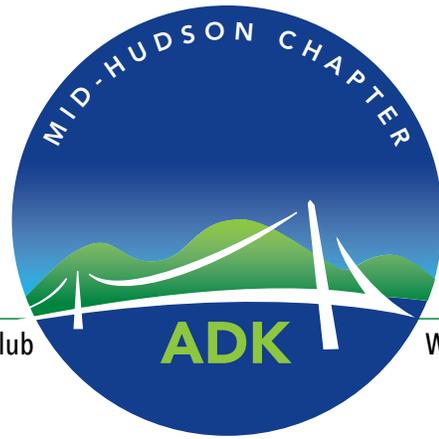


Mid-Hudson

TRAILS



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

Winter 2019/20

Mid-Hudson Chapter Scholarships Support Ecology Training for Young Students at Cary Summer Camp

by Georgette Weir



IN LINE WITH ADK's conservation mission, the Mid-Hudson Chapter regularly provides scholarship support for young people to attend relevant summer camp programs. In the past, for example, we have supported student participation at Department of Environmental Conservation outdoor-education camps. This past summer, we helped three young campers learn about ecology at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies summer camp in Millbrook, NY. Shelly Forster, Education Program Manager at Cary, let us know how much our support was appreciated: "Your donation allowed us to support three wonderful scholarship campers this

summer. Two attended the Eco-Discovery camp, where they learned about the 'Secret Life of Forests' and one attended the Art+Science camp, where she spent the week exploring ecology through the lens of an artist. Each of these campers was thrilled to be here and contributed tremendously to the group with their enthusiasm, curiosity, and leadership.

"The attached pictures give an insight into their week. In the first picture, you'll see our Art+Science campers working on their field notebooks and drawing nature objects like a snapping turtle shell that we found in the woods.

"The second picture shows one of our

scholarship campers helping release a bird (Brown Creeper) that we caught in a mist net with members of our birding citizen science program.

"The final two pictures show campers at our Eco-Discovery camp trapping small mammals with Cary Ecologist Ilya Fischhoff and exploring the stream.

"We are grateful for your support this summer and so thankful to have the opportunity to learn and explore with these three wonderful scholarship campers!"

Thanks go to Mid-Hudson member Pete McGinnis for making the connection with the Cary Institute that led to this positive result.

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FALL PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

First, thanks go to **Carole Marsh** for once again organizing a lovely social event.

The day (Saturday, Oct. 5) could not have been more beautiful for our annual gathering along the Hudson River at Norrie Point State Park, as can be seen in this "after" photo of **Jane Geisel** and **Al Poelzl**, their thumbs out hoping for a ride to Jane's car at the top of the hill.

Margaret Douglas led fourteen walkers north on the River Trail to the Staatsburg State Historic Site (Mills Mansion), then back through the woods to the gazebo.

Don Urmston led a small group of paddlers north on the river. Both groups returned in time for burgers (meat and veggie) and hot dogs expertly grilled by **Annette Caruso**, and an array of delicious potluck sides and desserts.

The only business for the Annual Meeting was a vote on amendments to the bylaws. With proxies, the revised bylaws (see Fall newsletter) were approved.



Georgette Weir

CHAPTER WILL SUPPORT YOUR WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

WILDERNESS FIRST AID is emergency medicine for those who travel where ambulances can't. Those who have been trained are better able to assist in emergency situations away from civilization.

Your Mid-Hudson ADK Chapter has allotted funds to subsidize Wilderness First Aid Training for our local outing leaders. Up to \$150/completed training is available on a limited basis (up to 6 people this year). The training may be a first time for you, or a recertification. Certification is good for two years, and our grant is contingent on you committing to lead a minimum of four outings (hikes or paddles) during the 2 years of the certification. ADK offers training occasionally at its facilities at Heart Lake. The Connecticut & NYNJ Chapters of the Appalachian Mountain Club also offer training at various locations closer to our area.

If you are already a leader, or would like to become a leader, and are interested in getting the training and applying for a Mid-Hudson Chapter subsidy, please contact me.

Ginny Fauci, Outings Co-Chair
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NEW TRAIL-CLEARING TOOL FOR VOLUNTEERS

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE a new trail tool acquisition which will be available to any club member for trail work activity. It is a gas powered Stihl commercial grade weed wacker, model FS 91 R. It is durable, powerful and comes with a four-year warranty. It is capable of adding attachments such as a brush-cutter, which I also purchased. It is lightweight and comes with a strap. I also have string and gas (50:1 mix) which is available to anyone who borrows it. If interested, please contact **Tom Amisson** (tamisson@aol.com). For trail work only.



A NEW FIRE TOWER IN THE CATSKILLS!

THE CATSKILL REGION has a new fire tower, courtesy of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Upper Esopus Fire Tower opened October 3 at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in Mt. Tremper, NY. It can be accessed via the half-mile Interpretive Loop Trail that begins at the Center.

The new tower offers an unencumbered view of the Upper Esopus Valley and surrounding Catskill Mountains, including nearby Mt. Tremper, Ashokan High Point, and the Phoenicia East Branch Trail.

It does not replace a previous tower, but is intended to offer education and an "introductory" fire tower experience to those who have not yet climbed, or are not likely to climb, a Catskill high peak.

As with other Catskill fire towers, this new one will be staffed by volunteers on weekends throughout the summer and fall, opening the cab and interpreting the view from the tower.

History Notes

The fire tower, an 80-foot AERMOTOR MC-39, hails from Venice, Florida, where it was first installed. It stands 92 feet high from the ground to the peak of the cab. The tower was recently completed by Dave Vana of Davana LLC, Fire Tower Restoration, of Bloomingdale, New York. Vana purchased the tower in Florida, dismantled it, and transported it to New York, where he reconditioned it, replaced necessary parts, and galvanized the entire structure.

The tower will include a map table with



an alidade, a pointer used to determine direction by observers locating wild fires from the cab of the tower. In addition, DEC staff constructed a nature trail around the tower and a kiosk with information about all of the Catskill Fire Towers at the base of the tower.

For nearly a century, observers watched the forests of New York State from more than 100 fire towers perched atop the highest peaks, searching for the dangerous, telltale signs of fire. There were 19 fire towers in the Catskill region and 52 in the Adirondacks. Beginning in the 1980s, the State of New York began to phase out the use of fire towers for spotting forest fires, and in 1990, the last five towers still in operation were closed.

JOURNEY ON THE ASHOKAN RAIL TRAIL

NINE MILES of the planned 11.5-mile Ashokan Rail Trail (ART), a new multi-use trail in Ulster County, opened to the public on Oct. 18. Within the first eight days it was a busy place, with an estimated 4000-5000 visitors.

The trail extends along the northern edge of the Ashokan Reservoir between Basin Road in West Hurley and Route 28A in Boiceville. As of this writing, at the end of October, trail builders hoped to open the remaining 2.5 miles by Thanksgiving this year.

The trail, which is 10-12 feet wide and surfaced with a compacted crushed stone, will be open year-round for non-motorized uses, including hiking, bicycling, running, nature observation, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. It is dog-friendly and wheelchair accessible and is open daily from dawn to dusk.

The trailhead entrance is 5.3 miles west of the NYS Thruway Exit 19 Traffic Circle and approximately 1,500 feet west of the Stewart's Shop (by Zena Road). At present, public parking for the ART is available only at the Woodstock Dike Trailhead located at 1285 NY-28 in West Hurley.

According to a press release from Ulster County, the trail provides the first public access in more than a century "to the incredibly scenic northern shores of the Ashokan Reservoir" without [the requirement of] a special New York City Department of Environmental Protection access permit. The ART will also be a key component of a developing interconnected rail trail system linking the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Catskill Park.

Learn more about the ART at ashokanrailtrail.com.



Ginny Fauci

THANKS, AND THANKS! (MEMBERSHIP CHAIR CHANGES)

JENNIFER ANDERSON, membership chair for our Mid-Hudson Chapter for the past seven years (Thank you, Jennifer!), has passed the baton to Pete Cantline (Thank you, Pete!), a director on our chapter board.

In her September report to our board, Jennifer noted that since she took on the membership role in 2012, "total membership in our chapter has risen from 695 members to a solid 835. Not bad, but let me know when we reach 1,000!"

"I have had wonderful experiences for the past 7 years working with all of you," Jen continues, "whether leading a few hikes, helping at table events (enjoying our parties!) or preparing the monthly mailings welcoming newest members to the Mid-Hudson chapter."

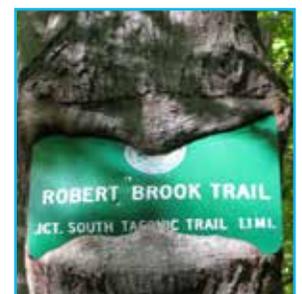
Jen looks forward to seeing us, and we look forward to seeing her, on some hikes in the near future. Best wishes to you, Jennifer.

TRAIL BLAZING 101

YOU MAY BE TEMPTED to pound in the nails that attach trail blazes to trees (such as the one in this photo). But please, don't.

Partially embedded nails allow room for the tree to grow and give trail maintainers a few years before they need to remove and replace blazes.

The second photo, taken in 2008, shows just what a tree is capable of. The sign may be totally digested by now.



Outings Log

Aug 16: Minnewaska Hike

Thirteen mile midsummer hike through many trails in the beloved park. Leader: JC Fouere.

Aug 18: White Pond Paddle

We gathered at the launch site for White Pond at 1 PM on a hot, sunny day. There were seven paddlers besides the leader. We all paddled at our leisure and took no particular route. The pond is almost circular in shape with no inlets, and the visibility was terrific. We saw a bald eagle perched on a dead tree and watched it fly close to the surface of the water and reach in to get a fish. Some of us swam in the pond after paddling. All had a great time. Charlotte, John, Dod, Martha, Peggy. Guests: T. Levers, Matt Devlin with leader, John Ragusa

Aug 24: Lake Lillinonah (Housatonic River) Paddle to Lover's Leap

We had a interesting paddle to and stroll in Lover's Leap State Park. The view from Lover's Leap was spectacular. There are some interesting plaques, with photos and texts, detailing the history of the 1835 and 1895 bridges across the gorge.

The weather was beautiful—warm enough, but not too hot. We had to paddle against the current and a head wind the entire 6-7 miles to our destination. Fortunately, we had the current and a tail wind on the back to the launch because some of us were tired.

The paddle started out as a tour of how the elite live. We passed very impressive, huge homes with exquisite landscaping—every one different. As the shores became steeper and steeper, the landscape turned to a more natural and untouched wild place. There was always something interesting to look at.

A nice group of nine people mostly from the Mid-Hudson Valley (but a few from NJ



August 24 Lover's Leap

Russ Faller

and CT) turned out to paddle in all types of kayaks and one canoe. Conversation was interesting and stimulating. Participants were: Mark Parent, Roberta Forest, Rick Cronk, Carla Barrett, Charlotte Mann, Roger Dietlin, Nancy Jacobs (all MH-ADK members), Tom Sokira (AMC-NY/NJ) and the leader, Russ Faller. This was a joint ADK/AMC outing.

Sept 14: Minnewaska with Aborted Rock Scramble

As we approached our meeting place there were some sprinkles. Rain was forecast, but for later in the afternoon. And all of us were looking forward to a few scrambles, as well as the hiking that got us to the scrambles and then back to our vehicles. We walked up Old Minnewaska trail and to Giant's Workshop, our first scramble. No sooner did we get there than it started to rain. We watched as the rocks got wetter and wetter. Scrambling is dangerous when rocks are wet, so plans were changed. We walked to Plateau Path, over Cathedral Path, under Arching Rocks and found a dry log or two on which we sat and lunched. After that, we went back down Old Minnewaska trail and back to the parking area, as the day stayed damp and grey. Galia Meier, Janet Sabatino, Mary McCann, Sue Mackson, Marty Carp, John Pennella, Jane Brown, Michael Yeske with leader, Roberta Forest

Sept 12: Dutchess Rail Trail Hopewell Junction to Diddell Rd

We met at the Hopewell Junction depot parking lot and walked to Lake Walton. It was a nice walk and pleasant day. We stopped at Lake Walton and checked out some plants growing at the edge of the

lake. I pointed out the bat houses along the trail. One member joined the outing along with two of my friends, guests. Sue Mackson, joined us on our way back to H.J. All in all it was a good fall day to walk the trail. Just wish some others has joined us. Mary A, Sue, Guests: Astride, Beth with leader, Sayi Nulu.

Sept 15: Lasden Park

It was a warm, late summer day. We met at the parking lot in Lasden Park. There was 1 person, an ADK member from the Mohican Chapter. We started on the Yellow trail through the dense woods then took the Red trail which led us to the War Memorial Walk. We observed the statues from each of the wars our country was involved with. We then walked through the beautiful gardens. Participants: Arthur Linker and leader, John Ragusa

Sept 25: Mohonk Scrambles

Considering the elite level of registered hikers, I knew that the outstanding problem of the day would be the parking at the Pine Road Trailhead. Well it turns out that there was just enough room for all 8 of us until the last hiker arrived—the legendary Bob Cohen in his red Morgan convertible! Stumbling out of our Indianapolis frame of mind, the 9 of us proceeded to gain some 800 feet of elevation as we hit our first scramble of the day. And scramble we did—the entire Staircliff, Labyrinth, and Pinnacle trails. Around 4 PM the group turned down my offer to slide down a certain 35-foot hole and instead raced back to their vehicles as if they all had Morgan convertibles awaiting their arrival. The group included our own Alvin DeMaria and Dave Webber.

Minu, my long time scrambling partner from decades past, and 5 of her regular co-hikers were also present. Minu is an ADKer from our Mohican Chapter and President of The Westchester Trails Association. Leader: The inimitable Marty Carp

Sept 27: Locust Grove

The autumn morning light highlighted the first of the yellowing-oranging-redding leaves of the season and cast a magical glow through the woods and over the Hudson River on this easy walk. Three walkers—Karen Johnsen, Kathryn Paulsen, and Susan Lewis—joined leader Georgette Weir for this after-breakfast excursion.

Oct 1: Lake Taghkanic State Park Hike and Paddle

The weather started cloudy with showers, then cleared to sunny skies, with temperatures in the mid 70's, breezy, and somewhat humid. The group met in the main parking lot of Lake Taghkanic at 10 AM on a warm day that threatened showers, with a forecast of clearing skies to come.

After a short meet and greet, the group proceeded to start the loop around the lake by walking past the concession and beach area. Thunder was heard in the distance, so we proceeded with caution. Upon checking weather radar on a cell phone, we observed that a rain cell would affect us for a short time before passing by. As predicted, it started to rain, so we took shelter in an open maintenance garage for about ten minutes. The rain stopped and blue sky was observed, so



Aug 16 Minnewaska

JC Fouere

we resumed. In short order the sun came out, and the day was transformed into a beauty.

We completed the remainder of the loop, stopping a few times at spots that provided nice views across the lake. The early fall colors were most enjoyable. Upon completing the loop, we retrieved our lunches and enjoyed a repast while sitting at a picnic table associated with the park's concession area. As all participants were interested in a paddle, we drove our cars

to the boat launch area, and launched our boats. We paddled along the more remote side of the lake for about an hour, enjoying the scenery. We spotted numerous turtles and a large flock of turkey vultures up above. We returned to the boat-launch area and assisted each other in remounting the boats on our cars. The outing ended at approximately 4 PM. Feedback given to the leader seemed to indicate that the trip was enjoyed by all. Peggy, Ellen, Connie and leader, Eric Harvey.

Oct 4: Bluestone Wild Forest

Our group of nine ADK hikers explored this varied southern section of the Catskill Park on a brisk but sunny Friday morning. The area, which includes Onteora Lake, a popular swimming and fishing hole just 3 miles north of the Kingston Thruway rotary, has been the focus of conservation concern owing to a proposal to build a large manufacturing facility (to produce concrete bridge abutments) on an adjacent parcel surrounded by the public land. ADK legal staff and local members have been active in opposing the project. We talked about the project, but mostly enjoyed the scenic variety and historic quarries that we encountered on our 6-mile hike. Participants were Marsha Kramer, Margaret Douglas, Richard and Karen Castioni, Barbara Surowitz, Michael Lichtman, Barbara Altstadt, and Joan Billows and leader, Georgette Weir



Oct 1 Lake Taghkanic

Eric Harvey

Oct 6: Annual Picnic Hike

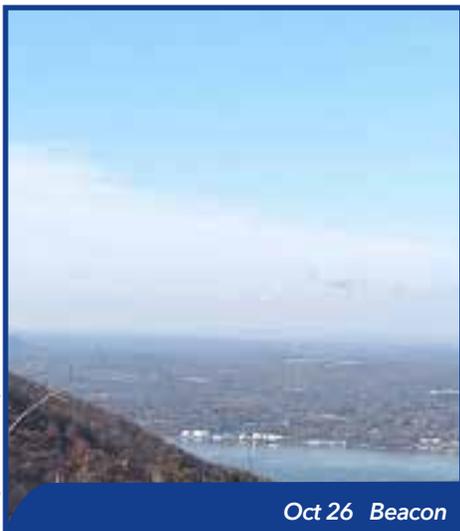
Fourteen hikers enjoyed magnificent views of the Esopus Lighthouse and Catskills under blue skies and sunshine while walking the riverside path toward the Mills Mansion property. On the return we took the blue trail, which led past the historic Carriage House and Hoyt Mansion under renovation. Shirley, Liz, Sayi, Connie, Ron, Glenda, David, Jessie, Aracelli, Martha, Ginny, Sharon and one person whose name is unreadable with leader, Margaret Douglas.

Oct 20: Fishkill Ridge

We met at the Fishkill Ridge Parking Lot at 11 AM. There were 3 participants besides the Leader. The weather was cloudy and cool with rain in the forecast.

Dave Rocco, who was instrumental in informing the local population about the two airplane crashes on Fishkill Ridge/ Mt. Beacon in 1935 and 1945 that killed 8 Navy Servicemen, was on hand to talk about the history of the two crashes. He was also instrumental in posting State Plaques at each crash location and has strung the American, New York State and Navy flags in those locations. He also wrote a book about the most decorated serviceman who died in the crash, Commander Dixie Kiefer, titled "The Indestructible Man."

After the talk, we hiked up about a mile on an unmarked trail to the crash site. The trail was steep in most parts. At the 1945 crash site, we observed the State Plaque, a local newspaper article about the crash that was posted on a tree, the three flags strung out above us, and the actual crash debris in the woods. It was starting to drizzle so we grabbed a quick snack and made our way down the trail. Participants: Jean Martin, Margaret Douglas, Ellen Kelly with leader, John Ragusa.



Margaret Douglas

Oct 26 Beacon

Oct 26: Beacon Waterfall and Beyond

Connie Haven, Jean Martin, and leader, Margaret Douglas enjoyed the beautiful waterfalls augmented by the recent rains. Further up, our short rock scramble was rewarded with vistas of the Hudson and Catskills. On the other side of Fishkill Ridge views of Fahnestock, Bear Mountain and the Hudson captured our interest. A short side trip to the Reservoir to admire the views while conversing with two international runners was relaxing before our last descent to the car.

Nov 1: Mills-Norrie State Park

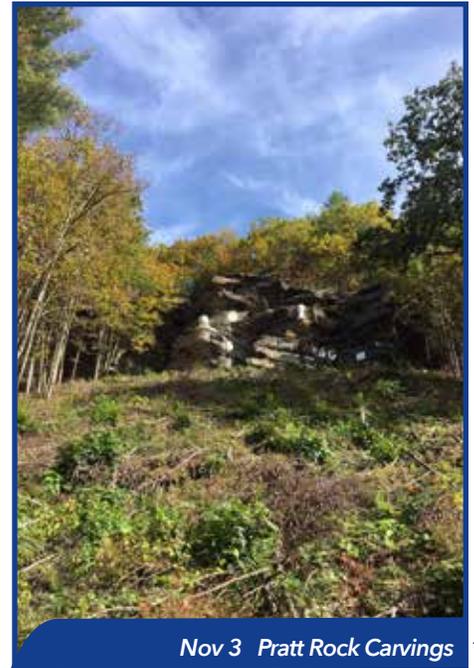
An easy, four-mile loop walk at Mills-Norrie State Park on Nov. 1 doubled as an impromptu trail-clearing outing for leader Georgette Weir and participants Carla Barrett and Charlie Strugatz. Anticipating that branches and possibly some trees might have come down during the high winds on Halloween night, Georgette packed pruners and a 14-inch Silky saw, just in case. Both came in handy. Charlie was impressed by the lumberjack skills exhibited by Carla and Georgette, who cut through some small downed trees and wrangled them off the trail. We had plenty of time to enjoy the fall sun on the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains in the distance.

Nov 2: Dutchess Rail Trail Titusville to Diddell Road

Leader Sayi Nulu was joined by one participant, Jean Martin, from Garrison. She recently joined ADK. We took our cars and parked at the Titusville parking lot. It was a gorgeous day with blue skies and wonderful temperatures --- about 50 degrees; only a light jacket was needed. We went towards Poughkeepsie on the trail and noticed bikers just starting to leave after a break. I noticed a glove left behind and yelled and got the last biker's attention. She was very happy to have that glove back!

We continued on and noticed a sign that said we'd come 1.2 miles from Titusville Road (good!), continued on about another 1.5 miles or so and started to return enjoying good conversation. We noticed a bench named Inspire Happiness, so discussed that subject on *HOW* to inspire happiness.

A bit later we noticed a mile marker (obviously these mile markers are not on the other side of the trail road). It said 5.0 miles to H.J., Hopewell is 5 miles away, huh? We thought that odd and that it should be at least 6+ miles as it is 4 miles from Diddell Road, and we were further away from H.J. Continuing on we saw a



John Ragusa

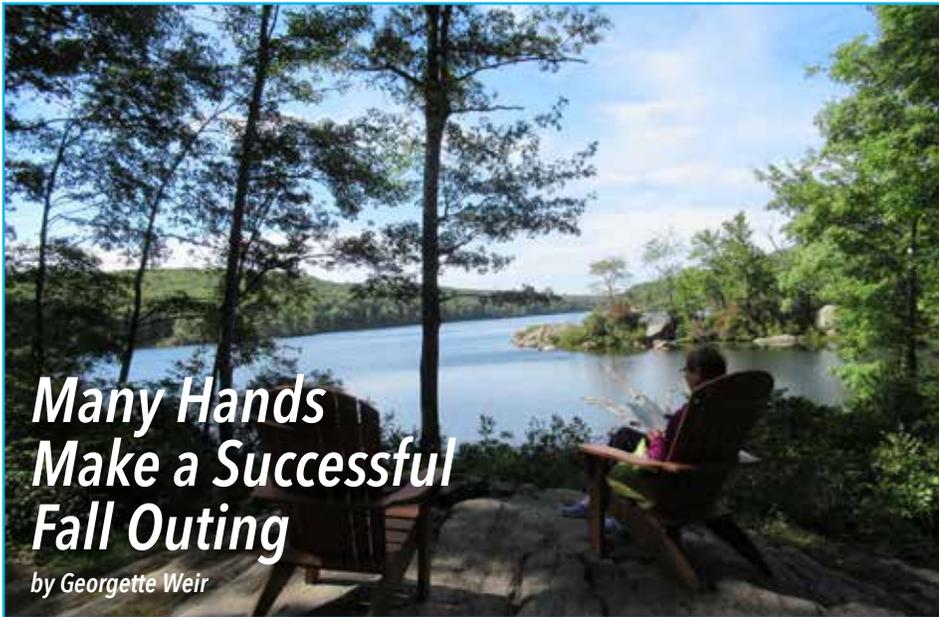
Nov 3 Pratt Rock Carvings

5.5 miles to H.J. marker—puzzled. Continuing on, we saw 6.0 to H.J.—more puzzled because the distance should have been decreasing. We finally returned to Titusville Road, where we had parked our car, and drove back to the Diddell Road parking lot and looked at the map. Still no answer why these mile markers were increasing as we walked south toward Titusville Road. Jean wanted to do more and we walked the Veterans mile continuing toward Hopewell Junction. Now the mile markers made sense and now they started at 3.5/3 etc.

Jean took an offer to enjoy hot tea at my house. Would love to have more hikers for these hikes. Leader: Sayi Nulu

Nov 3: Pratt Rock Hike

We met at the Pratt Rocks trail head at 11 AM. There were 4 participants besides the Leader. It was a perfect fall day. Bright sunshine and warm temperatures. We started at the information kiosk, which told the story of Zaddock Pratt, an early settler of Greene County, and his rise from a tanner, to a banker, and to the House of Representatives. We then started on the trail, which rose sharply to the series of stone carvings depicting the highlights of Pratt's life. We then took another trail that went up to the top of the stone carvings for breathtaking views of the Schoharie Valley in all its fall splendor. We had a nice picnic lunch at the top, then proceeded back down the trail towards the trailhead and also noted a small cemetery with a headstone with the names of Pratt's favorite horses and dogs. A good time was had by all. John, Martha, Margaret, Joe and leader, John Ragusa.



Many Hands Make a Successful Fall Outing

by Georgette Weir

IN 2019, OUR CHAPTER took the lead in organizing ADK's Fall Outing, an annual event that attracts members and friends from across ADK-Land (New York and beyond) for a weekend of fall outings and camaraderie. The location and host chapters change each year, giving us a chance to explore different parts of our amazingly diverse and beautiful state and meet outdoor-loving people. The event also raises funds for the Club.

This year, we got to show off the magnificent Lower and Mid-Hudson Valley. Our event was based at the Stephen & Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center on Breakneck Pond in the heart of Harriman State Park and adjacent to Bear Mountain and Sterling Forest State Parks. It was an excellent base for lodging, camping, meals, and meetups, and provided a very good venue for camaraderie and fun for the 100 participants.

A complex event like this takes many minds, hands, and energetic bodies to put together, and our Mid-Hudson Chapter is lucky to have so many people with these attributes willing to work (for nothing!). First, there are all those who volunteered to lead hikes, paddles and other outings. It could not have been done without you! Then there are those who did mostly behind-the-scenes work but who deserve some spotlight. Here are a few of our members that I want to especially thank for making this event a big success.

Lalita Malik chaired the committee, which for the first time was a collaboration among several chapters—each contributing outings leaders, special area knowledge, and enthusiasm. Mid-Hudson was joined by volunteers from the Mohican, North Jersey-Ramapo, New York, and

Long Island Chapters. Lalita was only temporarily slowed down in the early stages of planning by the start of her recovery from a broken femur (while hiking on Mount Taurus). Within a few months she was organizing with her usual vim, vigor and efficiency, coordinating lead volunteers from our chapter and the four others, making arrangements with the AMC camp staff, and generally cracking the whip.

Eli Cohen, our chapter's skilled and detail-loving database manager, was essential to the event, creating the online registration site, including sign-ups for outings, lodging, and meals. With more than 50 outings on the schedule; lodging that included campsites, lean-tos, rustic cabins, and a lake house lovingly called the "Taj Mahal" by those lucky enough to book a bed there; and meal choices that ran the gamut of None to Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner or Picnic over three days—this was no mean feat. Eli also generated name tags and customized itineraries to be distributed to participants upon arrival. Truly, Eli's volunteer efforts for this event went Above and Beyond. We are so lucky to have him in our chapter.

Ginny Fauci, our very own Outings Co-Chair, stepped up to also coordinate outings for the three days of the event. She worked with volunteers from the other chapters to create a full schedule of more than 50 activities, ranging from easy walks to strenuous long-distance hikes and paddles on numerous of the lakes in Harriman.

Ralph Pollard, our estimable treasurer, kept track of the flow of funds in and out of special accounts set up for the event. As is typical for us, we came out a bit ahead, and so have funds for additional

support of chapter/club mission-related activities.

Dana Bennet, our talented newsletter editor, created a beautiful brochure for the event.

Jeanette Tully-Baker, our website manager, developed and managed special web pages for the Fall Outing—pretty much her first (surprise) task after agreeing to manage our website.

Carla Barrett, board vice-chair, ordered the food—not too much, not too little, just right—for the Friday picnic and organized that event on the Camp Terrace, overlooking scenic Breakneck Pond.

More Thanks!

By Lalita Malik

Five downstate chapters contributed outing leaders and other volunteers to the 2019 Fall Outing. We thank the following for their help and support.

CHAPTER CHAIRS

Georgette Weir, Mid-Hudson chair, oversaw all arrangements and assisted as needed

Raymond Kozma, NY Chair and outings

Jane Smalley, Mohican Chair, negotiated and obtained boat permits for paddling in Harriman SP lakes

Paul Margiotta, North Jersey–Ramapo Chair, negotiated and reserved rooms in two hotels at nearby towns for our use

Michael Vaughan, Long Island

CHAPTER OUTING CHAIRS

Peter Tilgner, North Jersey-Ramapo

Ed Moran, Long Island

Ginny Fauci, Mid-Hudson

Carol Harting, Mohican

Raymond Kozma, New York

ACTIVITY VOLUNTEERS

Mario Medici, North Jersey-Ramapo member, presented "Hilites of Central Park"

Carol Harting, Mohican member, engaged "Walk-about Clearwater Chorus" and produced signs for all the outings

Leslie Millman, Mohican member, managed departure of outings and all-around on-site helper

Kathie Laug, Mohican member, engaged Doc Bayne, presenter, "Sterling Forest and First Iron Industry in NYS"

Thanks also go to **Jules Greiner** and **Megan McLaughlin**, ADK Membership staffers who came down from Lake George bringing ADK swag and delicious snacks and beverages for our Friday meet-and-greet. They stayed all weekend, pitched in as needed, and were welcome additions to the party.

Holiday Party!

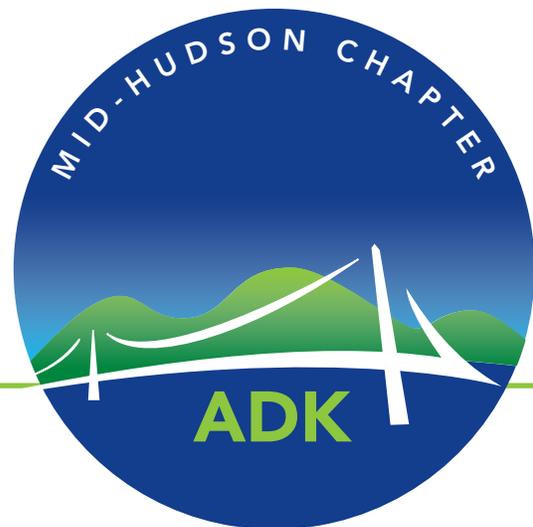
Sunday, December 8
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on Route 9 at 5 PM

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