo.com 607-435-6509

Rating: B+ / Moderate -Strenuous / 9.6 miles RT / 1470 ft. Elevation change

Duration: 6-7 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 32 miles / 45 min.

Description: This Mountain is 2556 ft. high with a great 360 degree view. You can see the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area and the High Peaks to the north. The first 2 miles are an easy walk on a dirt road into Crane Pond, then it is a lovely walk in the woods until the last mile which is a steep climb to the top.

Meeting Time/Place: Meet at the trailhead at 9:00 am. From the intersection of US 9 and NY 74 at I-87 Exit 28, just north of Schroon Lake, head south on US 9. Take the first left (E) on Alder Meadow Rd. Go 2.2 mi., then continue straight onto Crane Pond Rd. for 1.4 mi. You will park in that lot. Or, meet at the Silver Bay registration area at 8 am.

B-23: Saturday, September 24

Jones Hill Hike, Schroon Lake, NY

Leaders: Debbie and Gary Karl debhkarl@gmail.com 585-802-7370

Rating: B+ / moderate / 7.4 miles through hike / 955 ft elevation gain

Duration: 6 Hours **Limit:** 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 40 miles 50 mins

Description: Hike will be a through hike from Dirgylot Trailhead (Rt. 9) to Big Pond Trailhead (Hoffman Rd). This trail is part of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST). We will hike to the top of JONES HILL (1860 ft.) through a tagged forested trail involving some trail finding and bushwhacking. Views of Hoffman Mountain are fantastic from this rocky summit and a great place for our lunch. We will come down a trail that has been worked on by the ADK Professional Trail Crew. We will reach the Big Pond Trail and follow it to our cars at the Big Pond Trailhead.

Meeting Place/Time: 8:30 AM at Big Pond Trailhead, Hoffman Rd, Schroon Lake.

We will spot cars and drive to Dirgylot Trailhead. **Directions from Silver Bay:** Go south on Rt. 9N S for 13 miles; Turn right onto Bolton Landing-Riverbank Rd and go 4.7 miles; Turn right onto ramp to I-87 N; Go north to Exit 27. Turn right onto Vanderwalker Rd. then left onto Rt. 9. Take Rt 9 North and go 4.1 miles to Hoffman Rd. (County Rt. 24). Go approximately 2.5 miles on Hoffman Rd. Trailhead will be on the right. **If coming from the North on the Northway/Rt.87:** Take Rt. 87 (Northway) south to Exit 28. Take Rt. 74 to the stop sign and turn right onto Rt. 9 South and go 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Hoffman Rd and go approximately 2.5 miles. Trailhead will be on the right.

B-24: Saturday, September 24

Moose Mountain Pond, Hammond Pond Wild Forest, North Hudson

Leader: Meredith Todd meredith36ny@yahoo.com H: 518-494-8088

C: 315-521-8088

Rating: B / 7.5 miles round-trip / 330 ft elevation

Duration: 4.5 - 5 hours, including lunch break at the pond **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 55 minutes / 37 or 42 miles to the Hammond Pond trailhead, 489 Ensign Pond Rd, Co Rd 4.

Description: This is an out and back trail, with only minor ups and downs. The forested trail follows nearby waterways most of the distance, including Berrymill Brook and Flow and several beaver ponds. There are some nice views of Moose Mountain Pond from different vantage points.

Meeting Place/Time: 9 am at the Silver Bay Registration Area, or 10 am at the trailhead. From the YMCA, drive north on Tower Point Rd to Rt 9N. Turn right/north on 9N. At the far end of Ticonderoga, turn left/west onto NY Rt 74 (traffic signal). Go 16.7 miles and turn right/north on Rt 9 at the flashing light. In 8.7 miles, turn right on Caza Rd/Co Rd 4C; there is a small sign with an arrow pointing to Port Henry. In 0.3 miles, turn right onto Ensign Pond Rd/Co Rd 4/N Hudson-Moriah Rd. The trailhead is on the right in 2.8 miles. From Northway/I-87 exit 29, turn east on Blue Ridge Rd, turn left at the T intersection onto Rt. 9 North, then right onto Caza Rd after just over 2 miles. From Northway exit 30, turn south on Rt 9, and turn left onto Caza Rd after about 8 miles.

B-25: Saturday, September 24

Hike to Pharoah Lake from Beaver Pond Rd.

Leader: Maureen & Jim Coutant mojim@roadrunner.com 518-708-0096

Rating: B / moderate / 8 miles RT / 500 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4-5 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 21.6 miles / 35 minutes

Description: This is an easy walk of almost 4 miles (RT~8 miles) into Pharoah Lake from Beaver Pond Rd. Along the way we'll walk along a stream and then cross it just below the beaver pond. We'll get to Pharoah Lake at just under 4 miles and can decide if we want to walk along the lake for a little while before heading back. Nice walk in the woods for anyone who doesn't want to do elevation, but doesn't mind some miles.

Meeting Place/Time: Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:30, or call leader for alternate plan.

B-26: Saturday, September 24

Hammond Pond and Bloody Pond

Leader: Mary Coffin maryccoffin@gmail.com 315 657 0229

Rating: C+ / 5.5 miles RT / ~200 ft. elevation change

Duration: 4 hours hiking **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 31 miles / 48 minutes

Description: We will hike to Hammond Pond from Ensign Road trailhead. Hammond Pond offers views of Bloody Mt. (~1800'). Then we will continue up to Bloody Pond through a slot between two glacial erratics. We will view where the North Country National Scenic Trail will go over Bloody Mountain as it heads for Crown Point.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:00 am.

B-27: Saturday, September 24

Hike at Putnam Pond

Leader: Dorean Page doreanp@gmail.com 518-548-5758 H 518-775-0429 C

Rating: C+ /easy due to length / 5.8 miles / elevation change 600 ft.

Duration: 4 – 5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 22 miles / 32 minutes

Description: This is a loop hike around Putnam Pond in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness. We will park in the NY State campground at the boat launch/trail parking at the end of Putts Pond Road. The trail has rolling terrain and passes several other small ponds; Mud, Clear, Little Rock and Rock ponds. It has some rocky spots and can be muddy in places requiring good hiking boots and I recommend poles. Fall foliage in this area can be very nice, so we'll go slow and stop often to view and take pictures. The hike and travel to and from SB should take 4.5 hours. We will stop along the trail for snacks or lunch and bring your own water/drinks.

If the loop is too long for some, it is possible to shorten it by placing a car where the trail enters the campground and drive to the parking, which would make it just 5 miles.

Meeting Place/Time: 9:00 am Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area and drive to Putnam Pond Campground via 9N, 74, 39 (Putts Pond Road). Or 9:45 a.m. Meet at trailhead near Putnam Pond Campground boat launch.

High Peaks

B-28: Saturday, September 24

Giant and Rocky Ridge Peak Hike from North Trailhead

Leaders: Jen Ferriss ferrissj@gmail.com 528-290-0703 and Joe Babcock jababcock19@gmail.com 518-791-9395

Rating: A+ / strenuous / 15 miles RT / Over 3300 ft elevation gain

Duration: 9-10 hrs. **Limit:** 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 43 miles / 1 hr. 10 min.

Description: This is a point to point hike of Giant and Rocky Ridge Peak. We will summit Owl Head Lookout, Giant and Rocky Ridge Peak beginning at the North Trailhead and descend the Ridge trail where we will park a car. The hike is approximately 11 miles and over 3300 ft of elevation gain. We will move at a moderately steady pace so that we can enjoy the sights along the way - there are several overlooks to enjoy the splendor of the valley in fall colors.

Meeting Place/Time: We will meet at the Frontiertown parking lot, exit 29 off of 87N, at 6 am and make our way in short order to get parking spots. We love dogs but they need to stay home.

B-29: Saturday, September 24

Bald Peak

Leader: Gail and Chris Gabriels gailgabriels@gmail.com 518-644-3034

Rating: A / strenuous / 7.8 miles RT / 2400 ft elevation change

Duration: 7 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 43 miles / 1 hr. 10 min

Description: The trail to Bald Peak is the same long trail to Rocky Ridge Peak and Giant. From the trailhead we will climb steadily to a view at 1.6 miles. A second view is at 1.8 miles. We will then climb over Mason Mountain offering views on its ledges. After a short descent we will have a steady, steep climb to the summit of Bald Peak where we will have lunch. Bald Peak is at 3060 ft.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the trailhead at 8 am. Trailhead is located on Route 9 in Elizabethtown. From 87N take exit 30. From the intersection of Route 73 and Route 9 in Keene, head northeast toward Elizabethtown. Continue for 5 miles to trailhead on left.

B-30: Saturday, September 24**Great Camp Santanoni Walk and Visit****Leader:** Barbara Kearns: bbkearns39@gmail.com 518-582-2126**Rating:** B+ / Moderate / 10 mi. RT**Duration:** 4-5 hrs. **Limit:** 20**Distance from Silver Bay:** 1 hr. 12 min./57 miles**Description:** We will walk on a maintained dirt road that is mostly flat with a couple of rolling hills to an 1892 Adirondack Great Camp on Newcomb Lake. We will have lunch at the camp.**Meeting Place/Time:** 10 AM at Santanoni Parking Lot. Directions From Silver Bay to Santanoni Parking Lot: Turn Left onto NY-9N S for 13 miles. Turn right onto Bolton Landing-Riverbank Rd. Turn right onto the ramp to I-87N. Take exit 26 toward US-9/Pottersville/Minerva. Turn left onto Valley Farm Rd. Turn right onto US9 N. Slight left onto Olmstedville Rd. Turn left onto Co Rd 29. Turn right onto AP Morse Hwy. Turn right onto Newcomb Lake Rd. to parking area.**Silver Bay / Lake George****C-1: Sunday, September 25****Uncas Cliffs/Waterfall Hike, Silver Bay****Leaders:** Judy and Steve Thomson judythomson1230@gmail.com 518-229-7473**Rating:** B / moderate / 2.6 miles / total ascent 760 ft / 425 ft. elevation change**Duration:** 4 hours **Limit:** 12**Description:** This trail starts over rolling terrain which leads to a rather rocky and steep incline before coming to a lookout over Lake George. There is a 425 ft. elevation gain over .8 miles to the lookout. Here we will take a short break and enjoy the view. From here we will hike .6 miles with some up and downhill terrain which is relatively easy before coming to a beautiful waterfall. We will take a leisurely break here also for pictures and perhaps eat lunch before heading back to Silver Bay. This is a very pleasant hike and we will take it at a relaxed pace to take in all of the sights along the way - many photo ops**Meeting Place/Time:** Meet at the south parking lot adjacent to Route 9N and across from Woodside Trailhead at 9:00. Look for a sign Uncas Cliffs/Waterfall.**C-2: Sunday, September 25**

Jabe Pond hike, Silver Bay

Leader: Jeanne Tommell jhtommell@yahoo.com 607-435-6509

Rating: B / Moderate/ 4.4 mi. RT / 900 ft elevation change

Duration: 4 hours **Limit:** 12

Description: Start at the Adams Brook Trailhead. Follow the blue trail through the woods with some steady climbing spots. When you reach the pond, hike left a short distance to reach a lovely rock outcropping to view this pristine pond.

Meeting Place / Time: 10 am at the Silver Bay Registration Area

C-3: Sunday, September 25**Inspiration Point Hike, Silver Bay**

Leader: Sara Mullins s.mullins@frontier.com 518-494-4614

Rating: C+ / moderate / 2.5 miles RT / 800 ft. elevation change

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: On site

Description: This is a loop hike. We'll ascend the Woodside Trail until we make a left turn to reach Inspiration Point, considered one of Silver Bay's most challenging hikes because of its rocky terrain and steep inclines. At the summit, hikers will be rewarded with views of Lake George. We'll return by a more gradual route down the Inspiration Point Trail, and then the Lost Pond, Cliffside and Woodside Trails to our starting point.

Meeting Place/Time: We'll meet at the Silver Bay Registration Area at 10:00 a.m. and start our hike at the Woodside Trailhead, located across Rt. 9N at the south entrance to the service road.

C-4: Sunday, September 25**5th Peak Hike, Lake George**

Leader: Marti Townley mdksshea@aol.com 518-301-3712

Rating: B / moderate / 5.6 miles RT / 1400 ft. elevation change

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 9 miles/ 15 minutes

Description: This trail leads to a lean-to and a rocky outcropping with great views overlooking Lake George, its islands, and a view of the Tongue Mt. Range. There are several steep sections that level off to more gradual climbs. The views are all worth the effort. 5th Peak is at 1813 ft.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:30 am or at the Clay Meadow trailhead ready to hike at 10 am. The trailhead is on the righthand side of Rt. 9N 4.6 miles north of the intersection of County Rt. 11 (which comes from Exit 24 off the Northway) and Rt. 9N. It is 9 miles south of Silver Bay on the left.

C-5: Sunday, September 25**Anthony's Nose Preserve**

Leader: Gail and Chris Gabriels gailgabriels@gmail.com 518-644-3034

Rating: B / moderate / 1.8 miles RT / 665 ft. elevation change over 1/2 mile

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 22 miles / 33 min

Description: The trail climbs moderately in a westerly direction for 0.30 miles before turning north for a steep ascent to the top of Record Hill (Elevation 1,265 ft.). There are spectacular views down Lake George and of Vermont. We will continue to a second viewing area that looks across the lake to Roger's Rock where we will have lunch.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:45 am or the Trailhead at 10:30 am. Directions: From Ticonderoga: Follow State Rt. 22 south from Montcalm Street/Rt. 74 for 5.8 miles. Turn right/west onto Rt. 1/Glenburnie Road. Follow for 1.8 miles. Turn right on to Schwerdtfeger Road. Proceed up hill for 0.1 mile to the parking lot on the left.

C-6: Sunday, September 25**Prospect Mountain Hike, Lake George**

Leader: Jan McCann jmandkb@gmail.com 518-494-5908

Rating: B / moderate / 5.2 miles RT / 1300 ft. elevation

Duration: 3-4 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 33 miles/ 40 minutes

Description: This hike is on mostly unmarked trails and offers an alternative to the classic approach from Lake George Village. Much of the route follows a beautiful brook along an old tote road until the trail gets rockier and steepens near the end. Another short steep walk gets us to the very top (elevation 2030') with views of Lake George, Vermont and some of the High Peaks and beyond on clear days.

Meeting Place/Time: We will meet at 9:30 at the trailhead located at the Lake George Recreation Fields, 124 Transfer Road, Lake George. Take Northway (87) Exit 21 west and south toward Lake Luzerne on Route 9N. At approximately .5 miles make a right on Transfer Road and continue to the large parking area at the top, passing several turns along the way.

C-7: Sunday, September 25**Potash Mountain**

Leader: Steve Mackey smackey33@verizon.net 518-793-6484

Rating: B / moderate / 3.5 miles RT / 1,000 ft. elevation change

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 20

Distance from Silver Bay: 35 miles 50 minutes

Description: Potash is a fairly steep, stand alone mountain in Lake Luzerne. It has some cliffs to the south and east, and has an active Peregrine Falcon nest. (This is late in the season, so we may not see them). My friend and I built this trail, with DEC oversight. The top of the mountain is state land, and the bottom is a nonprofit called Harris Land Preserve (which we also created). When we laid out the trail, we built a lot of switchbacks, and also built rock steps on all the steep parts. A little before the summit there is an excellent observation point with unobstructed views to the south and west. There is a nice nature trail loop that we will hike on the way in. After the summit, we will take an alternate loop on the way down. If you like hiking with poles, this mountain is steep enough, that you will be glad you brought them. This might be a nice

hike to do as you head home after a busy weekend. We are fairly close to the Northway.

Meeting Place/Time: We will meet at ADK headquarters at 11:00 AM. Take exit 21 off of the Northway (Interstate 87). If you are southbound (which you probably are) turn right off the exit, and headquarters is almost immediately on the left. The parking lot is on the back side of the building. If headquarters has been sold, there is a park and ride very close to here at the intersection of Route 9N and Route 9. Headquarters and the Park and Ride are almost in sight of each other, but the Park and Ride is towards Lake George Village

C-8: Sunday, September 25

Paddle Northwest Bay Brook

Leader: Sam Vona strat3771@gmail.com 908-328-9653

Rating: C / 3-5 miles RT

Duration: ~2hrs **Limit:** 8

Distance from Silver Bay: 10 miles / 15 minutes

Description: We will launch at Northwest Bay Brook Fishing Access site on 9N (Lake Shore Drive) just 10 miles south of Silver Bay YMCA. After launching we will make a left after a short distance and explore an impoundment of the brook until it ends in a boggy area. From there we will paddle out to the Northwest Bay of Lake George. If the lake is not too rough and we all agree, we will follow along the shoreline of the Tongue for about a mile before returning.

Meeting Place/Time: Northwest Bay Brook Fishing Access site on 9N for a 9:30 am departure. I will send a google maps pin for precise location. The last 100 feet or so from the parking lot to the launch site is rough going for low clearance vehicles so it may be necessary to carry a little bit to the launch.

C-9: Sunday, September 25

Hikes on Chester Challenge: Caroline Fish Trail/Palmer Pond

Leader: Steven Sokal stevensokal@outlook.com 518-577-1789

Rating: Caroline Fish / Easy / 1.6 mi. RT / elevation gain 108 ft. /

Palmer Pond: 2.2 mi. RT / elevation gain 187 ft.

Duration: 3 hours **Limit:** 10

Distance from Silver Bay: 24 miles / 30 minutes

Description: These two short trails are part of the Chester Challenge, in cooperation with Friday hikes led by Gary Schiavi and Saturday hikes by Rose Cooper.

The Caroline Fish Trail starts at the Dynamite Hill Recreation Center on the north side of NY Rt. 8 in Chestertown. The rolling and wooded trail circles Dynamite Hill. Following this trail, we will drive 5.5 miles west on NY Rt. 8 to Palmer Pond Road, and drive to the end, including the dirt portion of the road. The trail from the parking lot follows Palmer Pond outlet, and then circles a large trout pond. The west side of the trail crosses a

marshy area, and a woodland road circles to the southern end of the pond. The east side is a fisherman's trail along the shore.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at Silver Bay Registration Area at 9:30 am ready to hike. The Caroline Fish trailhead is at the Dynamite Hill Recreation Area on the north side of NY Rt. 8 in Chestertown. Following this first hike, the group will drive 5.5 miles to the Palmer Pond trailhead.

C-10: Sunday, September 25

Waterfall Driving/hike Tour - Southern

Leader: Maria Rinella rinellium@frontiernet.net 518-251-4446

Rating: C / easy / Driving 85+ miles, hiking 1 mile/ 150' elevation total

Duration: 3.5 hours / additional 1:15 optional / Limit 20

Distance from Silver Bay: 34 miles / 45 minutes

Description: We will be driving a loop between Wevertown, Speculator, Indian Lake and returning to Wevertown, a distance of 85 miles. Along our route, we will see 7 waterfalls, most are roadside with short walks, one requires us to hike 1 mile RT with less than 50' elevation change. As an option, we can consider adding an 8th waterfall near Raquette Lake, adding a driving RT distance of 42 miles, a RT hiking distance of .5 mile, 20' elevation, and about 1:15 to our day. Hamilton County, NY offers a Waterfall Challenge. We will be completing 8 or 9 of the required 12 points to qualify for this patch.

Meeting Place/Time: Meet at the Wevertown Town Hall at the Intersections of Rt. 8 and RT. 28 at the only stoplight in Wevertown by 9 am.

Siamese Pond

C-11: September 25

Crane Mountain Hike

Rating: B / 3.8 RT / 1150 ascent

Leaders: Greg and Laurie Clark greg.clark1@hotmail.com 518-812-4420

Duration: 5 hours **Limit:** 12

Description: Crane Mountain is a steep, rocky hike which makes it both challenging and interesting. There are great views along the way and especially at the top. The hike to the summit is about 1.2 miles with an ascent of approximately 1150 feet with some steep places and ladders near the summit. After arriving at the summit, we'll take a short break while enjoying the view. We will then go down the other side of the mountain, stopping on the shore of Crane Mountain Pond where we'll eat lunch. From the pond we'll continue down a winding trail to the base of the mountain about 1.7 miles

from the summit. From the base, it's an easy walk of less than a mile, completing the loop back to the vehicles.

Meeting Place/Time: 10:00 a.m. at Crane Mountain Trailhead. Or 8:45 am at the Silver Bay Registration Area to caravan from Silver Bay to the trailhead.

Directions to Crane Mountain trailhead from Silver Bay:

Proceed south on Route 9N from Silver Bay approximately 13 miles and turn right onto Route 11. Proceed about 5 miles and then head north on I-87. Go about another 5 miles and take exit 25 turning left onto Route 8 heading southwest. In about 13 miles turn left onto South Johnsbury Road. (South Johnsbury Road is less than two miles after crossing the intersection of Route 28 in Wevertown at the traffic light.) Proceed down South Johnsbury Road for 6.8 miles and turn right onto Garnet Lake Rd and go 1.3 to a slight right onto Ski Hi Rd and go about 1.9 miles to the very end to trailhead parking.

Participants will receive an update to the hike on Saturday evening.

Pharoah Lake

C-12: Sunday, September 25

Spectacle Pond hike

Leader: Moira Goldfarb moiragoldfarb@hotmail.com 585-507-7184

Rating: C / Easy / 3 miles RT / 360 ft. elevation change

Duration: 2 hours **Limit:** 12

Distance from Silver Bay: 28 miles / 4 minutes

Description: Spectacle Pond Trail is located on the western boundary of the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness. The trailhead is located on Adirondack Rd in the Town of Schroon Lake. The trail follows Spectacle Brook through a lovely mixed wood forest reaching the pond in 1.5 miles. The hike features a scenic view at the pond of Pharaoh Mt. in the distance.

Meeting Place/Time: Adirondack Post Office Parking Lot at 10:00 am. Directions from Silver Bay: Turn right onto NY 9N. Turn left onto Rt. 8 S in Hague. Turn right onto Palisades Rd. to Beaver Pond Road on the right. Slight right onto Johnson Rd. Turn right onto Red Wing Rd. to Post Office.