

Adirondack Mountain Club Fire Tower Challenge Pledge

Adventure. Stewardship. Community. These three words embody the Adirondack Mountain Club's Fire Tower Challenge. Since 2002, thousands of people have been introduced to the Forest Preserve Parks—the Adirondack and Catskill Parks—through these historic mountain summits. Along the way, they have made friends, been inspired by incredible views, and learned about the importance of protecting public lands for future generations.

Today, each participant in the challenge is asked to show their commitment to these values through the Fire Tower Challenge Pledge. In doing so, they join a community of outdoor recreators and stewards who are committed to protecting the Forest Preserve for generations to come.

Take the Pledge

As a participant in the Adirondack Mountain Club Fire Tower Challenge, I, _____ [YOUR NAME], am committed to protecting the Forest Preserve, including its ecosystems, communities, and trails, for the benefit of future generations. To achieve, this, I will:

☐ **Protect the environment**

I will protect the Forest Preserve's ecosystems for future generations by refraining from littering, disturbing wildlife, or damaging vegetation. As part of this, I will observe local regulations and practice [Leave No Trace principles](#).

☐ **Recognize the importance of fire towers**

I acknowledge the [historical and cultural significance of fire towers](#). I will support efforts to maintain and restore these structures, refraining from any actions that may damage them.

☐ **Prioritize the safety of myself and others**

I will prioritize safety during my hikes. This includes researching and preparing before my adventure, carrying the 10 Essentials, and being aware of the challenges posed by Forest Preserve terrain and weather.

☐ **Promote responsible recreation and stewardship**

I will actively promote responsible hiking and stewardship within my community and social circles, encouraging others to engage in responsible recreation, stewardship programs, and other efforts that give back to the Forest Preserve.

By taking this pledge, I affirm my commitment to the principles of responsible outdoor recreation, fire tower stewardship, and the protection of the Forest Preserve. I understand that my actions as a hiker have a direct impact on the environment and future generations.

Signature

Date