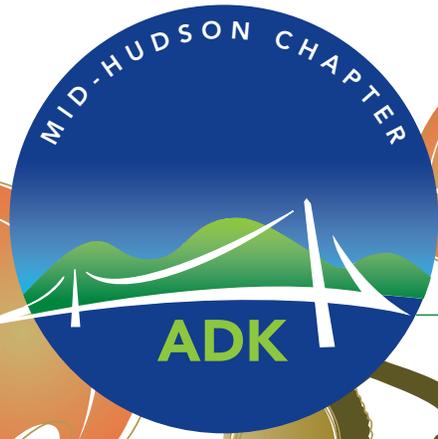


Mid-Hudson

TRAILS

News and activities of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Fall 2019



iNaturalist...

the world in your pocket

"I wonder what that is?"

MHADK Outings co-chair Sue Mackson and I were scouting a trail in Nimham Mountain Multiple Use Area in July when a strange-to-both-of-us growth on a shrub caught our attention. We examined it every which way, but left it in place. A gall perhaps? A developing flower or fruit?

I snapped a couple of photos and re-



Above: Lalita Malik poses with examples (possibly) of the fungus "Berkeley Polypody." The app iNaturalist suggested the ID while admitting it wasn't "confident" in it.

Inset: This jaunty growth was enough for iNaturalist to quickly suggest the identification "beaked hazelnut."

sisted the urge to upload them immediately into the iNaturalist app on my phone in hopes for an immediate identification. But I could have done just that, assuming good cell service. And I have done it on other occasions.

iNaturalist.org is a joint initiative of the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society. The iNaturalist app, available for both Android and Apple mobile operating systems, is designed to be a tool to advance the ability of lay observers as well as scientists to contribute observations to a burgeoning database of life on our planet. That it can also serve as a lightweight guide to plants, fungi, insects, and animals is something of a side benefit.

The app has several levels of usefulness. At the most basic level, you don't even have to sign into the app. One can use it much like a field guide—upload a photo by clicking on "Choose an image"; then click on "What did you see?" to get the app's suggestions. Depending on the quality of your photo and the info in the iNaturalist database, you will get some suggestions.

When I did this with the photo of our sighting at Nimham, I got this quick result: "We're pretty sure it's in this genus: hazels, Genus Corylus." Followed by the app's ten species suggestions. The one at the top of the list was clearly a match: beaked hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*).

A few days later, while on a Thursday hike with Lalita Malik at Mills-Norrie State Park, we spotted a cluster of impressive fungi

What iNaturalist offers: A Community for Naturalists

Keep Track: Record your encounters with other organisms and maintain life lists, all in the cloud.

Crowdsource Identifications: Connect with experts who can identify the organisms you observe.

Create Useful Data: Help scientists and resource managers understand when and where organisms occur.

Learn About Nature: Build your knowledge by talking with other naturalists and helping others.

Become a Citizen Scientist: Find a project with a mission that interests you. Or start your own!

Run a Bioblitz: Hold an event where people try to find as many species as possible.

at the base of an oak tree. After posing with the specimens, I took a closer-up snapshot. The result this time: "We're not confident enough to make a recommendation, but here are our top ten suggestions: Number one was Berkeley's Polypore (*Bondarzewia berkeleyi*). I'm not sure it's correct, but it gives me a place to start researching—and perhaps revisiting the growth to observe more details. Most of the other nine suggestions were clearly not what we were looking at, though they were all fungi.

If you want to contribute your observations to the database, and get input from other users on your identifications, just sign in and start thinking of yourself as a citizen scientist.

—Georgette Weir

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MHADK Amended Bylaws

Vote October 5th at the 2019 Annual Meeting

OUR MID-HUDSON ADK chapter Bylaws were last amended back in October 2014 and so were due for review. This year chapter chair Georgette Weir appointed an ad-hoc committee to conduct this review and propose amendments needed.

Former chapter secretary Ellen Zelig chaired the Bylaws committee, and members were Chapter Treasurer Ralph Pollard, Chapter Club Director Wayne Owens, Chapter Secretary Annette Caruso and Chapter Member Bill Beehler.

The work was done, and in accordance with Article XIII of these Bylaws—all voting members are hereby notified of the amended Bylaws, a copy of which is provided in this newsletter beginning on page 9. The vote to approve these Bylaws is scheduled for the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 5.

The committee amended nearly every article of our chapter Bylaws to clarify its meaning. And some key changes were made, including:

Article V Officers and Appointive Positions

- Chairs of AdHoc Committees (non-elected, appointed chairs approved by the executive committee) are now voting members of the Board,
- Defined term limits for elected officers may be extended if approved by the Board.
- The treasurer, an elected position, will also chair the finance committee. (Other committee chairs are appointed by the chapter chair and confirmed by a vote of the executive committee).

Article VI Committees

- The list of standing committees was expanded to include all committees that have been established.
- The MHADK Roles and Responsibilities document (which provides the specifics on committee duties) is referred to in these Bylaws.

Please take some time to read these and cast your vote at the 2019 annual meeting Saturday, October 5!

Our Annual Picnic and Meeting

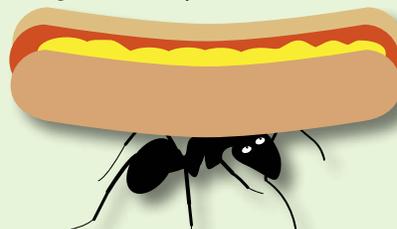
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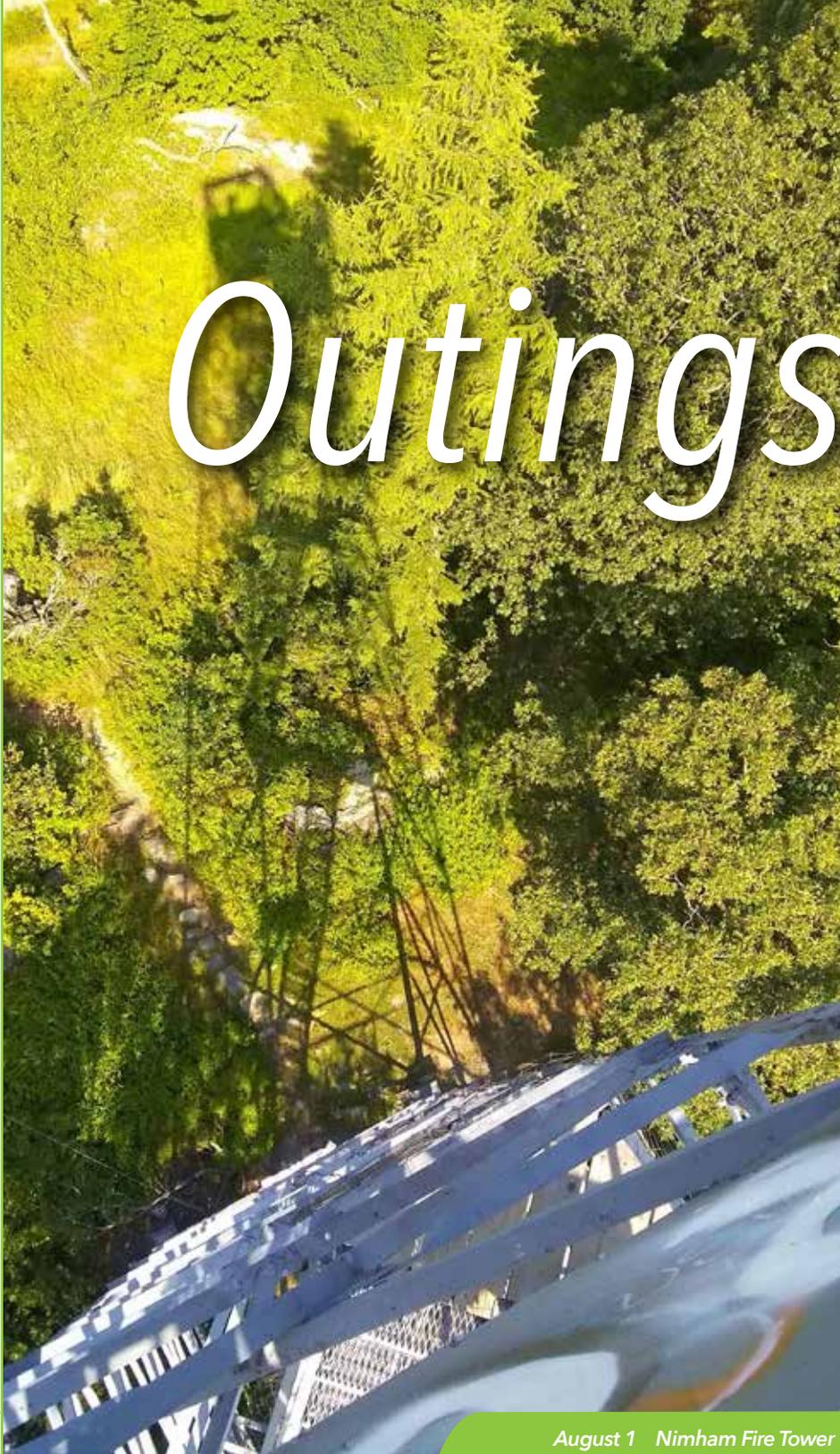
NORRIE POINT STATE PARK, RT. 9, STAATSBURG

FOLLOW ADK SIGNS TO THE GAZEBO BY THE RIVER

The club will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, buns and necessary condiments. attendees are asked to bring their own plates, knives, forks and water bottles. also bring a dessert, salad or side to share.

RSVP to Carole Marsh by September 30, 845-849-2044, or nanagrace91@aol.com. Hike and paddle information to follow.





The Nimham Mountain Fire Tower, with the two hikers inside silhouetted in the shadow.

Outings *Log*

canoe took it. After four hours, some of us were thirsty. So retreated to the Obercreek Brewery for a complimentary beer. We sat outside, on the patio, socializing for an hour, over good beer and chips. Jim liked the beer so much he filled his growler. We agreed it was a beautiful day well spent.

May 16: Beacon Park Trio

Leader: Lou Rudisch

We had a beautiful day for hiking, sandwiched between two rainy ones. After walking along the shoreline in Long Dock Park, we proceeded into Madam Brett Park to view the Tioranda Falls at its southern end. The fall was flush with running water after all the recent rains. Backtracking on our return, we stopped at a lookout to enjoy the panoramic views over the Fishkill Creek Estuary which happened to be at high tide. Following this, we explored Denning's Point, part of which was closed off for maintenance. Although I originally posted this as a 4+ mile hike it registered at 5.9 miles on John's pedometer app. My mileage was slightly longer after having to back-track to a previous stop to retrieve my hiking sticks. Participants included: Gianfranco Cataudella, Rosemary Williams, Eli Cohen, Susan Lewis, Pat Galfano, Anthony Galfano, and the leader.

August 1 Nimham Fire Tower

May 4: Mid-Hudson Chapter of ADK Removes Trash From the Lower Wappinger Creek during Riverkeeper's Hudson River Sweep

Leader: Russ Faller

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of ADK has been cleaning the lower Wappinger Creek for eight years under the direction of Russ Faller, Paddling and Water Trails Chair. On Saturday, May 4, ten chapter and non-member volunteers hauled

about 600 pounds of trash out of the creek. Most of it was beverage containers, styrofoam and large pieces of plastic. There were some unusual items, however. Jim Doherty found a cast iron kitchen sink and drain board that probably weighed 90 pounds. He carefully put it into Annette Caruso's canoe without tipping the boat over! Stan Augie found a red wagon that he precariously positioned on the deck of his kayak until someone in a



May 4 Wappinger Creek



May 19 Beacon Waterfalls

May 19: Beacon Waterfalls and Views

Leader: Margaret Douglas

Georgette Weir and I meandered up the trail admiring the beauty of the wildflowers and numerous waterfalls. After the last waterfall, as we crested the hill, we noticed smoke rising from the right of the trail. We took a half hour out of our hike, with the help of five other hikers who also rallied to the cause to extinguish the hot embers and flames with water from a nearby stream and mud puddles. Proceeding up the mountain we were rewarded with beautiful sunshine, intermittent cool breezes, and gorgeous vistas of the Hudson and Catskills. Fortunately no further incidents occurred and we enjoyed the rest of the day.



May 25 Mount Tremper Fire Tower

May 25: Mount Tremper Fire Tower

Leader: Georgette Weir

Miterwort, white baneberry, cohosh, foamflower, blue-bead lily, early saxifrage, Columbine, a few last trillium, violets of various colors. These were among the wildflowers our group identified as we climbed up and down Mount Tremper to the Fire Tower on May 25. Also flowering were striped maple and mountain ash; ridge-top oaks were still in the process of leafing out. The weather was perfect for the 2000-foot climb, and views expansive from the tower. We were among the first visitors to the tower's cabin this season (open only on weekends and holidays in the summer; staffed by a volunteer). Hikers were from Mid Hudson, New York, and North Jersey-Ramapo Chapters and a guest. Photo, back to front: Tom, Margaret, Tracy, Marie, Eingsri, and Cindy.

June 1: Black Creek Clean-Out

Leader: Russ Faller

We had a very good turn-out for our annual Black Creek clean-out. Fourteen adults and one child arrived ready to do some work. It was a beautiful Spring day –sunny, but cool and comfortable. We loaded our boats with our weapons of destruction—loppers, saws, rope, garbage bags, etc. We put on work gloves and paddled off. About half of us paddled with the current northward. The other half paddled south. We searched and looked, but found only a few overhanging branches to be clipped and some vines hanging low off the bridge at Old New Paltz Rd. Shari got out of her kayak and clipped these vines—avoiding the poison ivy. While she worked, her kayak drifted away with the current and so did Russ, who was in his canoe holding Shari's boat. The most difficult work this group did that day was getting Shari's kayak back to her. The crew that paddled north was

under the leadership of Russ Padden. This other Russ was keen on sawing off another piece of a downed log so as to make the passage wider. Other Russ said her was actually disappointed that the log had disappeared. There were only a few branches on another under-water log that needed clipping. So, it was a very easy day for us and we enjoyed a relaxing paddle on the beautiful and seemingly remote Black Creek under a blue sky with white puff clouds. Afterwards, Leader Russ, Annette and Eli retreated to a brewery in Highland to rehydrate their mouths and throats. It was a great day. Participants: Carla Barrett, Russ Padden, James Doherty, Shari Aber, Roberta Forest, Eli Cohen, Paul Silverstein, Dave Kaplan, Annette Caruso, and leader Russ Faller (all ADK members) as well as Bud Hossenlopp, Neil Curri, Thomas Wochlke, Kelly Ogenfuss and her son Julian (all Highland Environmental Conservation Council members).

June 9: Falling Waters Preserve and Saugerties Lighthouse

Leader: Carla Barrett

Eight of us walked the beautiful trails along the Hudson River at FWP and enjoyed the two lovely waterfalls masterfully designed by Mother Nature. One section of the trail along the North side is somewhat declivitous and could use a little tender loving care by a trail crew. A misstep could send someone over the edge. However, we tread carefully. Matt, with 21-month-old Eleanor in a backpack child carrier, had no difficulties. Then we headed by individual car to the Saugerties Lighthouse. After a very pleasant walk on the well-maintained walkways, bridges and paths we had our lunch on the shaded deck in the middle of the river, and watched a nearby osprey nest with parent and child perched expectantly waiting for a fish. In attendance were



June 1 Black Creek Clean Out



June 9 Saugerties Lighthouse

Leader Carla Barrett, Ginny, Matt, Eleanor, Madeline, Mary, Cal and Kathleen.

June 14: Popolopen Torne

Leader: Ginny Fauci

On a cool but humid summer day Al, Adrienne, Sue (the reporter), Roe and Pat followed Ginny down the road to the lovely Fort Montgomery visitor center (where there are clean, convenient bathrooms), then up through the historic site, over the bridge over the Popolopen Creek, under the Bear Mountain Bridge and down to the lovely path bordering the creek and its pleasant falls. Could have walked a long way on this wooded path but Al decided that we'd failed to ascend the trail at the designated marker and so, following Al, we bushwacked in ones and twos up the steep hill so we could again cross the Popolopen, on a foot bridge, in order to ascend the torne that was our destination. Ginny had promised rock scrambles and indeed, following blue blazes on the rocks, we climbed and hoisted and stopped to admire the wonderful views of the Hudson, the bridge, Anthony's nose. View upon view and rock upon rock—a wonderful way to spend the day. Roe was accompanied by her little dog which prompted a story at one of our water stops about losing her dog in a parking lot at the end of another hike. Her dog-experienced friend, Susan, had told her to leave an item of clothing at the lot and to notify a park attendant. She did, and received a call several hours after she'd left the park that her dog had returned and was in possession of the authorities. The reward for the rock scramble was an insane amount of wind and an informal and very moving West Point memorial consisting of rocks and

other items forming a cairn. Each stone or item in the cairn had been brought up the mountain inscribed with the name of a cadet or graduate who'd fallen, the date of death and sometimes the place of death. A very homemade and touching commemorative project. We returned along a different set of paths, no scrambling and following one of the many historic trails in the area back to Fort Montgomery and bathrooms.

June 22: Overlook Fire Tower from Platte Clove

Leader: Georgette Weir

I left the trailhead parking lot on Platte Clove Road at 9:20 AM with five participants on a planned 11.5-mile hike up and back to the fire tower on Overlook Mountain, but returned at 3:30 PM with just two! Not to worry though; Margaret and Connie had arranged their own car shuttle so as to reduce their hike to just eight miles by descending to the Meads Road lot at the other end of the trail. Carla decided to skip the down-and-up end-of-hike waterfall visit since she had seen it previously. Tom and Jean-Claude did it all. Everyone insisted they had a good time on a beautiful, breezy first day of summer excursion.

June 22: Bontecou Cave

Leader: Marty Carp

Amy Manon, Alvin De Maria, Marik Sosnowski, and I arrived at the Spring Farm parking lot at about the same time and promptly trekked to the cave. I say trekked because I was laden with a full bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon from France, cave-aged cheese from Switzerland, and organic multi-grain fruited and seeded crackers from Morocco that were

really out of this world! Upon reaching "The Front Door" we placed our packs behind some rocks and entered the cave. I called everything out as we proceeded—"The Lion's Den", "The Zombie Hallway", "The Window", "The Lights Out Room" but when we reached the formation leading to "The Make-out Room" which is called "Yet Another Lemon Squeeze", Amy could not get her hips through. We reversed course, headed out of the cave, and found the exit known as "The Panda Cellphone Exit". We decided against re-entering the cave at this location as it was too risky. Since all other entry points were too narrow for Amy, minus Amy we made our way through the cave navigating "Yet Another Lemon Squeeze", the notorious "Fred Rock" (where not only Fred was at one time almost forever stuck), "The Superman" (for the full effect, the North NJ Grotto Club recommends a head first entry), and finally "The Shaft". Bruised, tired, and forty feet below the surface we longed to see the light of day. Thus it was that we took "The Escape Route"—"The Upper Fork", to "The Great Hall" to "The Panda Cellphone Exit". United under the pines with our wine, cheese, and crackers we were indeed the Three Musketeers!

June 22: Paddling the Great Swamp of New York

Leader: Russ Faller

We had an excellent turn-out—so many people that one person, who inquired two days before this outing, had to be turned away. We launched at the Patterson Environmental Park, after having set up a car shuttle so we could take-out at Green Chimneys. There were no bugs. The current was with us, pushing us along with gusto. The wind was at our backs for the entire paddle. How often does that happen? The sky was a light blue with white cotton puffs. The swamp was mysterious and as beautiful as ever—loaded with flora and fauna to admire. Just upstream of the Route 22 bridge (the only sign of civilization), we pulled in under trees for lunch. After lunch, we paddled



June 22 Overlook Fire Tower



June 30 Annsville Creek

the obstacle course downstream from the bridge and had a lot of fun, due to the significant current. The only disappointment was that the coffee and craft beer bar in Patterson closed at 3 PM, just about when we were pulling out onto the beach at Green Chimneys. But we had had a very good time anyway, so we just went our separate ways. Participants: Charlotte Mann, Rick Cronk, Dieter Schmidt, JoAnn Schmidt, Bob Clark, Jim Doherty, JoAnn Norris, Roberta Forest (all ADK members) and Nancy Jacobs, Mark Parent, Fred Iannuzzi & Kay Bramson (all ADK guests) and leader Russ Faller.

June 30: Annsville Creek Paddle

Leader: Jon Ragusa

We met at 11:00 AM at the Annsville Paddlesport Center. The day was partly cloudy and hot. There were fifteen paddlers, besides the Leader. We paddled in the large cove off of the Hudson River then proceeded to Annsville Creek and paddled past the bridge. We turned around, headed back to the cove for a picnic lunch on the Peekskill side of the cove. We then headed back to the launch site and everyone finished just before a rather large downpour. All had a good time and I was pleased to have my daughter, Gina, with me.

July 12: Jackie Jones Fire Tower

Leader: Georgette Weir

After a night of heavy rain in Harriman State Park, the humidity almost did us in. But on July 12, a group of fourteen hikers greeted a sunny morning at the trailhead for the Jackie Jones Fire Tower. We completed a 6.5-mile loop that included the tower (the sixth fire tower in the series of hikes this year), Big Hill Shelter, and Third

and Second reservoirs. Leader was joined by Richard Castioni, Martha Rabson, Mary Ayers, Margaret Douglas, Sue Mackson, Diane Grunthal, Allen Grunthal, J-C Fouere, Arthur Linker, Carla Barrett, Ginny Fauci, Roe DiBona, and Charlie Strugatz.

July 14: Neversink Reservoir Paddle

Leader: John Ragusa

We met at the cove to the Reservoir at 11:00 AM. The day was sunny, warm and windy. We paddled towards the dam for a good view then paddled upstream against the wind and the currents to a beach area where we broke for lunch. The leader went over the stats of the reservoir as well as the other reservoirs in the NYC system and showed maps. We then paddled further upstream to another cove and turned around and came back



July 12 Jackie Jones Fire Tower

Georgette Weir



June 22 The Great Swamp

Russ Faller

to the starting point. In all, we saw two bald eagles flying close overhead. We spent about three hours in the water. All had a good time, although one paddler bowed out near the beginning because of the high winds. Members: Dea McNealy, Jeannette Tully-Baker, Jonathan Baker, Sharon Valencia, and the leader. Guests: Bill Smith, Peggy Papparone, Gina Ragusa, Louise McKay.

July 21: Croton River Paddle

Leader: John Ragusa

We arrived at the launch site at 12:30 PM. The day was sunny and VERY hot. (So hot that the leader's hike planned for NYC had to be moved to September. This was the hot-day alternative) There were two participants besides the leader. We paddled up the Croton River and quickly took to the relatively cool waters of the Croton River and enjoyed wading and swimming. The water was low compared to last year, so we were able to wade in the middle of the river and enjoy the scenery. We also had a picnic lunch on the shores of the river. We were back at the launch site by 3:30 PM.

August 1: Nimham Mountain Fire Tower

Leader: Georgette Weir

Georgette Weir was joined by prospective member Tracy Rakin for a short morning hike to and up the Nimham (Ninham) Mountain Fire Tower in the Town of Kent, Putnam County. The morning was coolish and the air reasonably clear. From the tower we could see the white cliffs of the Shawangunks, and, beyond them, the Catskills in some haze. Georgette particularly thanks Sue Mackson, who joined her on a scouting hike of this DEC Multiple Use Area in northern Putnam two weeks prior to the official hike. This resulted in a much nicer hike—along foot trails instead of up and down the gravel road mentioned in other hike descriptions. Many beautiful rock formations and impressive stone walls were made more beautiful by flowing swaths of bright green ferns. A pretty area to explore.



Onteora Lake, Bluestone Wild Forest Threatened by Proposed Concrete and Steel Manufacturing Plant

BY MARIE CARUSO

SHORTLY AFTER the Open Space Institute acquired a 208-acre parcel connecting two sections of the Bluestone Wild Forest in February of this year, the public became aware that a concrete slab and steel manufacturing facility adjacent to these lands was on a fast track for approval by the Town of Kingston Planning Board.

The property in question, known as 850 Route 28 LLC, owned by Tom Auringer, is within one quarter mile of Onteora Lake and is surrounded on three sides by the OSI parcel and the Bluestone Wild Forest, part of the Catskill Forest Preserve.

The project reportedly proposes clearing 21 acres of trees, blasting and moving 405,000 cubic yards of rock, and constructing two buildings totaling 240,000 square feet. Construction is expected to run 13 hours a day for five years, requiring 12,500 truck trips to remove 162,000 cubic yards of material. Astoundingly, unknown to OSI and many local residents, the Town of Kingston Planning Board issued a negative declaration for this project back in March! This means that the applicant is not required to file an environmental impact statement or undergo a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process.

Furthermore, after the negative declaration was issued, the applicant

requested that upon completion, the plant be permitted to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, entailing, among other impacts, 42 heavy equipment trucks daily on Route 28.

The Town of Kingston Planning Board has held several public hearings regarding the site plan review and special use permit for this project, which have been overwhelmed by hundreds of local residents, most of them voicing opposition to this project. The last hearing, on July 15th, was abruptly canceled because the meeting room was deemed too small to accommodate the approximate 150 people who showed up. The Planning Board is supposedly searching for a venue that will, according to law, accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. As of this writing, no date has yet been set for the next hearing.

The Woodstock Land Conservancy, the Sierra Club, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and other groups, as well as many local residents, have been urging the Planning Board to rescind its negative declaration and require a full environmental impact review. However, it is thought that those who will have the most impact are the citizens of the Town of Kingston. These are the people who have the most power to influence the decisions of their local town officials.

The Town of Kingston is a small entity tucked between the Towns of Hurley,

Ulster, and Woodstock, with only about 900 residents. But these are the people who may have the most influence on the future of this project and its impacts on their local environment. Consequently, we urge all residents of this town to become informed and make your voices heard about having a major manufacturing facility in the midst of the Bluestone Wild Forest.

The Woodstock Land Conservancy has been especially proactive in raising public awareness about this issue. They've been sending many emails and have created a public Facebook page with a great deal of information: "Save Onteora Lake, Pickerel Pond & Bluestone Wild Forest." A citizens action group has been holding regular meetings, usually on Fridays, from 5:30 to 8 PM, at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston (entrance on Wall St.). To contact this group, email bluestoneforest@gmail.com.

And for regular updates, sign up for the WLC email list with Maxanne Resnick at maxanne.wlc@gmail.com. We urge all our Town of Kingston residents and others who may be concerned to do so.

And don't hesitate to contact me to help further the MHADK's involvement in this issue. Marie Caruso, marieh-vwdk@gmail.com, (845) 684-7058.

Kingston Paddle Fest 2019

by Russ Faller
Paddling & Water Trails Chair,
Mid-Hudson Chapter, ADK

ON JUNE 8TH, people came to the Kingston Paddle Fest to find out about paddling. They roamed the sandy beach to learn about types of kayaks and paddles, to take a beginners' kayak lesson, to test paddle various kayaks and paddleboards, to take a guided beginners' tour or to see the newest models of kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddleboards (SUPs).

Nineteen MHADK members and two non-members turned out to fulfill our Chapter's long-standing commitment to the Kingston Paddle Fest (formerly called the Kingston Kayak Festival). There were also volunteers from Kenco Outfitters and Kingston Parks & Recreation's Forsyth Environmental Ed Program. Forsyth is the beneficiary of the \$10 suggested donation for entry to Paddle Fest. Since MHADK provides volunteers, all MHADK members enter free by showing their membership card.

MHADK members **Stan Augie, Marilyn Blaho, Ernie Gehr, Dave Kaplan, Carol Lee, Jean McAvoy** and **Lou Ruidisch** stood at the water's edge helping beginners gear up and launch kayaks. Before sending beginners onto the Hudson, these on-beach monitors warned beginners to stay within the demarcated safe zone and gave them a few pointers on paddling a kayak. For their work making the Paddle Fest a success, they each got a commemorative T-shirt and a free lunch,

compliments of Bill Kennedy, owner of Kenco, Rt. 28, Kingston.

MH-ADK members **Joyce Depew, Russ Padden, Jeanette Tully-Baker, Fred Ungerer, Karen Ungerer, Mike Yesko** and non-members **George Cole** and **Ivan Schwartz** patrolled the safe zone making sure that no boats ended up in the shipping channel. They were also ready to lend assistance if anyone capsized. These on-water monitors also offered pointers to beginner paddlers who appeared to be floundering about. And for their work making the Paddle Fest a success, they each got a commemorative T-shirt and a free lunch, compliments of Bill Kennedy, owner of Kenco.

Our on-beach and on-water monitors were exceptional in sharing their paddling expertise with beginners. Beginners learned a lot from them and went home much better paddlers. MHADK Paddling and Water Trails Chair, Russ Faller, explained the differences between various types of kayaks and how to select the type of kayak for a particular body of water. The sessions ended with a demonstration of how (1) a kayak without bulkheads, (2) a kayak with only one bulkhead and (3) a kayak with 2 bulkheads responded to getting swamped. This is a major factor in matching the type of kayak to the body of water. This was when the children really enjoyed the lecture. They all rushed to volunteer. It was infectiously joyful to hear their giggles, laughter and screams as one child sat in the kayak while 2 others poured water into it. Swamping the kayak without bulkheads sunk it completely out of sight. It was totally underwater, could not be paddled or even pulled to shore. Swamping the single bulkhead kayak caused it to nose dive and also become unpaddleable. But at least you could find

it after swimming to shore, because its stern stuck up above the water line. Upon swamping, the dual bulkhead kayak rode deeper in the water and was sluggish, but remained paddleable. Everyone agreed that the dual bulkhead kayak is the only one that should be used on "big water", e.g. the Hudson River.

KC Keegan-Twombly, of Kingston Parks & Rec, led beginner kayak tours, as well as, teaching the on-water beginners' kayak lessons, called Kayaking 101. This lesson covered fitting a PFD, various types of paddle strokes, bracing, proper turning of a kayak, etc. KC ended with a wet exit demo. **Steve Noble**, Mayor of Kingston, also led beginner kayak tours, called Kayaking with the Mayor. **Tara**, of Kenco, taught SUP 101. She explained everything you need to know about Stand-Up Paddleboards (SUPs). Tara then let participants try out 4 unique SUPs. **Dave**, of Kenco, led How to Pick a Kayak and Paddle. He lectured on how to choose a kayak and paddle that fits your life style, interests and budget.

MHADK members **Annette Caruso, Carole Marsh, Ellen Monten, Martha Rabson** and **Mike Sadowy** managed the ADK Outreach Table under the pavilion. They spoke to people about ADK and our Chapter, handed out outings schedules and other literature, and offered a complimentary three month subscription to our weekly outings e-mails. One person was convinced to join our club on the spot, while 21 signed up for the three month subscription. At least a few of these 21 people will likely join us after sampling our outings. These five members did a great job publicizing ADK. They did not get a T-shirt or **free lunch**, however, because their efforts benefitted ADK, rather than the Paddle Fest itself.



Bylaws of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, inc.

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ARTICLE I

NAME

1. This organization shall be named the MID-HUDSON CHAPTER OF THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB, hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter".

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

1. This Chapter, formed in 1947 as a chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., shall be regulated by and subject to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the Chapter are to promote and support the work and activities of the Club in conservation, education, recreation, and advocacy representing the Mid-Hudson valley.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all Club members who elect to join the

2. Affiliate Members. Members of other chapters who wish to become Affiliate members of this Chapter may do so upon application to the Club.

3. Dues. Dues shall be paid to the Club. Dues of Affiliate members shall be set by the Chapter and passed through by the Club to the Chapter.

4. Voting. Chapter members and Affiliate members who are 18 years of age or older shall be voting members of the Chapter. They may hold any elective or appointive office in the Chapter except where restricted by Club rules.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

1. Officers. The Officers of this Chapter shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two Chapter Directors, Club Director(s) and Alternate Club Director, who shall be elected from the voting membership of the Chapter at the Annual Meeting, and the Immediate Past Chair. The number of Club Directors shall be determined by the Club. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall meet as needed to discuss policy issues and present the same to the Board of Trustees. Any officer of the Executive Committee can be removed from that position by a vote of the Board of Trustees if he or she misses 3 consecutive board meetings without good cause.

2. Appointive Positions. Appointive positions shall consist of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. The Chair shall nominate all Committee Chairs and CoChairs subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee, with the exception of the the Finance Committee. The treasurer, an elected position, will also Chair the Finance committee. Any reference to committee Chairs shall also apply to committee Co-Chairs.

3. Board of Trustees. The Officers and the Chairs of the Standing and AdHoc Committees shall constitute the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "Board". Each member has one vote at Board meetings.

4. Terms. The terms shall be for two years, beginning on January 1, or in the case of Chairs of Standing Committees beginning upon appointment as provided in Article VI, Paragraph 1 of these Bylaws, ending on December 31 of the second calendar year. No person holding elective office shall serve on the Board in the same elective position for more than six consecutive years. The term limitation may be extended if approved by a vote of the Board.

5. Vacancies. A vacancy in an elective position may be filled by election at any Board meeting. The Chair, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee, may fill a vacancy in an appointive position.

6. Duties of Officers. A more detailed description of officer duties may be found in the MHADK Roles and Responsibilities document.

A. Chair. The Chair is chief administrative officer of the Chapter, and shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board. The Chair shall be a member of all committees, and shall in general supervise all activities of the Chapter.

B. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall exercise any function of the Chair in the Chair's absence and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair and the Board.

C. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep all records of the Chapter except those under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer and the Committee Chairs, shall record proceedings of all Chapter business meetings, shall keep the minutes of the Board, and shall conduct necessary correspondence.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all Chapter revenue, deposit all dues and fees, be custodian of all Chapter funds, pay all bills, and keep proper records pertaining to his/her designated function. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit periodic financial reports to the Board as well as a financial statement including a projected annual budget to the Board at a Board Meeting and shall oversee all tax matters.

E. Club Director. The Club Director(s) shall serve as liaison between Chapter and Club.

F. Alternate Club Director. The Alternate Club Director shall attend Club Board meetings whenever a Club Director is unable to attend. The Alternate Club Director may hold more than one elective office at a time.

G. Chapter Director. The Chapter Directors shall have duties as suggested by the Board.

7. Duties of Appointive Positions. Those serving in appointive positions shall report to the Board, attend Board meetings, recruit assistance to carry out the objectives of their positions, and shall further the Chapter's objectives.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

The Chapter's committees shall include Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. Meetings shall be called by the Committee Chair or by a majority of the membership of any committee.

1. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be Communications, Conservation, Database, Education, Finance, Membership, Newsletter, Outings, Programs, Publicity, Social, Trails and Water Trails and Paddles. The Committee Chairs shall be nominated by the Chair no later than January 15 and shall be subject to confirmation by the Officers at a special meeting to be held prior to the next regular Board meeting. All committee members are selected by the chair of their committee.

Duties of each standing committees are summarized here and a more detailed description is maintained in the the MHADK Roles and Responsibilities document.

a. Communications. Provide notification to the chapter of events and updates.

b. Conservation. Promote the Chapter and Club conservation policies and serve as liaison to the Club Conservation Committee.

c. Database. Manage the storage of information and software used for the chapter.

d. Education. Arrange for educational talks and programs for the public.

e. Finance. Shall have at least three (3) members, one of whom is the treasurer. The Finance committee shall oversee the chapters finances and budget-making process. The Chapter chair will annually appoint a member of the Chapter to review and verify the Chapter financial accounts and reports.

f. Membership. Seek applicants for membership, welcome members to the Club and Chapter, keep records of all members, report to the Board on membership, and shall serve as liaison to the Club Membership Committee.

g. Newsletter. Compile, edit, publish, and distribute a newsletter to Chapter members.

h. Outings. Arrange Chapter sponsored outdoor recreational activities, prepare appropriate notices, and make and preserve records relating to said activities.

i. Programs. Organize special programs and events for the chapter.

j. Publicity. Promote Chapter activities to the media and coordinate the activities of the Website

k. Social. Organize social events for the chapter.

l. Trails. Serve as liaison to the Club Trails Committee, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and any other organization at the discretion of the Trails Committee Chair and as approved by the Board, and shall be responsible for all Chapter trail maintenance.

m. Water Trails and Paddles. Develop a program and promote water outings.

2. Ad hoc Committees. The Chair may form ad hoc committees as may be deemed necessary, subject to approval by the Officers.

3. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Board, with written notification of said Committee to be provided to all members at least three months before

the Annual Meeting. No more than one current Executive Board member may be a member of the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall submit a slate of candidates to the members of the Chapter at least one month before the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

1. Annual Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held not earlier than September 15 and not later than November 15 of each year for election of the Officers, for reports of Officers and Committee Chairs, and for general business. The Board shall determine the date, time, and place of such meeting, and written notice shall be sent to all members of the Chapter not less than one month before the occasion.

2. Chapter Meetings. Regular Chapter meetings shall be held periodically as determined by the Board. Special Chapter meetings may be called by the Chair, or in the Chair's absence or inability to serve, by the Vice-Chair, and must be called upon the request of a majority of the Board or upon submission of a petition signed by 5% of the voting members of the Chapter. Three weeks written notice shall be given to all members of the time and place thereof.

3. Board Meetings. Board meetings shall be held when deemed necessary, on the call of the Chair or of any two Officers.

4. Conduct of Meetings. All meetings shall be open to the membership. Meetings may be conducted informally. In the event consensus may not be reached through discussion, the Chair shall conduct the meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM AND MAJORITY

1. Quorum and Majority for Annual Meetings and Chapter Meetings. A quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting or a Chapter Meeting shall be the lesser of 40 members or ten percent of the voting members of the Chapter. A quorum for amendment to the Bylaws by written ballot shall be governed by Article XIII of these Bylaws. A majority of the members present at a Chapter or Annual meeting shall have the authority to act, provided a quorum is present.

2. Quorum and Majority for Board Meetings. A quorum for the transaction of business at a Board meeting shall be eight board members. A majority of the board members present at a board meeting shall have the authority to act, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS

1. The election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the Annual Meeting. All nominees must agree to serve. The officers shall take office at the beginning of the Chapter's next fiscal year.

2. Vote. Elections shall be determined by majority vote cast at the Annual Meeting. Members can cast their vote in person, or by written or email proxy to the secretary.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS CONFORMITY WITH ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB

Any provision of these Bylaws shall be considered null and void if inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XI

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

Travel expenses, incurred by Board members or designated persons in connection with Chapter or Club business, are to be reimbursed as determined by the Board. Reimbursement for food and lodging shall be subject to prior approval by the Board.

ARTICLE XII

DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

In administering its affairs, the Chapter shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or physical disability.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws shall be amended only by a majority vote of the voting members of the Chapter present at a Chapter or Annual meeting, provided a quorum is present and a written notice of the meeting and the proposed amendment has been submitted to all voting members at least one month in advance of the meeting. Mail ballots, as well as email ballots, may be used in lieu of a meeting, with a return of 20% of the ballots constituting the equivalent of a quorum. Any voting member or Chapter committee may propose amendments to these Bylaws providing the above procedures are followed.

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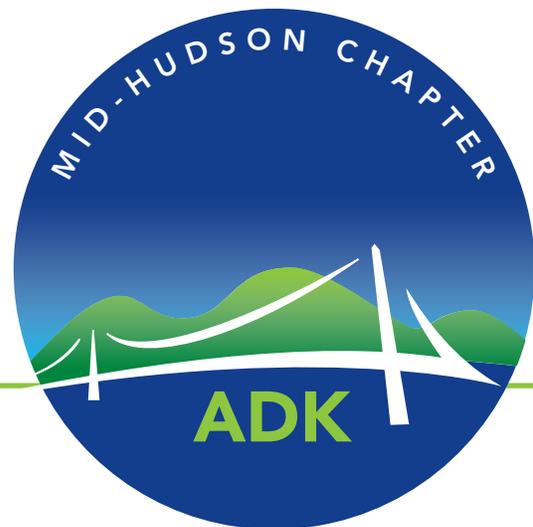
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