

JOHNS BROOK LODGE

Welcome to the Adirondack Mountain Club! We hope that this information will answer any questions that you might have about your upcoming stay in the Johns Brook Lodge. This letter is also designed to let you know what to expect: a cozy and convenient base camp in the central High Peaks Region, and what not to expect: Showers, flush toilets, electricity and linens. Johns Brook Lodge is a **3.5-mile hike** from the Garden Parking lot in Keene Valley. The lodge accommodates 28 people in four bunkrooms. Two of the rooms sleep 10 people and two of the rooms sleep 4 people. Pillows are provided. Guests must bring sheets and blankets or sleeping bags and towels. Propane is used for all cooking. There is a woodstove in the living room.

JBL CARETAKER SEASON:

Caretaker service is available at JBL from Labor Day until late-June. During Caretaker season, a caretaker is available to provide trail information and oversee the lodge. There is no crew to serve meals, however the kitchen is available for guests to prepare the food that they pack in. The kitchen includes refrigerator space, pots, pans, dishes and cutlery. The JBL kitchen is outfitted to prepare and serve 28 guests during full-service. Let your culinary imagination run wild, there is no need to limit yourself to freeze-dried food. Guests are expected to do their own dishes and clean up after themselves. During the **winter months** please be prepared for colder temperatures; a zero degree sleeping bag is recommended as well as warm clothes and an extra pair of inside shoes or warm slippers.

Water – running water is available at JBL from mid-May until mid-October. From mid-October through mid-May there is no running water; during this time water must be collected from the brook. This will be a shared effort between guests, staff and volunteers. Collected water must be filtered, chemically treated, or brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of 2 minutes before use (NYS Department of Health recommendation).

JBL FULL SERVICE:

The full service season runs from the last weekend in June (call for exact date) till the Monday after Labor Day Weekend. All meals are included in the reservation rate beginning with dinner on the day of arrival and ending with a packed lunch on the day of departure.

- ❖ **Wake up bell** is rung at the start of breakfast
- ❖ **Breakfast** is served 7:30am to 8:30am
- ❖ **Trail Lunches** are prepared in advance and available to take on the trail.
- ❖ **Dinner** is available at one seating beginning at 6:30pm.
- ❖ **Vegetarian meals** and some special meals can be served. To prepare them, we do need to know at least **24 hours in advance**.

The kitchen and refrigerators are not available to guests during full-service due to logistical reasons. The lodge does have a place to store food that doesn't need to be refrigerated, so feel free to bring a few snacks.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO BOTH JBL FULL SERVICE AND CARTAKER SEASON:

- ❖ **Check in** is after 3:00pm – Please check in upon arrival.
- ❖ **Check out** is by 10:00am

- ❖ **Quiet hours** are from 10:00pm to 7:00am. After 10:00pm we request that you use flashlights when entering the bunkrooms, so as not to disturb other guests.
- ❖ **Showers and toilets** – There are two washrooms with vault toilets. However, there are no showers.
- ❖ **Guests must provide** their own towels, sheets and sleeping bags. However, pillows and mattresses are available at JBL.
- ❖ **Pets** are not allowed in JBL and are not to be tied outside the lodge.
- ❖ **Smoking** is not permitted in JBL.
- ❖ **IF YOU CARRY IT IN, PLEASE CARRY IT OUT**, including all of your trash.
- ❖ **Children** under 12 years old are half price. Children under 2 years old are free.
- ❖ **Payment** in full is due at least **30 days prior to arrival** through the Adirondack Loj.
- ❖ **Methods of payment** – Guests may pay their bills by cash, check or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted).
- ❖ **Damages/Housekeeping Fees** – ADK reserves the right to charge the credit card on file with your reservation for any damages to ADK property or extreme uncleanliness.
- ❖ **Member rates** – A 10% member discount is available to ADK members for food and lodging. Please give your membership number when settling your bill.
- ❖ **The JBL Store** is located in the lodge and carries some last minute basic necessities, novelties and ADK merchandise. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase items in the store.

Thank you for your reservation. To help us serve you better, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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**DIRECTIONS TO JOHNS BROOK LODGE, FIRST PROCEED TO KEENE VALLEY:
FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH:**

Take I-87 (the Northway) to Exit 30. Turn north on Rt.73. Proceed to Keene Valley

FROM THE WEST:

Take Rt3 or 86 into Saranac Lake. Continue on Rt86 through Lake Placid. At the second traffic light, turn right on Rt73. Proceed to Keene Valley.

ONCE IN KEENE VALLEY:

Look for High Peaks Trailhead sign (next to Au Sable Inn). Turn onto Adirondack Street. At 0.6 miles the road turns right, crossing Johns Brook on a wooden bridge. Continue uphill following yellow trail markers and signs to the Garden parking area. Pavement ends as road approaches Garden parking area. The Garden Parking lot does fill up during busy seasons. From trail register, take yellow marked Phelps trail to Grace and O'Brien Camps (3.4 mi). This is the most direct route to the camps. The trail passes Bear Brook lean-to (0.9 mi) and Deer Brook lean-to (1.3 mi) before reaching the Ranger Station (3.0 mi; open May – Oct.). Continue on the yellow trail past the Ranger Station. Johns Brook Lodge is located on the north side of Johns Brook, about 0.4 miles upstream from the Ranger Station.