



North Wind, December 2020  
Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club



### Loony Loop Challenge

The Loony Loop Challenge is designed to provide some safe outing alternatives along low-traffic trails in St. Lawrence County and Ontario Province, Canada. The Challenge is open to all on both sides of the border.

Challenge routes are suitable for all levels and can be hiked, snowshoed, and in many cases skied. They are guaranteed to challenge your map skills. Links to maps are included with each description and are strongly recommended while hiking.

Visit our [Loony Loop Challenge page](#) for more details.



### Photo Contests

2020: The winners of the 2020 Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest have been announced. Photos and details are on our [Photo Contest page](#).

2021: Photos taken between October 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021, will be eligible for the 2021 photo contest.




### Help Wanted: Editor


The Laurentian Chapter seeks a volunteer Editor for the North Wind, our electronic chapter newsletter. The North Wind is published quarterly and typically requires about 5-10 hours each time to receive and edit articles and format the newsletter. Experience editing, writing professionally, and using publishing software would be ideal though are not required. A passion for the mission of ADK and a willingness to learn are required. Contact Chapter Chair David Katz <mailto:katzdavidr@protonmail.com> for more information or to volunteer.


## Outings






**Sat, Jan 2: New Year Gathering and Potluck** We will celebrate the New Year with a (socially distanced) gathering at Higley Flow State Park, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Come ski, snowshoe and tailgate at the park to kick off the New Year in nature. Bring a snack, weather permitting we will have a bonfire and the bathrooms will be open at the Lodge. Contact Joan Trivilino, [joantrivilino@hotmail.com](mailto:joantrivilino@hotmail.com), [315-276-1663](tel:315-276-1663) for more information.

 **Sat, Jan 9: Ski to Clear Pond in White Hill Wild Forest, Parishville** It is 1.9 mi. from the paved road (where we park) to the pond, following a snowmobile trail. The trail continues along the north side of the pond. Depending on how far we can go, the round-trip will be 4 to 5 miles. This is a moderately strenuous trip. It will be weather dependent for skiing. We will hike if there is no snow. TL David Trithart [dtrithar@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dtrithar@twcny.rr.com).


 **Sat, Jan 23: Ski to High Rock** This almost 8 mile round trip ski tour begins in Wanakena and follows an old truck trail to a beautiful outlook over the Oswegatchie River. The trail is mostly level and passes several pretty beaver meadows. Level 3. Contact Holly & Neil Woodworth at [315-848-2953](tel:315-848-2953) or [hswoodworth@gmail.com](mailto:hswoodworth@gmail.com).


 **Sun, Jan 24: Outdoors Indoors - Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu** Debra White will talk about the trip she took to Peru with her children Coleman and Emily Goughary. Live via zoom, 7-8:30PM. Zoom link: [clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323](https://clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323). Contact Daqing Hou, [dhou@clarkson.edu](mailto:dhou@clarkson.edu), for more information.


  **Sat, Feb 6: Hike/snowshoe at Peavine Swamp** The Peavine offers three loops, and if followed to the end, which we won't do this trip, access to Cranberry Lake and a lean-to. On this outing we'll start at Route 3 and explore Loop 1, which circles on rolling terrain 4 miles through mostly hardwoods. It's a rough route to ski, so we are declaring this a snowshoe trip. If the snow is thin, we'll do it in spikes or bare boots. A joint outing with North Woods chapter. Laurentian chapter members only. Contact leaders by Feb. 4 latest. Limit 10. John and Susan Omohundro, [adknwoutings@gmail.com](mailto:adknwoutings@gmail.com).


 **Sun, Feb 7: Outdoors Indoors - Following Legends: The 46 Unsupported Thru Hike** Katlin Rhodes & Bethany Garretson talk about their unassisted through-hike of the 46 high peaks: trip preparation, equipment, food, etc. Live via zoom, 7-8:30PM. Zoom link: [clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323](https://clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323). Contact Daqing Hou, [dhou@clarkson.edu](mailto:dhou@clarkson.edu), for more information.

 **Wed, Feb 10: Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee Meeting** 7:00 pm via zoom. Contact David Katz, [davidk@slc.com](mailto:davidk@slc.com), [315-386-4393](tel:315-386-4393) for details.

 **Sat, Feb 20: Skiing at Murphy's Point Provincial Park** Near Perth, Ontario. In winter the campground roads and some hiking trails become well-groomed ski trails. We'll ski for about 2-1/2 hours. About 10 km, level 2-3, easy terrain. Contact John Barron at [613-828-2296](tel:613-828-2296) or [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca).

 **Sat, Feb 27: Snowshoe to Pinnacle Mountain** We'll snowshoe from Rte. 458 near Santa Clara in to Pinnacle Mountain, the round-trip will be 4 to 5 miles. The first 1.5 miles to the base of the mountain is flat, and then a 380 foot rise on the mountain trail. Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeyer, [tortmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:tortmeyer@gmail.com), [315-244-3707](tel:315-244-3707).

 **Sun, Mar 14: Outdoors Indoors - Ridiculous Adventures of a National Park Ranger** Park Ranger and Potsdam College alum Kristi Rugg talks about her adventures hiking and working in our National Parks. Live via zoom, 7-8:30PM. Zoom link: [clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323](https://clarkson.zoom.us/j/8224806323). Contact Daqing Hou, [dhou@clarkson.edu](mailto:dhou@clarkson.edu), for more information.

 **Sat, Mar 20: Spring Equinox Road Walk** This road walk will be 4-6 miles along one of the branches of the Grass River. We're hoping for early spring conditions, the choice of route/distance will depend on the weather. Fairly Easy-Moderate. Contact trip leader Tom Ortmeyer, [tortmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:tortmeyer@gmail.com), [315-244-3707](tel:315-244-3707).