

ADK Today

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Wilderness Classification

The Adirondack Park Agency has scheduled an additional public hearing on its plan to classify or reclassify more than 12,000 acres in the Adirondacks as wilderness. ADK staff and members have spoken in support of the plan at three earlier public hearings. ([Read](#) our Action Alert.) The additional public hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10, at APA headquarters in Ray Brook. Written comments on the plan will be accepted through Aug. 28. If you care about keeping Lows Lake wild, let your voice be heard.

Summer Grand Finale

What better way for a child to wrap up summer than with an unforgettable outdoor experience? In August, ADK is hosting two sessions of "Dog Days," an exploration and discovery program designed for kids ages 8 through 12. Each day will feature fun educational activities using the woods and waters around the Adirondack Loj, including hiking, canoeing, pond and brook explorations, and games. More [here](#). Want to join in the fun with your child or grandchild? ADK is also offering Family Canoe Camping on Lake Lila, Aug. 7-9. Spend two nights and three days canoe camping on serene Lake Lila and enjoying its beautiful sandy beaches. More [here](#).

ididaride!

Saturday, Aug. 1, is the deadline for registering for ADK's *ididaride!* Adirondack Bike Tour. The 75-mile road ride through the heart of the Adirondacks is Sunday, Aug. 16. A 20-mile option with shuttle is also available. More [here](#).

DEC TV

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has launched [DEC TV](#), which features short videos on outdoor subjects. You might find [Hiking in the Adirondacks](#) interesting.

Fall Outing

Believe it or not, ADK's 2009 Fall Outing is less than two months away. "Discover the Lower Hudson Valley," sponsored by the New York Chapter, will be held Sept. 25-27. This is a wonderful opportunity for ADK members to get to know more about the lower Hudson Valley, Harriman Park and the New York metro area. More information [here](#).

2010 Calendar

ADK's 2010 calendar, featuring the photography of Nancie Battaglia, is now available. ADK member price is just \$10.36. Details [here](#).

Everglades Canoe Camping

Canoe through Florida's freshwater swamps and brackish estuaries and camp on white sand beaches. Paddle through a maze of islands and mangrove estuaries, looking for dolphins, manatees and pelicans. Join ADK Adventure Travel for Everglades Canoe Camping, Feb. 27-March 5, 2010. But don't wait. Registration deadline is Aug. 9. More information [here](#). Or perhaps hiking in the [Pyrenees](#), [Norway](#) the [Austrian Alps](#) or

[Olympic National Park](#) would be more to your liking.

Support the Trails

Many hikers never give much thought to the trails they love. But every year, ADK's professional and volunteer trail crews spend thousands of hours improving and maintaining hiking trails in the Adirondacks, Catskills and other wild areas, making sure the trails are safe and ready to use. Click [here](#) to find out more about ADK's Trails Program and what you can do to support it.

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- [Proof Can Is Pop-Top Picnic for a Crafty Thief](#)
- [APA Approves Town's Request for Additional Public Hearings](#)
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