

WILDERNESS CAMPGROUND

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information letter will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay in our Wilderness Campground.

A maximum of six people is permitted per campsite, lean-to or canvas cabin. Showers, sinks and toilets are available at the washhouse from the mid- May through Columbus Day weekend. Campers may use the pay showers at the HPIC anytime (24 hours/7 days a week) during the off season (end of Columbus Day to mid-May). Here is some information on the Wilderness Campground to help make your stay more enjoyable:

- ❖ **Check in** is after 2:00pm – Please check in at the front desk upon arrival.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 11:00am.
- ❖ **Parking** is included for two cars during your stay from 2pm on the day of arrival until 11am on the day of departure. Please have vehicle and license plate information ready at check-in.
- ❖ **Quiet hours** are strictly enforced from 10 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Please be considerate of other campers.
- ❖ **Late Arrivals** – The front desk is open 24 hours, please check in upon arrival. Please be aware of the other people in the campground and keep voices and other noise to an absolute minimum.
- ❖ **Reservations** are held until 9am the next day after the reserved day of arrival, if you do not show for your site and have not contacted us, the reservation and deposit will be forfeited at that time.
- ❖ **The Front Desk Night Manager** is at the front desk all night and is available in case of an emergency or serious problem. If the Night Manager is not there they are doing property rounds and will return within 20 minutes.
- ❖ **Radios, generators, and other loud electronic devices** are prohibited in the campground. Please respect the rights of others to a wilderness experience.
- ❖ **Trash dumpsters and Recycling** are located near the Information Center. Do not leave garbage unattended at your sites. Please clean your sites before you leave.
- ❖ **Black Bears** and other woodland animals frequent this campground. Keep your food and toiletries in a hardtop car with windows shut or in a bear canister. Any items left out will be confiscated from your site.
- ❖ **Pets** are permitted provided they are on a leash and are not disturbing other campers.
- ❖ **Firewood** is for sale at the Information Center. Please do not gather wood. Please keep fire within the designated fireplace. (You may bring firewood as long as it is purchased within 50 miles - NYS regulation).
- ❖ **No Trenching** around tents.
- ❖ **Tents** are not allowed at canvas cabins. Tents are not allowed on lean-to sites unless it is a freestanding tent (no stakes) and it is set up inside the lean-to. A maximum of three tents is allowed at each tent site.
- ❖ **Washing** of any kind is prohibited in Heart Lake or at water spigots. Wash at your site, wipe plates clean prior to washing and scatter gray water away from your site.

- ❖ **Swimming** is permitted only in the designated area in front of the Adirondak Loj. Please read the beach rules and sign in and out at the front desk. An adult must accompany children under 16 years old.
- ❖ **Canoe, Kayak, and Paddleboard** rentals are available at the Adirondak Loj. An adult must accompany children under 16 years old.
- ❖ **Canvas Cabins** - Guests will need to provide their own linens, sleeping bags and pillows. **NO** open flames or gas/propane lanterns inside the cabin. Only battery powered lanterns are allowed.
- ❖ **Children** under 12 are half price for the additional per person charge. Children under 2 years old are free.
- ❖ **Methods of payment** – Guests may pay their bills by cash, check or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted).
- ❖ **Member rates** – a 10% member discount is available to ADK members for camping. Please have your membership card with you when checking in.
- ❖ **The High Peaks Information Center (HPIC)**, operated by the ADK, is located at the head of the trails parking lot. The building is open year round. There are two showers and restrooms, maps and information panels on the walls. There is a small store that has ski and snowshoe rentals, snacks, books, maps and assorted hiking gear. The ADK staff person operating the store is also there to advise you about hiking and skiing and to help you with most of your questions. Please ask a staff person for the store hours.

Thank you for your reservation. We want you to have a pleasant stay at the Campground; so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the front desk of the Loj. To help us serve you better, we welcome your comments and suggestions. You may contact us at (518)523-3441, email us at Loj@adk.org, or visit our website at www.adk.org.

We hope you enjoy your stay!



Please see below for directions, important information about Black Bears, and swimming regulations.

DIRECTIONS TO ADIRONDAK LOJ & WILDERNESS CAMPGROUND

Physical Address: 1002 Adirondack Loj Road, Lake Placid

FROM THE SOUTH: Take the Northway (Rt. 87) to Exit 30, Turn left on Rt. 73 toward Keene and Lake Placid. Continue on Rt. 73 for 26.5 miles. One mile before the Lake Placid ski jumps; turn left on Adirondack Loj Road (High Peaks Wilderness Trailhead Sign), five miles to the Loj to the end of the road.

FROM THE NORTH: Take the Northway (Rt. 87) to Exit 34, Keeseville. Follow 9N to Jay and Rt. 86 to Lake Placid. Turn left on Rt. 73 before going through Lake Placid. In three miles, look for High Peaks Wilderness Trailhead Sign (one mile past the Lake Placid ski jumps) and turn right onto Adirondack Loj Road, five miles to the Loj to the end of the road.

FROM THE WEST: Rt. 3 or 86 into Saranac Lake. Continue on Rt. 86 through Lake Placid. At the third traffic light, turn right onto Rt. 73 towards Keene. In three miles, look for High Peaks Wilderness Trailhead Sign (one mile past the Lake Placid ski jumps) and turn right onto Adirondack Loj Road, five miles to the Loj to the end of the road.

After passing the entrance station, take the first right and proceed to the Loj.

ADIRONDAK LOJ SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The swimming facility is not supervised by a lifeguard or other responsible person. In place of on-site supervision, this facility has established a series of safeguards to be followed by all guests.

We are required to notify you of these rules, to ensure that water rescue equipment is at the beach and that the swimming area is maintained in a sanitary manner. In the interest of your safety and that of your guests, we require you to follow these rules.

Please read the safety rules outlined below and at the front desk at the Loj, when you sign in to use the beach. If you have any questions, we will be happy to discuss them with you.

1. **NEVER SWIM ALONE:** A minimum of 2 adults 18 yrs of age or older, must be present whenever this swimming facility is in use, with at least one adult on the beach front.
2. **THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ADEQUATE SUPERVISION:** Children under 16 yrs. Of age must be accompanied to the beach by a parent or guardian, or similar adult responsible for their safety & behavior.
3. **IN AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY THE FRONT DESK AND CONTACT HELP IMMEDIATELY:** Telephone numbers for the nearest emergency medical service are posted.
4. Only use the beach during posted hours of operation.
5. Don't drink alcohol & swim.

Injuries can be prevented and safety is everyone's responsibility. If you notice any problems notify us immediately.

BLACK BEAR PREPAREDNESS

Please be aware of the presence of black bears in the area of Heart Lake Program Center and John Brook Lodge. It is necessary to secure all food, refuse, and other attractant materials out of sight in a locked vehicle. ADK has a zero tolerance policy for unattended non-bear resistant containers at its Heart Lake and John Brook facilities. ADK staff will dispose of any such containers in a bear proof disposal or containment area. Please follow the Bear Safety Rules below to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Bear Safety Rules

- DO NOT feed the bears under ANY circumstances!
- Food items and toiletries left out and unattended will be confiscated and your site will be “RED TAGGED.”
- If you see a bear, LEAVE IT ALONE! Do not follow it or harass it in anyway.
- Keep your site as clean as possible. Take all garbage to the garbage and recycling area by 8 P.M.
- Do not wash dishes under water faucets in the Campground. It leaves food particles that attract the bears.
- Cook your evening meal as EARLY AS POSSIBLE and clean up immediately (as bears are more active at night).
- Keep all grills, pots, pans, cooking utensils, and washbasins secured when not in use.
- Do not throw garbage, plastic, baby diapers, cans, bottles, or other refuse in the fireplace! It leaves an odor and does not always burn completely.
- Do not sleep wearing anything you had on while you were cooking.
- When walking around at night, always carry a flashlight and make some noise.
- Use Noise to Scare Bears from Campsite - Yell, clap or bang pots immediately upon sighting a bear near your campsite.
- Never Run From a Bear - If you feel threatened, back away slowly.
- Do Not Throw Your Backpack or Food at an Approaching Bear - This practice will only encourage bears to approach and "bully" people to get food.

ADK thanks you for your compliance with these regulations! Together we can limit human-bear interactions and ensure that the black bear population remains in its natural state.