

# ADK Today

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## **Constitutional Amendment**

Proposal 1 on the Nov. 3 ballot will allow the state to swap 6 acres of Forest Preserve land for 43 acres of National Grid land in St. Lawrence County. This will allow the utility to build a power line through land that is now part of Forest Preserve and provide the Tri-Lakes area with a more-reliable source of electric power. The alternative would be more expensive and more environmentally destructive. More [here](#).

## **Marcellus Shale**

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released a draft of the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) governing natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale. Public comments are being accepted through Nov. 30. The document is more than 800 pages long, so ADK and others – including members of the Legislature – are seeking an extension of the comment period. More information about the SGEIS is available [here](#). Meanwhile, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has issued a policy regarding gas and oil exploration on state parkland. A copy of that policy is available [here](#).

## **Minnewaska Preserve**

OPRHP will be accepting public comments until Nov. 13 on a Draft Master Plan for Minnewaska State Park Preserve in Ulster County. Review copies of the plan are available at the Preserve Office; the Elting Memorial Library, New Paltz; the Ellenville Public Library; and online [here](#).

## **Lows Lake**

The never-ending saga continues. As you recall, in September the Adirondack Park Agency voted to classify part of Lows Lake and several thousands nearby acres as Wilderness. But some questioned the legitimacy of the decision because the Empire State Development designee, who voted for the classification, had left that agency prior to the vote. The agency plans to redo the vote in November with the new ESD designee. The outcome is not expected to change.

## **New Group**

The Albany Chapter is starting a Young Adults Group for people 21 to 35 who share an interest in outdoor activities available through ADK. More [here](#).

## **The Sky is Falling**

November's Leonid meteor shower is expected to be spectacular, with 500 meteors per hour falling through a moonless sky. And what better place to enjoy nature's extravaganza than ADK's Heart Lake Program Center, far from urban light pollution? Join an ADK naturalist for an evening around the campfire before viewing the meteor shower after midnight. ADK's Meteor Mania begins at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. Mid-week lodging is available at the Adirondak Loj at a discounted rate. For more

information, call (518) 523-3441.

### **No 911**

When you're deep in the backcountry, you can't call 911. Learn how to handle wilderness medical emergencies during a two-day (Nov. 7 and 8) Wilderness First Aid workshop presented by Wilderness Medical Associates. More information [here](#).

### **Nature Explorer**

DEC's Web site has a new feature called Nature Explorer, which provides information about animals, plants and natural habitats in your neighborhood or anywhere else in New York. More [here](#).

### **Save the Date**

ADK's Winter Outing at Tug Hill is scheduled for Jan. 22-24. Details [here](#).

### **ADK in the News**

- [New course in W'ton gives thrills to bicyclists](#)
- [Nature's Notebook: On the trail](#)
- [The Season's First Stew](#)
- [Groups seek state intervention to prevent drilling](#)
- [Central New York couple master the Cranberry Lake 50 challenge](#)
- [ADK publishes supplement to guidebook](#)

### **Other News**

- [Hiker rescued after fall off NY mountain cliff](#)
- [New York drilling study a big step forward](#)
- [New York's natural gas battle](#)
- [Report: Gas drilling imperils water](#)
- [New bike crossing over Hudson River is world's longest](#)
- [September Forest Ranger Activity for DEC Region 5](#)

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