

CAMP PEGGY O'BRIEN INFORMATION

What to expect: A convenient base camp in the central High Peaks Region.

What not to expect: Indoor plumbing, electricity, linens, and blankets. Mattresses are provided but there are no blankets or pillows.

Special Notice for Johns Brook Property Guests

The high water bridge over Slide Mountain Brook located .4 miles from Johns Brook Lodge was found broken beyond repair this May (2016) and will not be replaced by the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) until this fall at the earliest. During times of extremely high water this crossing could become impassable and/or potentially dangerous. Johns Brook Lodge staff will notify the Adirondak Loj front desk regularly of any notable changes in water levels in order to help maintain the safety of our guests. Please call the front desk of the Adirondak Loj a few days before your stay to get the most up to date conditions. Water levels typically rise and fall within a short period of time. Feel free to follow the weather forecast for the Lake Placid and Keene Valley area at www.weather.gov.

Combination Locks: Each cabin has a four digit, roller-type combination lock. For security reasons, we regularly change the combinations on these locks. **TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT COMBINATION, YOU MUST CALL ADIRONDAK LOJ (518-523-3441 9AM-7PM) WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF YOUR EXPECTED ARRIVAL AT CAMP O'BRIEN. PAYMENT IN FULL IS DUE AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.**

Propane Gas: Propane fuels the lights, and counter top cooking units. When you arrive it will be necessary to go outside and open the valve on the gas cylinder, providing gas to the cabin. Open valve all the way, then turn back one turn so it could be easily turned off in an emergency. When turned on, the in line pressure gauge should be white. If red, the cylinder is empty. If two cylinders are hooked up, first try to switch service to the other cylinder. If both are empty, turn off valves tightly, disconnect compression fitting with wrench (clockwise), and replace with full cylinder. **Do not turn off gas that is connected to the heater.**

Lights: Please exercise care in lighting the propane lights. The on/off valve is the **ONLY** moving part which you need to touch (other moving parts include a globe release which will send the \$10.00 globe crashing to the floor.) The on/off valve resembles an allen wrench and is located on the side of the unit. To light: 1) Push & Turn on/off valve 90 degrees.
2) Hold match between top of the globe and small metal cap. To extinguish, return valve to original position.

Heater: Camp Peggy O'Brien is equipped with a propane heater. Complete and explicit operating instructions are provided on location.

Cook top: Camp Peggy O'Brien is equipped with a propane cook top. Please exercise caution when lighting. Push knob in and turn and light with match. There may be mice in the camps so please be sure to secure all food properly. Snap traps are provided if you'd like to assist getting rid of them and more are available at John's Brook Lodge.

Water: Due to improper sanitation practices of some hikers, the quality of drinking water in the High Peaks is currently questionable at best. Water is available at a spigot outside Johns Brook Lodge from Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day weekend. Otherwise, water should be filtered,

chemically treated, or brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of 2 min (N.Y.S. Health Department recommendation).

Carry it in, Carry it out: A set inventory has been established at the camps for your benefit. To maintain this inventory and eliminate the accumulation of unwanted junk, it is imperative that you carry out every last thing that was carried in. Please resist the temptation to leave excess food and other items behind for "someone else." What seems like a nice gesture is, in fact, an unmanageable problem for us. Help us by removing all items not listed as part of the established inventory (see reverse).

Vault Privy: Both camps are utilizing a vault privy system. Sewage is collected in 55-gallon drums and flown by helicopter annually to a conventional treatment facility. **DO NOT THROW GARBAGE IN THE DRUMS** - it is expensive to fly out and inhibits the treatment process.

Tents and other temporary structures are not allowed at the camps.

Fires and open flames are not allowed in the buildings or on the surrounding grounds.

Meals are not available at Johns Brook Lodge.

Emergency Help: From Memorial Day to Columbus Day, help is available at Johns Brook Lodge and the Ranger Station. On Saturdays from mid-December to April, there will be a caretaker in the warming hut next to Johns Brook Lodge from 8am to 5pm. It may sometimes be necessary to go to Keene Valley for help. If possible, send at least two people. DEC Regional Office, Ray Brook: 897-1200 or 891-0235 (dispatch). Adirondack Loj: 523-3441. These numbers are for EMERGENCY USE ONLY.

Before you leave: Please give the broom a good workout and leave everything as neat and clean as you would like to find it.

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST:

- 1) Swept? 2) Dishes and utensils cleaned and put away? 3) Pots & pails upside down?
- 4) Non-inventory items removed? 5) Gas for lights off, **heater set to 50**? 6) Doors locked?

We welcome your comments and suggestions that will help us to serve you better. Please call or write at:
ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB, BOX 867, LAKE PLACID, NY 12946.(518) 523-3441 8am-9pm, Loj@adk.org

RECOMMENDED BUT NOT PROVIDED IN EACH CABIN

Water Purification Filter	Dish towels	Spare Mantles
Spices and Condiments	Matches	
Scouring Pads and Soap	Garbage Bags	
Additional Cooking Utensils	Toilet Paper	

CAMP PEGGY O'BRIEN INVENTORY

12 Plates, 12 Bowls, 18 Cups	12 Knives, 12 Forks, 12 Spoons	Spatula
2 Serving Spoons	Ladle	Bottle Opener
Can Opener	2 Plastic Pails	Tea Kettle
12" Frying Pan	12 qt. Sauce Pan	5 1/2 qt. Sauce Pan
2 4 qt. Pots	2 Pitchers	2 Pot holders
Sharp Knife	Dish Pan	5 qt. Mixing Bowl

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STAFF AT ADIRONDAK LOJ:

- If any inventory items are missing.
- If the condition in which you found the cabin was less than adequate.
- If there is anything else you think we should know about.

* We reserve the right to charge your credit card for any damages to ADK property, extreme uncleanliness or garbage left behind.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP PEGGY O'BRIEN
FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH:**

Take I-87 (Northway) to Exit 30.
Turn north on Rt. 73. Proceed to Keene Valley.

FROM THE WEST:

Take Rt. 3 or 86 into Saranac Lake.
Continue on 86 through Lake Placid.
At the second traffic light, turn right on Rt. 73.
Proceed to Keene Valley.

ONCE IN KEENE VALLEY

Look for High Peaks Trailhead sign (next to Ausable Inn). Turn onto Adirondack St. at .6 miles the road turns right, crossing Johns Brook on a wooden bridge. Continue uphill following yellow trail markers and signs to the Garden. Pavement ends as road approaches Garden parking area. From trail register, take yellow marked Phelps trail to Grace and O'Brien Camps (3.4 mi.). This is the most direct route to the camps. The trail passes Bear Brook lean-to (.9 mi.), and Deer Brook lean-to (1.3 mi.) before reaching the Ranger Station (3.0 mi.; open May-Oct.). Continue on the yellow trail past the Ranger Station. O'Brien and Grace Camps (3.4 mi.) are located on the south side of Johns Brook (left side of the trail coming from the Garden). A bridge marked with a sign with the names of the camps will be visible going across Johns Brook. After crossing over the bridge continue about 150 feet upstream to Grace Camp. About 1/4 mile upstream is Camp O'Brien (on the same side of Johns Brook as Grace Camp). Camp O'Brien is located directly across Johns Brook from Johns Brook Lodge.