

Volunteer Summit Stewardship Program's COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Safety Protocols

The following is a list of protocols that will be implemented in response to COVID-19. These protocols will minimize risk of exposure to our employees and to the public. These protocols may also change in response to CDC guidelines.

- 1) Work will only take place in remote backcountry areas and all work will be performed in an outdoor environment.
- 2) Stewards will not share any tools, gear or other implements that may facilitate the transfer of COVID-19.
- 3) Stewards will maintain social distancing guidelines when interacting with the public.
- 4) Face masks will be made available and required when interacting with the public. Stewards will be required to wear a mask at trailheads, while passing other hikers on the trail and on the summit.
- 5) Stewards will be required to not touch any item offered to them from the public, such as cell phones for taking pictures.
- 6) Each steward will have a medical supply kit, radio and map case provided for them. Their first aid kit will have an increased amount of supplies that prevent the spread of any germs to the public (hand sanitizer, rubber gloves, face masks, ETC). They will have an N-95 mask in their first aid kit if a situation arises where they cannot maintain social distance guidelines. Each first aid kit, map case and radio will be sanitized and left to sit before being used again.
- 7) The Adirondack Mountain Club has a Health and Safety manual that acts as guidance to our staff to ensure that they are not exposed to health hazards. We also have a Health and Safety committee that meets weekly to discuss specific issues related to health and safety for our staff and volunteers. If any new threats are revealed to the public, our staff, or volunteers, they will be alleviated in real-time.

Cascade

There will only be one steward on Cascade at a time. Stewards will not be on Cascade for holiday weekends or any weekend over the season.

Yurt

Volunteer stewards will not overnight at the summit steward yurt. They will have to find their own accommodations if traveling or if they give enough notice and there is space, volunteers can stay in the campground free of charge.

Gear Pick up/ Drop off Locations

Gear (first aid kits, map case, and radio) will be available for pick up and drop off at two different locations depending on which mountains you are stewarding.

All mountains leaving from the Heart Lake Program Center (Adirondak Loj) can pick up the stewarding gear at the Education Yurt Village. Once you reach ADK property, drive past the parking booth and turn left at the 4-way intersection (follow the signs). At the end of the road there is a loop around with parking. Walk towards the Education Yurt Village and go to the left of the yurts where there is a wooded electrical post that has a roof (see picture below). The brown lock box containing the gear is attached to the post. Combo is the height of Marcy, 5344. You can park there or in the Adirondak Loj parking lot.



For Cascade, Giant and other trailheads that are not on ADK property, pick up the gear at Cascade Ski Center. While facing the building, the front porch on the far right has the brown gear box bolted down (see picture below). The sign above the door says “Food & Drink.” The combo is the same, Marcy’s height 5344.

