

NCTA CENTRAL NEW YORK

CHAPTER

EVENTS

2021

Come out and meet other members and guests of the Central New York Chapter of the North Country Trail Association. We look forward to a great season of recreational and work hikes. If you would like more information about a particular hike or event, call the volunteer coordinator listed in the description.

When you go on a hike, be sure to dress properly, and bring a lunch and water. Also, bring any medications that you may need, such as for bee stings. The coordinator will arrange car pooling at the meeting place. Remember that the coordinators are volunteers; please help them by staying with the group during the event. Of course, hiking involves risks; anyone participating does so at his/her own risk.

Rating for Difficulty of hike:

E - easy, level, less than 4 miles hiking distance

M - moderate, less than 1000 feet of elevation gain, 4 - 7 miles of hiking distance

S - strenuous, 1000 to 2500 feet of elevation gain, 7 - 12 miles of hiking distance

Work Hikes: Work hikes involve trail maintenance or trail construction. No expertise is needed. Try one! The club has tools. However, if you can bring loppers or a bow saw or a weed whip, that is great. Also, remember to bring work gloves.

Sat. Feb. 6 Link Trail – Chenango St. to Art Park NCT100

Meeting Place: Cazenovia Lake Lot – Rt. 20

Rating/Distance: (M) 5 miles

R/T Drive: 3 miles

Leader: Peg Whaley 315-633-0154. We will snowshoe (boot hike if not enough snow) to the Art Park and return. This is a joint hike with ADK-Onondaga.

Sun. February 14 - CANCELED – Snowshoe Hike, Nelson Swamp (Easy) Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) Join us for a snowshoe hike in Nelson Swamp Unique Area. Hiking Distance: 3 miles roundtrip. Meeting time and place: 1:30 p.m., parking lot at Nelson Swamp trailhead on Constine Bridge Rd, Cazenovia (1/2 mile south of intersection of Ballina Rd and Stone Quarry Rd). Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

Sun. March 7 – Snowshoe Hike, Madison County Distillery to Stone Quarry Hill Art Park (Easy) Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) This hike will take us over a scenic woodland trail from the new Madison County Distillery to the Art Park and back. Hiking Distance: 2.5 miles roundtrip. Meeting time and place: 1:30 p.m., parking lot at Madison County Distillery, 2412 Route 20 East, Cazenovia. Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

Sun. April 18 – Recreational Hike, Link Trail, Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area (Moderate) Coordinator, Steve Kinne (315-882-3684). Come and explore the woods and streams of Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area on this 5.8 mile (round trip) hike. We will pass a Beaver Dam, old homestead site, and an area of DEC's Young Forest Initiative project. Meeting Time and Place: 1:30 p.m. at the parking lot on Damon Rd, New Woodstock where the Link Trail crosses (2.4 miles east of Rt. 13 in New Woodstock).

Sat. May 15 (World Migratory Bird Day) – Spring Birding Hike (Easy) – Coordinator Steve Kinne (315-882-3684)
A slow, quiet hike on a section of the Link Trail of Madison County from Damon Rd. 1/2 mile south to the beaver dam complex. This is late spring bird migration time, and we'll see how many birds we can identify by sight/sound. A new clear cut adjacent to the trail may bring in some additional species. Bring binoculars, and any identification keys you like (e.g. books, birding apps). Hiking Distance: About 1 mile roundtrip. Meeting Time: 8:00 AM. Meeting place: Parking lot on Damon Rd, New Woodstock where the Link Trail crosses (2.4 miles east of Rt. 13 in New Woodstock).

Thurs. May 13 - Work Hike, Perryville – Coordinator, Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) We will cut back growth along the trail from the trail head at the

intersection of Quarry Rd and Ingalls Corners Rd to the Lehigh Valley Railroad grade. Bring work gloves, lopping shears, and a water bottle. Meeting Time and Place: 9:00 a.m., parking lot at Quarry Rd/Ingalls Corners Rd trailhead in Perryville (0.6 mile north of intersection of Quarry Rd and Perryville Rd).

Fri. June 4 - Work Hike, Nelson Swamp – Coordinator, Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) We will cut back growth along the trail from the trail head to Hardscrabble Road. Bring work gloves, lopping shears, and a water bottle. Meeting Time and Place: 9:00 a.m., parking lot at Nelson Swamp trailhead on Constine Bridge Rd, Cazenovia (1/2 mile south of intersection of Ballina Rd and Stone Quarry Rd).

Sat., June 5 – CANCELLED - National Trails Day – NCT/Link Trail Wildflower Hike (Easy) Co- coordinators Mary Dineen (315-424-1284) and Kathy Eisele (315-558-9912). Join us for a Wildflower Hike. In the past we have identified 57 varieties of wildflowers/plants, including the rarely seen One-flowered Cancer Root. Joint hike with ADK-ON. Hiking Distance: short hike, probably a couple of miles, probably 3 hours. Meeting time and place: 1:15 p.m., parking lot Nelson Swamp Unique Area, limited parking available. Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

NOTE: Social distancing impossible on Wildflower Hike. Therefore, if Covid still an issue, this hike cancelled.

Check CNY-NCT website www.nctacnychapter.org or ADK-ON website www.adk-on.org

Sat. June 12 – CANCELLED - Recreational Hike, Gorge Trail and Lehigh Valley Railroad Route North from Cazenovia (Moderate). Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076). We will walk the route of the Lehigh Valley Railroad from the former Cazenovia Station north to Emhoff Road and back for a round trip 6.2-mile hike. The wooded trail follows Chittenango Creek and crosses numerous ravines along the route. The hike is mostly flat but does include a 35-step stairway. Bring lunch or snacks; weather permitting, we will stop for a spring lunch in the woods. Meeting Time and Place: 10:00 a.m. at the parking area behind Gissin's Photography Studio (the Old Lehigh Valley Station), 25 William St., Cazenovia. Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

Sun. June 27 – CANCELLED - Photography Hike, Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area (Easy) Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) Wildlife photographer Cliff Hopkins will lead a photography hike on the North Country Trail in Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area. Cliff will share tips on

capturing photos of wildlife, nature and scenery. This woodland hike will cross small streams in two ravines. Maybe we'll see some birds and wildflowers. Hiking distance: approx. 1 mile round trip. Meeting time and place: 1:00 p.m. at the trailhead on Irish Hill Rd, Cazenovia (about 1 mile south of the intersection of Hardscrabble Rd. and Irish Hill Rd.). Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

Sat. July 31 – Tree ID Hike, Coordinator: Mark Wadopian (315-345-3292)
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

This hike will be a casual trek on easy terrain covering the section of trail from Madison County Distillery toward the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. Ten to twelve species of trees will be highlighted and include taxonomy and tips to assist in identification. We will end at the base of the steeper slope, but for those who wish, the hike can continue to the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. If you're planning on bringing a guest, please indicate that when registering. Meet at Madison County Distillery, 2412 Rt 20, Cazenovia NY

Sat. Aug. 21 – Trail Work Session, TBA Coordinator, Steve Kinne (315-882-3684)

Sun. Aug. 15 – Recreational Hike, Madison County Distillery to Stone Quarry Hill Art Park (Easy) Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076) This hike will take us over a scenic woodland trail from the new Madison County Distillery to the Art Park and back. Hiking Distance: 2.5 miles roundtrip. Meeting time and place: 1:30 p.m., parking lot at Madison County Distillery, 2412 Route 20 East, Cazenovia. Qualifies for NCTA Hike 100 Challenge.

Sat. Sept. 18 – Fungus Hike (Flat & Easy, about 1 mile) **Location tentative** Co-coordinator: Mike Daly (315-682-2066) Ed Setliff and Paul Manion will co-lead the hike in Nelson Swamp along the NCT/Link Trail - Chittenango Creek Loop. Meeting time and place: 1:15 p.m., parking lot at south end of Cazenovia Lake on Rt. 20 just east of NY 92. From here we will carpool to Nelson Swamp. Our focus will be on the essential role fungi play in forest ecology. On a previous hike we lucked upon a cluster of young scarlet red *Mycena leaiana* mushrooms as well as a deadly poisonous destroying angel mushroom.

Sat. Oct. 2 – Star Gazing at Stone Quarry Hill Art Park Coordinator: Mark Wadopian (315-345-3292)

Sun. Oct. 17 – ANNUAL MEETING – Coordinator: Mark Wadopian (315-345-3292) Public invited. Learn about our Central NY North Country Trail Association Chapter and socialize with other hikers. Refreshments, short business meeting and a program presentation.

Sun. Nov. 7 – Fish Survey hike (Easy), Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area Coordinator Scott Sellers (315-440-7076). This hike will be guided by a Wetlands Ecology class from Cazenovia College under the direction of professor Thad Yorks. We will explore a wooded section of the Link Trail which crosses the East Branch of Limestone Creek in Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area. The college students will help us identify as many aquatic macroinvertebrates as we can find in the stream. Hiking Distance: 1 mile. Meeting Time: 2:00 PM. Meeting place: Parking lot on Damon Rd, New Woodstock where the Link Trail crosses (2.4 miles east of Rt. 13 in New Woodstock).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Central NY Chapter NCT Executive Committee Meetings: Second Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November.

Central NY Chapter Website: www.nctacnychapter.org

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