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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENS FALLS-SARATOGA CHAPTER OF THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB



The Glens Falls – Saratoga Chapter of ADK and supporting sponsors are thrilled to host

The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Friday-Sunday, January 31-February 2, 2025, 7 pm

Charles R. Wood Theater, Glens Falls NY

\$23/evening • New films screened each night!

FOR TICKETS	PRESALE INFO	FOR FILM INFO
<p>Tickets go on sale Dec. 12 at noon. Scan the QR code or call 518-480-4878</p> 	<p>Chapter members and past attendees will receive a presale email around Dec. 8.</p>	<p>adk-gfs.org facebook.com/ADKGFS email: banff@adk-fs.org</p>
<p>JOIN US EARLY at 6pm — enjoy the Mountain Art Show, Common Roots drinks, snacks, raffle, and door prizes!</p>		

A BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!





ADK FIRE TOWER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following hikers who have recently completed the Fire Tower Challenge:

Laura Salamone
JJ O'Connell
Alicia Klein
Rachel Gaston
Stephen Gefell
Cathy Herrling
Hayley Burgess
Michelle Martin
Roger Martin
Lisa Jeschke
Jessica McGee
Andy McGee
Rose Wagner
Gerard Wagner
Kelly Piche
Sarah Walters
Kevin Walters
Scarlet Walters
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A year of good works!

I wanted to take a moment to highlight what our Chapter has done throughout the year and thank all of the volunteers including the Chapter Executive Committee, outings leaders, Banff committee, Stewards and members who contributed time and money to further our mission. I particularly want to thank the outings chair and leaders for the extra effort to participate in the new outings leaders training requirements for certification.



- ADK Summit Steward Program donation and volunteers

- DEC Summer Camp — Funded 4 kids to camp (hopefully more applicants in 2025!)
- Firetower Challenge administration
- Over 62 outings: hikes, bushwhacks, walks, camping, ski-ing, cycling
- ADK Trailhead Steward Program volunteers Buck Mountain Trailhead Steward program
- Educational and informative monthly programs and bi-monthly newsletter
- Trail work maintenance: Tongue Mountain
- Hosts of the Banff Mountain Film Festival
- ADK Voices — financial support and oral histories
- Library ADK Publication Donation & Backpack program

— Kim Brown

Give back to the trails you love!

ADK's Trails Department offers a variety of volunteer programs for anyone who wishes to give back to the trails they love.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL CREWS

During the summer months, we offer anywhere from one-day to five-day volunteer projects. These projects are led by two trained, professional crew leaders who bring a crew of volunteers out into the woods, teach them how to use tools safely and efficiently, and guide them through the process of building or maintaining Adirondack trails, step-by-step. These projects are usually advertised on our website and social media, beginning in February. Projects range from general maintenance (like removing downed trees and clearing drainages) to technical projects (such as building bridges or rock staircases).

Day-long events include **National Trails Day** (usually the first Saturday of June, but sometimes the last Saturday of May) and **Fall Trails Day** (usually near the end of September or beginning of October). For these projects, ADK provides the tools and oversight, but asks that folks bring their own food. The day usually starts at 8 am at a designated meeting location and ends around 4:30 pm. These events are typically free and open to anyone over the age of 15.

For the multi-day projects, ADK plans all aspects of the trip, including food. Some of these are geared toward all age groups, while others are specifically open to teens. For these projects, the group meets either at ADK's Heart Lake Program Center or at a designated location near the project site. The crew will spend each day working on the project and at night they will camp in the woods near the worksite. We do have some camping gear

available for volunteers to borrow, on an as-needed basis. These trips usually do have a participation cost, to cover the cost of food and to pay crew leaders for their time.

TRAIL STEWARD & ADOPT A LEAN-TO PROGRAMS

The other volunteer programs we offer are the **Trail Steward** and **Adopt a Lean-to** Programs. These are longer-term, more self-motivated volunteer opportunities, where individuals (or groups) can sign up to "adopt" a trail or lean-to and become responsible for its general maintenance. For these programs, it's up to the volunteer to pick at least two days out of the year to do trail work or check in on their lean-to.

Trail Steward responsibilities include clearing drainages, removing blowdown, replacing trail markers and signage, and providing the DEC with conditions reports. Lean-to Adopter responsibilities include removing trash and debris, keeping a lean-to register, and providing the DEC with updates on the lean-to's condition. These volunteers work with New York State and are required to complete some limited training and paperwork.

New volunteers will be accepted beginning on December 15, 2024. On January 15, 2025, volunteers will be assigned to a trail or lean-to they expressed interest in, through a lottery-style adoption process. From January 15 to February 15, we will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis. Then, on February 15, the final list of Trail Stewards and Lean-to Adopters will be sent to the DEC.

For more information, please email Virginia Ruyland-Mauhs, ADK Trails Volunteer Coordinator at virginiarm@adk.org

PROGRAM



PHOTO BY LARRY MASTER, MASTERIMAGES.ORG. BELOW: DAVE KRAMER.

Moose on the rise in New York

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025,
CRANDALL PUBIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

"The Moose is Back: The Status of Moose in New York." Presented in conjunction with the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society.

Join Dave Kramer, Research Scientist at SUNY-ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station and our friends at Southern Adirondack Audubon Society to hear about moose in New York.

Dave received wildlife degrees from Delaware Valley University (BS) in 2009 and from Texas Tech University (MS) in 2012 and since 2016 has been a Research Scientist with the SUNY-ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station. He provides consultation and research support for moose, deer, bear, turkey and furbearers for NYSDEC.

Moose have long been present in the State of New York. Historical records suggest that moose were present north of the Mohawk River as far back as the Pleistocene. Due to unfettered forest harvest and market hunting, moose were deemed extirpated from the landscape by as early as 1861. During this time, moose were also extirpated from neighboring Vermont, but populations persisted elsewhere in northeastern North America. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that moose



began to take up residence in New York once again, with an estimated 6-11 permanent residents by 1986. Over the next four decades, moose have slowly repopulated the Adirondacks. Current population metrics suggest a small but stable population of approximately 700 moose currently reside within the Adirondack Blue Line.

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PROGRAM



Exploring Iceland in photographs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025
SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
DUTCHER ROOM

Lenore and Jack Reber — longtime chapter members — are back with another great program! “Exploring Iceland” will have you visiting volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, and birdlife, as well as hearing about the interesting customs and architecture.

Join us for photos and stories from their July 2013 and June 2016 trips to one of their favorite countries!

SAVE THE DATE
3.19.25

STEWARD PROGRAM

BUCK MOUNTAIN-PILOT KNOB TRAILHEAD STEWARD PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

20
stewards

27
stewarding days
(Saturdays/Sundays only)

1,289
hiker contacts

10
new stewards

215
volunteer hours

18%
increase over 2023

This program is made possible with funding from our annual presentation of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour (see info on cover).

Special thanks to:

2024 Buck-Pilot Knob trailhead stewards; Kayla White, Adirondack Mountain Club Deputy Director of Stewardship; Rebecca Terry, NYS DEC Forester; NYS DEC Forest Ranger Kaitlyn Clute; Pilot Knob Volunteer Fire Department

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking to fill the following volunteer positions:

- **Publicity, Social Media** — Time commitment is 1-2 hours/week. Interested? Email Deb Balliet at publicity@adk-gfs.
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- **Newsletter Editor** — Responsible for composing this newsletter (6 issues/year). Interested? Please email Kim Brown at chapterchair@adk-gfs.org.

OUTINGS & PROGRAM CALENDAR

Date	Day	Type	Destination	Leader(s)	Rating
JANUARY 2025					
4	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Southern Adirondacks / Lake George Region	Kim Brown	B
8	Wed	Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting	Kim Brown	NR
12	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Adirondack Snow Shoe/Hike TBD	Chandra Geremick	B
22	Wed	Program	Crandall Public Library Community Room, Glens Falls	Anne Paolano	NR
25	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Esther and Whiteface	Wayne Richter	A
31	Fri	Program	Charles R Wood Theater, Glens Falls	Mo Coutant	NR
FEBRUARY 2025					
1	Sat	Program	Charles R Wood Theater, Glens Falls	Mo Coutant	NR
2	Sun	Program	Charles R Wood Theater, Glens Falls	Mo Coutant	NR
5	Wed	Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting	Kim Brown	NR
8	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Southern Adirondacks/Lake George Region	Kim Brown	B
16	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Adirondack Hike/Snow Shoe	Chandra Geremick	B
MARCH 2025					
5	Wed	Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting	Kim Brown	NR
16	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Adirondack Hike/ Snow Shoe	Chandra Geremick	B
19	Wed	Program	Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dutcher Room	Anne Paolano	NR
22	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Southern Adirondacks / Lake George Region	Kim Brown	B

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS / LAKE GEORGE REGION **Hike/Snowshoe**

Saturday, January 4, 2025, time TBD,
Rating: B
Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,
kim137@me.com

What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking and those coming back to the outdoors! Pace will be slow to moderate with distance between 4-8 miles. Hikes will be primarily in the Lake George/Southern Adirondack Region. Let me know if you want to be on my email list and I'll share what we are doing and where to meet. (I have extra traction spikes and snowshoes if you do not have any.)

ADIRONDACKS TBD **Hike/Snowshoe**

Sunday, January 12, 2025, time TBD,
Rating: B
Chandra Geremick: 518-424-0679,
cgeremick@gmail.com

The hike has not been chosen yet. However, it will be somewhere between 5 to 7 miles with up to 2,000 feet of elevation gain. I have a few hikes in mind. Send me a text or email, and I will add you to the list once everything is set. Plan on spending the day. You will need snowshoes and microspikes. I will send a checklist in the email with what you'll need to bring.

JANUARY CHAPTER PROGRAM: CRANDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM **Program**

Wed., Jan. 22, 2025, 7:00pm, Rating: NR
Anne Paolano: 518-744-6359,
programs@adk-gfs.org

The Moose is Back, Dave Kramer, Research Scientist SUNY ESF Roosevelt Wild Life Station. Come and join our friends from the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society for a joint program and hear the latest information from Dave Kramer accompanied by photographs. See complete writeup on page 3.

ESTHER & WHITEFACE **Hike/Snowshoe**

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 5:30 am,
Rating: A
Wayne Richter: 518-893-7895,
wrighter@nycap.rr.com

Whiteface is one of the most spectacular winter hikes, with the final approach on the open, snow-frosted arete affording glorious views in a magical winter wonderland (assuming we're not socked in and unable to see much, in which case the approach to the summit tower might make you think of Mordor in winter). If it's windy, you'll feel like you really accomplished something. We'll pick up Esther on the way, and hope for enough snow to get us high enough to

All are welcome!

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 7pm
 - Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 7pm
 - Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 7pm
- Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,
kim137@me.com

These meeting will be virtual, via Zoom. All chapter members are welcome. Please email chapter-chair@adk-gfs.org for the Zoom information if you would like to attend. The Zoom link will also be provided to the Executive Committee in the meeting agenda.

see Whiteface from the trail. Round trip distance is about 10 miles with 3,500 feet of elevation change. Meeting place is the large park and ride near the north end of Media Drive at Northway Exit 18.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR, CHARLES R. WOOD THEATER, GLENS FALLS **Program**

Friday-Sunday, January 31-February 2,
2025, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR
Mo Coutant: 518-708-0096,
banff@adk-gfs.org
See story on front page.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS/LAKE GEORGE REGION **Hike/Snowshoe**

Saturday, February 8, 2025, time TBD,
Rating: B
Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,
kim137@me.com

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ADIRONDACKS TBD **Hike/Snowshoe**

Sunday, February 16, 2025, time TBD,
Rating: B
Chandra Geremick: 518-424-0679,
cgeremick@gmail.com

The hike has not been chosen yet. However, it will be somewhere between 5 to 7 miles with up to 2,000 feet of elevation gain. I have a few hikes in mind. Send me a text or email, and I will add you to the list once everything is set. Plan on spending the day. You will need snow shoes and microspikes. I will send a check list in the email with what you'll need to bring.

ADIRONDACKS TBD **Hike/Snowshoe**

Sun., March 16, 2025, time TBD, Rating: B
Chandra Geremick: 518-424-0679,
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The hike has not been chosen yet. However, it will be somewhere between 5 to 7 miles with up to 2,000 feet of elevation gain. I have a few hikes in mind. Send me a text or email, and I will add you to the list once everything is set. Plan on spending the day. You will need snow shoes and microspikes. I will send a check list in the email with what you'll need to bring.

MARCH CHAPTER PROGRAM: SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY DUTCHER ROOM **Program**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 7:00 pm,
Rating: NR
Anne Paolano: 518-744-6359,
annepaolano@yahoo.com

Exploring Iceland with Lenore and Jack Reber. Iceland has volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, birdlife and interesting customs and buildings. Join us for pictures and stories from our July 2013 and June 2016 trips to one of our favorite countries. Lenore and Jack are longtime ADK-GFS members. They have presented many outstanding programs for us and always have amazing photos.

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACKS/LAKE GEORGE REGION **Hike/Snowshoe**

Saturday, March 22, 2025, time TBD,
Rating: B
Kim Brown: 908-305-8357,
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What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking and those coming back to the outdoors! Pace will be slow to moderate with distance between 4-8 miles. Hikes will be primarily in the Lake George/ Southern Adirondack Region. Let me know if you want to be on my email list and I'll share what we are doing and where to meet. (I have extra traction spikes and snowshoes if you do not have any.)

Wolf Pond Fall Color Hike

Saturday, October 5, 2024, Rich Crammond

This was just a great day to hike into an Adirondack pond. Cool wind with blue sky and nice fall colors to go with it. I think we did a good job of hiking in and back out with no mishaps. Taking our time, being careful where we stepped, going prepared for an overnight if necessary, and just enjoying the day. The only wildlife to see was a big flock of turkeys that Peter saw on Blue Ridge Road. Still didn't get no better for the whole day. **Participants:** Rich Crammond, Peter Bishop.

Southern Adirondacks/Lake George Region

Saturday, October 5, 2024, Kim Brown

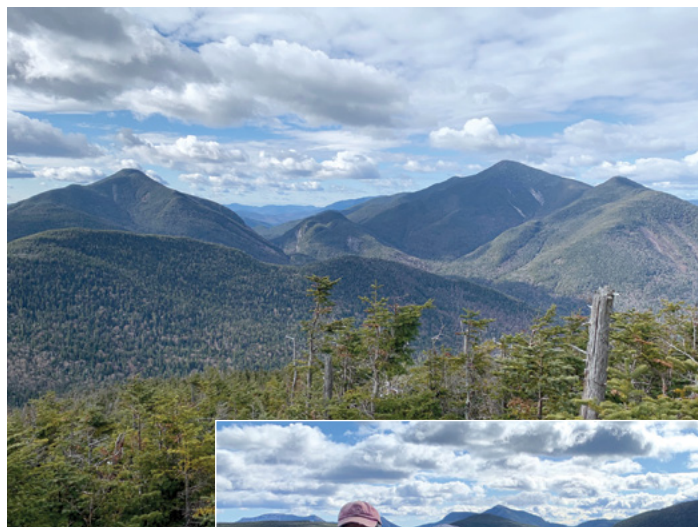
It was a great day for Sleeping Beauty. We began our hike at the Dacy Clearing Trailhead at 9:20. Since we have had little recent rain, the trails were very dry and no mud (good for us but not so good for the environment) and no surprise the trail is still filled with lots of small rocks and cobble. We took the route toward Bumps Pond and up to summit. At the pond, we looked on the side trail to point out the old homestead/chimney remnants. Just past this, we continued to the Erebus intersection. Normally, here we would encounter inches of water and would need to rock hop. But this was not the case. We continued on, taking a right at the bridge up to the summit. Our group was able to enjoy mostly sunny skies during our quick lunch break. We were surprised at the amount of colored foliage in some sections of the Lake George area. While we ventured back using the steeper side of Sleeping Beauty, we passed several small groups, many with pups. While regrouping at the intersection, we noticed a limping loan hiker coming from the direction of Bumps. A few folks in our group came to her assistance with Sam Splint, gauze adhesive wrap, duct tape and hiking sticks. All of us walked down to our cars along with the lone hiker. After returning back to our cars at 1:00pm, Charlene explained how we could make a "Sam Splint" with empty clorox bottles; much less expensive! Thanks to all for a great day. We had 17 hikers and our tiny mascot Farrah. 5.5 miles with 1,300 feet of elevation gain.

Participants: Leader Kim Brown, Chandra G., Jessica M., Jon M., Colleen F., Anne and Jim W., Alan C., Joan I. and pup Farrah, Ruth L., Charlene S., Jamie S., Linda F., Shelly N., Scott A., Bill S., Dave C.

Hike Hurricane Mountain

Sunday, October 20, 2024, Kim Brown and Chandra Geremick

There are 3 approaches and we took the longest (my favorite) from 9N — 2,000 feet of elevation gain for about 6.8 miles. If you have never taken this route, you should: It has such a variety of vegetation and forest, and has the advantage of being switchbacked and less eroded. You could tell that the trail has been well maintained with lots of brush cut back to facilitate dryer bog bridge boards and no blowdown to step over. We were lucky and had a stellar sunny day. The weather forecast had been for low 50s at the summit, but when we got out of our cars we noted a "balmy breeze"; hmmm, that should have been a sign. Two days before there was 5 inches of snow at the summit, so I asked everyone to bring spikes and lots of layers. We got up to the summit by 1 pm and temperatures were in the high 60s, probably 70! Light wind. So we had LOTS of delayering on the way up and some creative rolling up of pants and discarding of gaiters to cool off. We did spot evidence of snow here and there in the woods right before the ledges on the way up to the summit. Once at the summit, we had a nice long, leisurely lunch taking in the 360° views. A great day for everyone. **Participants:** Leader Kim Brown, co-lead Chandra G., with Scott A., Charlene S., Johnny C., Laura F., Jon T., Cathy G., Peter F. Jr., Anthony B., Margie L., Linda F., Shelly N., Sue A., Gabi M. and Paula T.



TOP: THE VIEW FROM
PHELPS MOUNTAIN.

RIGHT: JEFF MANS, LEFT,
AND THE GROUP WHO
PARTICIPATED IN
THE PHELPS MOUNTAIN
LOOP HIKE FROM
SOUTH MEADOWS.

PHOTOS PROVIDED
BY JEFF MANS.



Phelps Mountain Loop from South Meadows

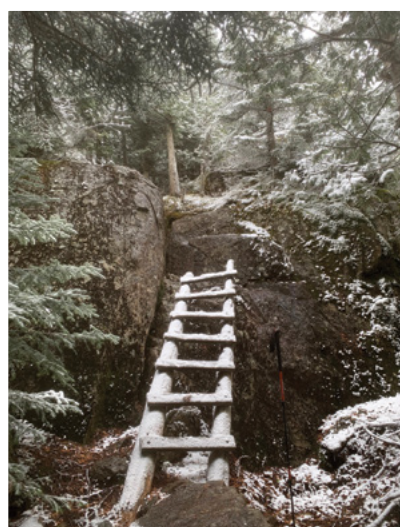
Saturday, October 26, 2024, Jeff Mans and Jen Ferriss

Full sun and blue skies gave way to some cotton clouds merrily rolling across the High Peaks of Essex. The panorama from Phelps would even give its namesake pause to hog the views, and the same for Old Mountain Mans. After a photo session and quick bite to eat on the wind-chilled summit, we continued on the herd path over the top toward the Klondike lean-to, and found the path was delightful and well defined the entire way. A quick hike back on the trail to South Meadows completed the loop. Just another great ADK loop hike to add to the list, such as the scenic route to Sawteeth and Avalanche Pass to Colden, etc. **The Fearsome Foursome participants:** Jeff Mans (leader), Jen Ferriss (co-lead), Liz Rovers and Donna Ruppel.

Southern Adirondacks/Lake George Region

Saturdays, November 2, 2024, Kim Brown

Today's hike was Prospect Mountain via Lake George Recreation Center. Weather was expected to be dry but cloudy all day. It turned out we had some rain south of Lake George, but just drizzle when we started out. Along the way we got to see the trail work done by Steve Mackey. It made for much easier navigation for folks unfamiliar with the trail. The stream was running, but very low because of the dry conditions. Not so great for the environment, but it made for nice hiking at the top section where we usually get mud. Once we got to the parking lot, everything was not just cloudy, but fogged in with absolutely no views of the lake or surrounding area. We had our lunch at the pagoda and picnic tables, then headed back down again. A moderate hike of about 5.2 miles round trip with approximately 1,400 feet elevation gain for about 4 hours of hiking. Everyone was back to their car with time enough to do lots of other Saturday stuff! **Participants:** Leader Kim Brown, Neil V. with pup Ripley, Margie L., Shelly N., Linda F., Johnny C., Jim T., Virginia T., Anne V., and Sue A.



PHOTOS FROM THE NOONMARK
MOUNTAIN LOOP HIKE
IN NOVEMBER.

PHOTOS PROVIDED
BY JEFF MANS.

Noonmark Mountain Loop

Saturday, November 2, 2024, Jeff Mans

While the forecasted clear skies never materialized, a light dusting of snow alighted the woodlands to create picturesque winter scenery. Through open woods, up a few ladders and around some boulders, the views started to open, revealing a white frosting covering the outcrops, ridges and peaks surrounding the nascent Ausable Valley. Keeping company with Verplanck Colvin's Adirondack Survey bolt atop Noonmark, we took some nourishment and shared leftover Halloween treats. After the sun refused to break through the lingering clouds of Saturn's moon, it was time to descend over to the Old Dix trail and loop back past Round Mountain to the seasonal no-hassle AMR parking lot. Another great, great loop. **The Fearsome Fivesome participants:** Jeff Mans (leader), Liz Rovers, Kimberly Labrecque, Chandra Geremick and Pete Fedoric.

Southern Adirondacks/Lake George Region

Saturday, November 9, 2024, Kim Brown and Chandra Geremick
Our hike was Pilot Knob Ridge Lookout. About 4.5 miles round trip with ~1,600 feet of elevation gain. The weather was stellar — blue skies, not too warm, high 40s getting into 60s. Winds were light. The fun part was that we had several folks that had never been

up on the ridge. Lots of leaves in places and we headed up slowly on the unmarked (but unofficial mostly blazed trail). Of course, we had to stop by the shark teeth and take a group shot. About half way up, we stopped a few times for snacks and to take a breather while enjoying the views. On the way, we had a nice surprise and ran into our ADK hiker friend/leader Joe B. — he joined us for lunch and went on to the summit of Pilot Knob. We all had a leisurely lunch before heading back the way we came. Not a surprise but upon returning to the Buck Mt. Trailhead, the parking lot was full!

Participants: Leader Kim Brown, co-lead Chandra Geremick, Scott A., Anthony B., Nancy J., Jim M., Laura F., Gabi M., Charlene S., Debbie V., Alan C., Anne V., and Johnny C.

Turkey Trot #26, Saratoga Battlefield Park

Thursday, November 28, 2024, Rich Crammond

What a snowy day for a hike in the national park. Thought I would be hiking solo, but two great participants showed up. It was like being in a snow globe all morning long. Really nice to hike with hiker buds I've hiked with many Turkey Trot outings before. Highlights for this ADK outing were viewing some deer, watching some big snowflakes come down, and spending time with good people. That sums it up, I guess. Didn't get no getter.

Participants: Steve Bederian, Molly Bederian, Rich Crammond.

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My Participation
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Volunteering

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As you know, when you sign up to be a GF-S Chapter member you get emails directly from our chapter and also from the main "club" (adk.org).

If you're interested in **hike leader certification** or **volunteering** at various club programs such as trail work and trailhead stewarding, etc., customize your communication preferences to be sure you're getting the information you want!

First, set up your club account at adk.org and then personalize your email preferences per the options at left.



Chepontuc Footnotes

Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club
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Glens Falls, New York 12801



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