

JOHNS BROOK LODGE

Winter Operations

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay in Johns Brook Lodge. This letter is also designed to let you know what to expect: a cozy and convenient base camp in the central High Peaks Region, and what not to expect: showers, flush toilets, electricity and linens. Johns Brook Lodge is a **3.5-mile hike** from the Garden parking lot. The lodge accommodates 28 people in two 4-person bunkrooms and two 10- person bunkrooms. Pillows and wool blankets are provided. Guests must bring sheets or sleeping bags and towels. Propane is used for all cooking and lighting. There is a woodstove in the living room.

JBL WINTER OPERATIONS:

During the winter months JBL will operate as a caretaker service. During Caretaker season, a caretaker is available to provide trail information and oversee the lodge. There is no crew to serve meals, however the kitchen is available to guests to prepare the food that they pack in. The kitchen includes refrigerator space, pots, pans, dishes, and cutlery. Meals should be kept simple and involve minimal prep and clean up as washing dishes provides an extra challenge during the winter months. Guests are expected to do their own dishes and clean up after themselves. This experience will be similar to winter camping with supplemental heat provided by the woodstove in the great room and a propane heater in the kitchen. Guests are strongly recommended to bring sleeping bags rated between 0 degrees and -20 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition to a warm sleeping bag guests should bring plenty of warm non cotton layers and an extra pair of inside shoes or warm slippers.

Water - Running water is not available at JBL during winter operations; during this time you will need to haul water from the nearby brook for cooking and drinking. Staff will be available for guidance in the boiling process required by the NYS Health Department and the necessary buckets will be provided. Water needs to be filtered, chemically treated, or brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of 2 minutes (NYS Department of Health recommendation).

Trails – Snowshoes or skis are required by the D.E.C. whenever there is >8” of snow. Microspikes or crampons should also be brought on all winter hikes. **Summits: Temperatures will be colder, winds will be stronger, wind chill temperatures will be much lower**, snow will be deeper, and ice will be present.

*Snowshoes and Micro-spikes are not allowed in any of the buildings; please remove your gear before entering the lodge and cabins.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JBL WINTER SEASON:

- ❖ **Check in** is after 2:00 pm – Please check in upon arrival.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Quiet hours** are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. After 10:00 p.m. we request that you use flashlights when entering the bunkrooms, so as not to disturb other guests.
- ❖ **Showers and toilets** – There are two washrooms with vault toilets, however there are no showers.
- ❖ **Guests must provide** their own towels, sheets and sleeping bags, however wool blankets, pillows, and mattresses are available at JBL.
- ❖ **Pets** are not allowed in JBL and are not to be tied outside the lodge.
- ❖ **Smoking** is not permitted in JBL.
- ❖ **IF YOU CARRY IT IN, PLEASE CARRY IT OUT**, including all of your trash.
- ❖ **Children** under 12 years old are half price. Children under 2 years old are free.
- ❖ **Payment** in full is due at least **30 days prior to arrival** through the Adirondack Loj.
- ❖ **Methods of payment** – Guests may pay their bills by cash, check or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express).
- ❖ **Damages** – We reserve the right to charge your credit card for any damages to ADK property.
- ❖ **Member rates** – a 10% member discount is available to ADK members for food and lodging. Please give your membership number when settling your bill.
- ❖ **The JBL Store** is located in the lodge and carries some last minute basic necessities, novelties, and ADK merchandise. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase items in the store.

Thank you for your reservation. We want you to have a pleasant stay at JBL; 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.

Please call or write at:
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1002 Adirondack Loj Rd
P.O. Box 867
Lake Placid, NY 12946
loj@adk.org, (518) 523-3441, 8a.m. to 9p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO JOHNS BROOK LODGE, FIRST PROCEED TO KEENE VALLEY:

FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH:

Take I-87 (the 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 Street. At 0.6 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. The Garden Parking lot does fill up during busy seasons. 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 (0.9 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. Johns Brook Lodge is located on the north side of Johns Brook, about 0.4 miles upstream from the Ranger Station. Do not cross over the bridge; continue on the trail to Johns Brook Lodge.

We hope you enjoy your stay!

2019 WINTER GARDEN PARKING

Once again the Town of Keene will manage the Garden Parking Lot in Keene Valley in accordance with an Adopt a Resource Agreement with New York State Department of Conservation. During the winter months there is no fee required to park at the Garden Parking Lot and there will be no shuttle service available.