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

The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour Friday – Sunday, February 3-5, 2023 7pm (different films each night)



The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour showcases the best mountain films from the annual Festival in Banff, Canada, held each October. This year, we are returning to the Charles R Wood Theater for 3 nights, in order to provide an opportunity to see all the shows that are part of the World Tour. Come each night to see all the great films.

The doors open at 6 pm. Come view the Mountain Art show featuring local artists. Enjoy some refreshments while you peruse the raffle items that benefit ADK's Summit Steward Program. Special door prizes for those that get there by 6:30. Parking can be challenging, so arrive early.

We're grateful for our local sponsors which enable us to keep the ticket price affordable. Please thank them for their support when you stop by their locations. Our sponsors are: Rocksport, Fountain Square Outfitters, the law office of Meyer, Fuller & Stockwell, Nemer Ford and Nemer Chrysler, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Rick's Bike Shop, Common Roots Brewery and Foundation, the Queensbury Hotel, and Local Motion PT. See you in February! Get your tickets today!



If you are not comfortable attending a **live** show but still want to experience the thrilling collection of films, there are **virtual** options available again this year.

See the Banff section of our website at adk-gfs.org for details.

THE BEARS OF KATMAI

Wednesday January 18, 2023

7 pm, Zoom-Only



Katmai National Park is a spectacular four million acre national park and preserve located on the Alaska Peninsula in southwest Alaska. Katmai is famous for its geology, salmon, and the world's largest protected population of brown bears, estimated at 2,200 individuals. Most visitors come to Katmai National Park to see and photograph the large numbers of brown bears that congregate at Brooks Falls to feed on the abundant spawning salmon. Katmai became a national monument in 1918 following the eruption of the Novarupta Volcano in 1912. Katmai National Park has 15 active volcanoes and its eruption was the world's largest in the 20th Century.

David Govatski will share every thing you need to know about traveling to Alaska to see the bears, including bear behavior, safety and general travel tips.

David retired from the US Forest Service after a 33-year career and currently works as a naturalist. He works as an expedition ship naturalist in Alaska in the summer and has visited and studied brown bears at Katmai, Lake Clark, Glacier Bay and Denali National Parks and elsewhere.

Registration is through the Saratoga Springs Public Library website: <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8437263>

CIRCLING THE FOUR CORNERS AREA OF THE U.S.

Wednesday March 15, 2023

7 PM, In-Person, Saratoga Springs Public Library



For ten days, Lenore and Jack Reber explored lesser known national monuments and State Parks in New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. Join them on a photogenic tour through lava fields, red rock country, volcanic ash formations, and a black canyon. Our armchair travel will visit ancient indigenous sites and the old mining towns of Durango and Silverton, Colorado.

Lenore and Jack are retired teachers who have hiked and paddled with several organizations and in many places in the USA and Europe. They live in Saratoga Springs and Indian Lake, NY.

Co-sponsored by the Saratoga Springs Public Library. No registration required

Chapter Chair Report ~ Brian Coville



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.

- ADK Summit Steward Program donation and volunteers
- DEC Summer Camp - Funded 10 kids to camp
- Firetower Challenge administration
- Over 80 outings: hikes, bushwhacks, walks, camping, skiing
- ADK Trailhead Steward Program volunteers
- Buck Mountain Trailhead Steward pilot program
- Educational and informative monthly programs and bi-monthly newsletter
- Trail work maintenance: Tongue Mt, Potash and Swede
- Hosts of the Banff Mountain Film Festival
- ADK Voices - financial support and oral histories
- Library ADK Publication Donation & Backpack program

ADK Fire Tower Challenge

by Kathi Noble



Congratulations to the latest completers of the Adirondack Mountain Club Fire Tower Challenge:

Kelly Scotto, Goshen
 Melissa LaMere, Plattsburgh
 Preston Jenkins, East Greenbush age 8
 Erin Jenkins, East Greenbush
 Lisa Hansen, Valley Falls
 Kristen Holden, Rexford
 Frank Lipowitz, Rexford
 Justin McNaughten, Oxnard CA
 Stephen Wolanin, Remsen

Kimberly Peterson, Cazenovia
 Margaret McGohey, Troy
 Josh Harrison, Troy
 Dianna & Bruce Reynolds, Shokan
 Sirena Hamel, Ossining
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 Aaron Saxer, Liverpool
 Colleen & Loring Porter, Lake Placid
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Outings and Programs Calendar - January 2023

Date	Day	Type	Destination	Leader(s)	Rating
* January 2023					
4	Wed	Meeting	Monthly Executive Committee Meeting	Brian Coville	NR
7	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	What's Up Saturday?	Kim Brown	B
15	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Whiteface/Esther	Doug Fish	A+
18	Wed	Program	The Bears of Katmai (via Zoom)	Anne Paolano	NR
* February 2023					
1	Wed	Meeting	Monthly Executive Committee Meeting	Brian Coville	NR
3	Fri	Program	Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour	Maureen Coutant	NR
4	Sat	Program	Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour	Maureen Coutant	NR
5	Sun	Program	Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour	Maureen Coutant	NR
11	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	What's Up Saturday?	Kim Brown	B
12	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Algonquin/Wright/Iroquois	Doug Fish	A+
* March 2023					
1	Wed	Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting	Brian Coville	NR
4	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	Dix Mountain	Andrew Meunier, Jen Ferriss	A+
12	Sun	Hike/Snowshoe	Cliff/Redfield	Doug Fish	A+
15	Wed	Program	Circling the Four Corners Area of the US.	Anne Paolano	NR
25	Sat	Hike/Snowshoe	What's Up Saturday?	Kim Brown	B

Check the Calendar on adk-gfs.org for up latest content

Membership Update

OCTOBER 2022

New Members

Dan Bombard, Hudson Falls
 Cindy & William Cameron, Stony Creek
 Molly Connor, Whitehall
 Joseph & Lisa Curtin, Saratoga Springs
 Rachel Deluca, Glens Falls
 Annie Dineen, Queensbury
 Joseph, Kenzie, Cassidy & Kristie Dopp, Malta
 Cheryl Garcia, Saratoga Springs
 Alan, Marita, Benjamin & Lillian Hatton, Clifton Park
 Carolyn Latourelle, Manchester, Vermont
 Diane & Eric Selin, Round Lake
 Kristin Short, Ballston Spa
 Jennifer Tubbs, Saratoga Springs

Rejoined Members

David Bancroft, Fort Ann
 Peter & Dianne Bly, Fort Ann
 David Brooks, Dallas, Texas
 Cathy Corrigan, Glens Falls
 Laura Donaldson, Olmstedville
 Cathy Firman, Saratoga Springs
 Jeffrey & Emilee Greenhouse, Cleverdale
 Jacob Greer, Queensbury
 Erica Hayes, Robert LaGoy, Hannah, Brian & Kaitlyn Ashline, Lake Luzerne
 Michael Landor, Corinth
 Earl Laramie, Fort Edward
 Russell Ley, Poughkeepsie
 James & Marilyn Murphy, Comstock
 Ted Peltier, Queensbury
 Lorraine Ruffing & Beverly Pozzi, Lake George
 Mark & Pam Sissons, Queensbury
 Rod Sprattling & Jill Ramos, Saratoga Springs

Outings and Programs - January 2023

HIKE/SNOWSHOE

Sat, Jan 7, 2023, time TBD, Rating: B

Kim Brown - 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

- What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking/snowshoe 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.

WHITEFACE/ESTHER - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sun, Jan 15, 2023, 5:30 am, Rating: A+

Doug Fish - 518-688-7759, dtfish15@yahoo.com

- We'll be starting at the Atmospheric Science Research Center at approximately 5:30am for this 9.5 mile, 3684 foot elevation gain hike. Alternate dates, if inclement weather, will be Jan 14th or 16th. Carpooling plans and final logistics will be finalized a few days before the hike.

THE BEARS OF KATMAI. ZOOM PROGRAM

Wed, Jan 18, 2023, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR

Anne Paolano - 518-744-6359, paolano@roadrunner.com

- Katmai National Park is a spectacular four million acre national park and preserve located on the Alaska Peninsula in southwest Alaska. Katmai is famous for its geology, salmon, and the world's largest protected population of brown bears, estimated at 2,200 individuals. Most visitors come to Katmai National Park to see and photograph the large numbers of brown bears that congregate at Brook's Falls to feed on the abundant spawning salmon. David Govatski will share every thing you need to know about traveling to Alaska to see the bears, including: bear behavior, safety and general travel tips. Please register online.

MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed, Feb 1, 2023, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR

Brian Coville - 518-350-4117, Brian_Coville@Outlook.com

- The meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. All chapter members are welcome at the meeting. 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.

PROGRAM BANFF CENTRE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

Fri, Feb 3, 4, 5 2023, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR

Maureen Coutant - 518-708-0096, banff@adk-gfs.org

- Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Join us at the Wood Theatre in downtown Glens Falls for an exciting show of short films celebrating mountain culture. \$23 per ticket. Different shows each night. 6pm pre-show art exhibition, giveaways, Common Roots beverages and more.

WHAT'S UP SATURDAY? - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sat, Feb 11, 2023, time TBD, Rating: B

Kim Brown - 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

- What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking/snowshoe 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.

ALGONQUIN/WRIGHT/IROQUOIS - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sun, Feb 12, 2023, 5:30 am, Rating: A+

Doug Fish - 518-688-7759, dtfish15@yahoo.com

- We'll be starting at the ADK HPIC at approximately 5:30am for this 10.8 mile, 4386 foot elevation gain hike. Alternate dates, if inclement weather, will be Feb 11th or 13th. Carpooling plans and final logistics will be finalized a few days before the hike. Note: If the weather doesn't look like it will cooperate any of the 3 days, I may decide to do Street and Nye (much easier).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed, Mar 1, 2023, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR

Brian Coville - 518-350-4117, Brian_Coville@Outlook.com

- The meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. All chapter members are welcome at the meeting. 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.

DIX MOUNTAIN - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sat, Mar 4, 2023, time TBD, Rating: A+

Andrew Meunier - 518-376-

2470, andrew.m.meunier@gmail.com

Colead: Jen Ferriss

- We'll use the Route 73 trailhead. This approach is almost 14 miles in length with about 3,200' of elevation gain. If the mountains smile upon us this season, we may even have a W46er or two to celebrate.

CLIFF/REDFIELD - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sun, Mar 12, 2023, 5:30 am, Rating: A+

Doug Fish - 518-688-7759, dtfish15@yahoo.com

- We'll be starting at the ADK HPIC at approximately 5:30am for this 17.9 mile, 4603 foot elevation gain hike. Alternate dates, if inclement weather, will be March 11th or 13th. Carpooling plans and final logistics will be finalized a few days before the hike. Because of the length of this hike, we will be moving at a strong and steady pace.

CIRCLING THE FOUR CORNERS AREA OF THE US. -

[Program]

Wed, Mar 15, 2023, 7:00 pm, Rating: NR

Anne Paolano - 518-744-6359, paolano@roadrunner.com

- Circling the Four Corners Area of the US March 15, 2023 In person photo presentation by Jack and Lenor Reber. For ten days, Lenore and Jack Reber explored less known national monuments and state parks in New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. After landing in Albuquerque, NM, they hiked lava fields, red rock country, volcanic ash formations, and a black canyon. They also visited ancient indigenous sites and the old mining towns of Durango and Silverton, Colorado. Lenore and Jack are retired teachers who have hiked and paddled with several organizations and in many places in the USA and Europe. They live in Saratoga Springs and Indian Lake, NY.

WHAT'S UP SATURDAY? - [Hike/Snowshoe]

Sat, Mar 25, 2023, time TBD, Rating: B

Kim Brown - 908-305-8357, kim137@me.com

- What's Up Saturday? Geared for those new to hiking/snowshoe 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.

Trip Reviews - January 2023

Moxham Mountain hike Sat, Oct 8, 2022, Andrew Meunier

- We had a tiny group due to some cancellations (maybe I'll choose a later start time in the future!). But the cool weather was perfect and the foliage was near its peak with vivid oranges and reds painting the surrounding hills and mountains. We spent plenty of time enjoying the several excellent viewpoints and enjoying Cathy's spice bread. We had the mountain mostly to ourselves on the way up, but passed a parade of hikers — and their friendly dogs — on the way down. With Cathy Fleming, Rashna Meunier, and Andrew Meunier.

Yard and Big Slide from South Meadow Sat, Oct 15, 2022, Jeff Mans

- Yard and Big Slide is always a good idea, and so it was on this outing! Starting from South Meadow along the Klondike Trail, we first had to make a short diversion around the missing footbridge over South Meadow Brook, but of course had to go look first to see if we could find a crossing. The trail offers several streams and tumbling brooks, as well as the Klondike Dam Camp Lean-to and herd path to Phelps from behind the lean-to. As we continued our descent towards the Johns Brook Valley we reached the intersecting trail towards Yard and Big Slide. We were soon following along brilliant cliffs rising from Yard's shoulders with walls of fitted stone blocks that rivaled Machu Picchu, and proof of a more advanced civilization with a rock face extension that resembled Indian Head, but on a more personal level. As we gained elevation, the valley and ranges opened behind us as we climbed past the cliffs, through the portal, and up onto the summit approach. Yard's true summit is not readily apparent, but one of the various herd paths lead to the high ground, where we stood briefly just to occupy the same space, breathe, and then search out the true meaning of Yard, which is usually found at the end of a nearby herd path where a relatively small boulder affords anyone the opportunity to climb up and take in a fine view of the valley and Great Range directly across. Next we carried on to Big Slide and arrived to find a welcoming committee of sorts to add to our wilderness experience. The views from Big Slide are legendary, for good reason, because the summit just drops to provide a wide open view of the valley and mountains. It was past peak colors, but not without some seasonal colors and crisp autumn weather that makes this one of the best times to hike. And so, while we completed our third anniversary of the broken ankle hike to Yard, we were left with the fond memories of our friends and companions who started out on this hike three years ago, but were unable to complete it with us, but oh the fun we had! Participants: Jeff Mans (leader), Christine Reilly, and in spirit, Jeff Levitt and Jayne Boudier.

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery Sat, Oct 15, 2022, Rich Crammond

- Just a real nice morning walk through a well-kept and peaceful landscape. Thanks to Susan and Sarah for walking along with me. Highlights of this outing were going by the Gettysburg tree branch, the Unknown Solder grave, the three Medal of Honor grave sites, and the future memorial site of Oliver Barrett, a patriot killed at the second Battle of Saratoga, October 7, 1777. Rest in peace, fellow veterans. Participants: Susan Atkins, Sarah Harbor, Rich Crammond.

Upper wolf jaw/Armstrong from the Garden Sat, Oct 22, 2022, Anthony Szmul

- Our trip to Upper Wolf Jaw/ Armstrong from the Garden was an eye candy weather day for sure! We ended up hiking

the Orebed Brook Trail (which had great lookouts and streams with beautiful vegetation around them)! We then headed over to the junction to Upper and Lower Wolf Jaw, hogging some spectacular views! Then we hiked on to Armstrong with even better views! Armstrong was a little windier compared to Upper Wolf Jaw but not cold. Instead of adding Gothics to our trip we decided to head back to the Upper/Lower Wolf Jaw junction and vote on hiking Lower Wolf Jaw because some people needed that! Danielle and I decided to hike that half mile trail to Lower Wolf Jaw and others had no problem with waiting at the junction. Special thanks to Joe, Chris and Danielle for joining me on a spectacular hike, and hope to hike again sometime!

What's Up Saturday? Sat, Oct 22, 2022, Kim Brown

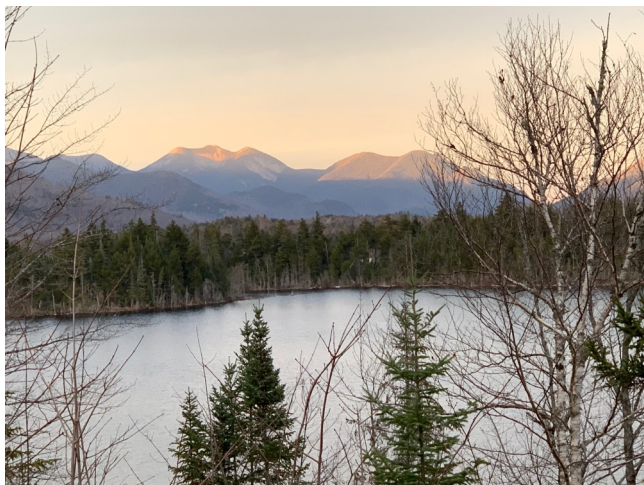
- Yes, another trip to Moxham in October! (Andrew M. led earlier October trip). Although we were past peak foliage, the leaves on the ground and those still in the trees were very pretty. The weather was stellar — sunny and low 60s — with no wind. We saw a few hunters on the way up, and then on the way back, from trail but we had our blaze orange on and the trail was busy, being a Saturday. Participants included: Dave C., Virginia C., Susan J., Cathy F., Pam B., Marcia H., Rosanne E., Jim M., and leader Kim B. We had several folks getting back into hiking and several newbies, which was lots of fun. 5.5 miles round trip and 1340 feet of elevation gain.



Ladder to Crane, photo by Joe Babcock

Boreas Ponds Camp/Hike/Bushwhack Cheney Cobble/ N. River Mtns. Fri, Nov 4, 2022, Jeff Mans and Jim Zwynenburg

- With the reopening of Gulf Brook Road, our task was made easy on Friday afternoon getting to Boreas Ponds and the lean-to and campsite on the Plains of Abraham above the first pond. A delightful campsite and lean-to if there ever was, complete with a nearby launch and somewhat stashed DEC canoe that we had brought paddles for, and christened as the "Tater Tot" in homage and no-thanks to the utter destruction of the existing woodland roads by trench warfare that we encountered from the 4 corners and the entire way to the start of our bushwhack to Cheney Cobble the next day. Well rested, we made breakfast and ventured through the woods to find the scarred roadway that led us up and down a hundred or so trenches to the promised land, where we entered the woods and followed a stream up towards the col between Cheney Cobble and the North River Mountains, past water slides, channels and incredibly massive cedar trees with trunks bigger than anything we've ever seen in our lives and easily over 200 years old. Once we neared Cheney we could see we had some steep cliffs to navigate, and eventually threaded the needle as we felt our way up and around walls and ledges before we ran into a dead end or thin air! The most challenging part behind us (except for following the same route back), we took to the varied and at times thick forest, past woodland creatures not made of flesh and bone, and finally to the elusive and famed summit of Cheney Cobble to enjoy some well deserved late lunch and enjoy some of the unique views. The climb up Cheney had taken the best part of the day, so the North River Mountains were left for another day. About half way back on the cursed road, our poor feeble minds struggled in vain, but failed, to find any rational basis to justify such utter destruction of an existing woods road resulting in trench warfare, but gave up as soon as we reached our campsite, cooked dinner, and enjoyed our campfire and celestial display on the Plains of Abraham. Great group who I'd bushwhack anywhere with! Participants: Jeff Mans (leader), Jim Z. - the Wizard (co-lead), Joe Babcock, David "Ocho" White and John Acacia.



Boreas Pond, photo by Jeff Mans

What's Up Saturday? Sat, Nov 19, 2022, Kim Brown
- WUS? We did a hike up Godwin Preserve lookout, then to Pole Pond, and over and up to Walnut Ridge. There we enjoyed several wonderful lookouts. It wasn't a snowshoe, but we did use microspikes! A very brisk sunny day with temps in the 30's. This was a perfect day to get ready for winter hiking. Wind was light and it was perfect for trying out those winter layers and accessories before the real cold hit. The views in this terrain are open, now that the leaves are down. We were able to see the multiple boulders/ridges while hiking by several vernal ponds. During lunch at the top we could look south down Lake George as well as view the lower Tongue Mountain Range and several of the mountain tops along Lake George. It was a short hike but a nice workout with 4 miles and 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Participants included: Kim Brown (leader), Virginia T., Cathy F., Linda F., Matt G., and Roseanne E.

Turkey Trot #24, Saratoga Battlefield Thu, Nov 24, 2022, Rich Crammond

- This was a great day for a Thanksgiving hike in the park. I got to see hiker buds I haven't seen in a year. We had some frost to start out with, but nice warm sun to end this outing. Highlights were seeing two deer, one black squirrel, five bluebirds, and good weather! Everyone made it safely back to the starting place before noon. Didn't get no better! Participants: Cynthia Tiogar, Bill Schwarz, Kim Wood, Barbara Plowman, Susan Dent, Susan Balogh, Kathy Horn, Rich Crammond.

What's Up Saturday? Sat, Dec 10, 2022, Kim Brown

- Our hike was up two of the three mountains that make up the Northern Tongue Range (Brown and Huckelberry) The trail is marked but summits are not. Weather was brisk in the low 20s, partly cloudy and luckily no wind. We started at Deers Leap Trailhead and found the trail mostly dry with a bit of ice in only a couple of sections (so not enough for spikes). We kept a steady pace so everyone could get warmed up. As we made our way to higher elevation, we enjoyed seeing the open understorey of the trees and occasionally views of the lake through the fog layers. On the way several in our group cleaned up a few limbs and branches (continuing in the GF-Saratoga tradition of trail maintenance on Tongue!). The Brown Lookout afforded nice views of Lake George and then we continued on to the LeanTo that is right before Huckelberry. Much to our surprise - one of our group had built us a nice small campfire to keep us warm during our lunch break! What a treat - thanks Scott! After lunch and putting out the fire the group continued to Huckelberry then back down the trail to retrace our steps back to the cars. Hike was 6.5 miles with ~1,500 ft elev gain. Participants included: Scott A, Dave C, Cathy F, Anthony B, Andrew C, Shelley N, Margie L, and Linda F. HIke Leader - Kim Brown

Crane mountain loop Sun, Dec 11, 2022, Anthony Szmul

- Well it was still a great adventure hiking in a flurry! When Kim, Joe and I got to the summit of Crane, there wasn't a view at the very top, but the snow and evergreens made it look pretty, kind of like being inside a snow globe! The real attraction of the trip was hiking around Crane Mountain Pond, which was frozen, but I find it gorgeous all year long! There are so many wild plants around the pond! We took the other trail down to our car from the pond.



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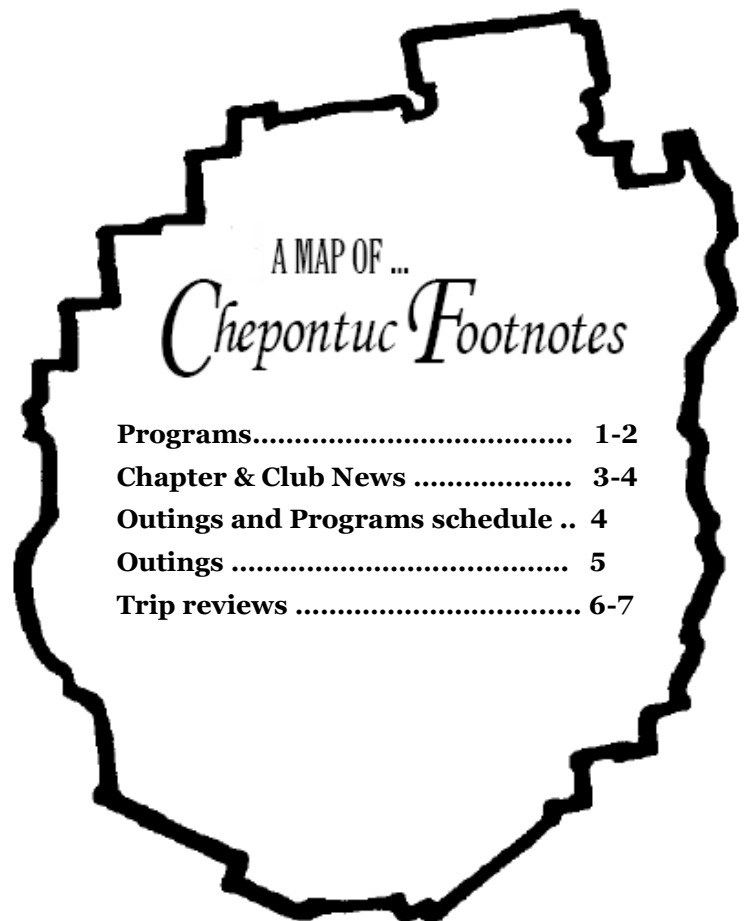
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membership!***