

ADK Today

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Low's Lake

Floatplanes will be prohibited on Low's Lake after Dec. 31, 2011. The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have also committed to managing the lake as Wilderness after the ban goes into effect. Under a proposal approved by APA Thursday (May 14), the lake and more than 12,000 acres near it will be classified as Wilderness. [Here](#) is a description of APA's land classification proposal, and [here's](#) ADK's letter in support of the plan. APA plans to hold public hearings on the plan, but no hearing dates have been set yet. Overall, the long dispute over the future of Low's Lake had a good outcome, considering that DEC had earlier proposed allowing floatplanes to operate on the lake for 10 years or longer. APA has also acknowledged that it has the authority to classify water bodies as Wilderness. And the APA classification plan will result in a 10 percent increase in the area of the popular Five Ponds Wilderness. Here's more on Low's Lake:

- [Low's Lake is slated for wilderness](#)
- [ADK OKs Plan to Ban Floatplanes on Low's Lake After 2011](#)
- [Compromise: Low's Lake floatplanes OK through 2011](#)
- [Float plane ban set for 2012](#)
- [Adirondack lake becoming off-limits to planes](#)

Buy a Piece of History

Buy a piece of history and invest in the future. ADK has begun to replace the windows at the Johns Brook Lodge, and you have a chance to own an original window or two. Two pairs of 59" X 27" eight-light windows will be auctioned at "[Black Fly Affair: A Hikers Ball](#)," Saturday, **May 30**, at the Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center. Proceeds from the sale of the windows will be used for maintenance and improvements at JBL.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for ADK's National Trails Day event at Cranberry Lake on **June 6**. Pre-registration is required and the registration deadline is **Friday, May 29**. More [here](#).

Become More Informed

Why are the Adirondacks rising? What's that flower? How do I keep bears out of my camp? These and other questions about the outdoors will be answered in upcoming ADK lectures at the Member Services Center in Lake George and the Heart Lake Program Center near Lake Placid. [Here's](#) a complete schedule of upcoming lectures.

Trailless Hiking

Uncomfortable approaching "trailless" high peaks on your own? ADK is offering a series of guided [day hikes](#) and [backpacking](#) trips, including some recently announced late summer and early fall hikes. These are strenuous hikes, so participants should have hiking experience and be in good physical condition.

Spring Closed

DEC has closed King Phillips Spring near Exit 30 of the Northway for health reasons. The spring's waters have consistently exceeded drinking water standards for total coliform for the past six months.

Art Exhibit

"In the Foothills of the Adirondacks" by Janine Thomas is now on display at ADK's Member Services Center in Lake George. The primary features of the exhibit are the caretakers, animals and farmland found in the small towns surrounding the Adirondack foothills. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Good Eating

The Long Island Chapter has begun to post members' favorite recipes on the chapter's Web site. More [here](#).

New Media

While every day seems to bring a new account about the demise of the newspaper, we're happy to report the creation of two new media outlets focusing on the outdoors. Phil Brown, editor of the *Adirondack Explorer*, has a new blog called [Outtakes](#), and the publishers of the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* and *Lake Placid News* have launched a new outdoor magazine called [Embark](#), which will be published every other month.

Easement Land Open

Three parcels of conservation easement land formerly owned by International Paper Co. are now open for limited public recreation. The parcels are Black Brook Tract in Clinton County and Altamont and Kushaqua tracts in Franklin County. More [here](#).

Broaden Your Horizons

Travel with ADK. Click [here](#) for a selection of trips recently approved by the ADK Outings Committee to destinations around the world — all led by volunteer ADK trip leaders. Register early, as these trips fill fast. Because they are led by unpaid volunteers, these trips are a great value.

Dates and Deadlines

- Heading to "[Spring Outing 2009: The Undiscovered Island Revisited](#)" **June 26-28**? The last day to take advantage of the ADK group rate at the Ronkonkoma Holiday Inn is **May 31**.
- Register for [ididaride! Adirondack Bike Tour](#) by **June 10** and save \$10.

ADK in the News

- [A tale of two readers](#)
- [Lyon Mountain hike offers view into Canada](#)
- [Newburgh event features Family Reading Day, parade](#)
- [Cranberry Lake club celebrates centennial](#)
- [Leave the bear canister at home...](#)
- [Parks master plan gains preliminary approval](#)
- [ADK looking for volunteers for trail work around Cranberry Lake on June 6](#)
- [ADK urges Senate to allow residents to go to court to protect environment](#)
- ["Peak Experiences" lets hikers tell their own stories](#)
- [Readers plan book-inspired hike across Schenectady County](#)
- [JOHNS BROOK LODGE: An Ad'k lodge gets stocked; ready for season](#)
- [New edition of "Adirondack Reader" released](#)
- [An extremely wide-angle view](#)

Other News

- [Tick population, related disease on rise](#)
- [LP listed among top 100 places to visit, or live](#)
- [Where the wild things are](#)

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