

Rules of the *Fire Tower Challenge*

1. The Challenge begins with the publication of *Views from on High*.
2. To complete the Challenge and receive the official full-color patch (pictured on the front), hikers must climb and document, by date, ascents of at least 23 fire tower summits: 18 of 23 Adirondack Park summits and all 5 Catskill Park summits. *Climbing each tower itself is not required, nor in fact recommended, for those towers that have not been restored for safe public use.*
3. The mountain should have a standing fire tower on the date of your ascent. Several of the Adirondack towers described in *Views from on High* may eventually be removed. (See summit list, Adirondack Park Fire Towers That May Not Last.)
4. When registering the dates of your climb on the reverse side of this brochure, be sure to use extra sheets of paper to describe details of interest: weather, wildlife sightings, your impressions, your companions — and whatever else caught your attention. We really want you to share your experiences with us, so please be expressive.
5. Send the attached list and additional pages — name and address on each — along with a check for \$3.00 per patch. (Kids 15 and under are free.) Make the check payable to “ADK Glens Falls–Saratoga Chapter” and send to:

Fire Tower Challenge
Glens Falls–Saratoga Chapter
Adirondack Mountain Club
P.O. Box 2314
Glens Falls, NY 12801



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“Wow! I’ll bet there’s a terrific view from up there.”

Whether it’s the view from the summit or from the tower—or the experiences enroute—“fire tower fever” grips you right away and there’s no turning back. Sound familiar? Then you’re a person for whom the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) has created *The Fire Tower Challenge*.

Consider the spectacular views of the surrounding hills and valleys. Consider the wildlife you may see along the way and the botanically interesting vegetation on the summits. And consider that for some 50–70 years the cabs atop these towers were the outlooks of “fire spotters,” observers whose lonesome vigil was broken only occasionally by visits from the public.

The Fire Tower Challenge begins with the publication of the guidebook, *Views from on High: Fire Tower Trails in the Adirondacks and Catskills*, by John P. (Jack) Freeman. The Challenge hikes are described in detail, along with a fascinating essay describing the history of Forest Preserve fire towers by noted historic preservationist Wesley H. Haynes. Published by the ADK, the book is available from the Club (see below), bookstores, and outdoor retailers.

You don’t need to be a member of ADK to take part in the Challenge. If you do wish to join, ADK chapters plan a wide variety of activities to help you learn more about nature, the protection of our environment, and outdoor skills. To join ADK or purchase *Views from on High* call 1-800-395-8080 (8:30 AM–5:00 PM, Mon.–Sat.), visit on-line at www.adk.org, or visit our Lake George and Heart Lake facilities.

Summits with Fire Towers

Adirondack Park Fire Towers with a Bright Future

- Arab date: _____
- Azure date: _____
- Bald (Rondaxe) date: _____
- Belfry date: _____
- Black date: _____
- Blue date: _____
- Cathedral Rock date: _____
- Goodnow date: _____
- Gore date: _____
- Hadley date: _____
- Kane date: _____
- Owls Head date: _____
- Pillsbury date: _____
- Poke-O-Moonshine . . date: _____
- Snowy date: _____
- Vanderwacker date: _____
- Wakely date: _____
- Woodhull date: _____

Adirondack Park Fire Towers That May Not Last

- Adams date: _____
- Hurricane date: _____
- Lyon date: _____
- Spruce date: _____
- St. Regis date: _____

Catskill Park Fire Towers

- Balsam Lake date: _____
- Hunter date: _____
- Overlook date: _____
- Red Hill date: _____
- Tremper date: _____

name: _____

address: _____

