

NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL ADAK CHALLENGE

An Adirondack NCNST Experience



The NCNST spans 4,800 miles from North Dakota to the Appalachian Trail in Vermont. It is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails. About 158 miles are planned across the Adirondack Park. The Challenge trails are on this planned route and connections between them are in development. The North Country Trail Association interactive map provides through hikers with a current walking route through the Adirondacks and may not include all NCNST ADAK Challenge trails. Volunteers are needed for trail development/maintenance on the NCNST in the Adirondacks: northcountrytrail.org/volunteer/ways-to-volunteer. In this wilderness area day hikes are possible near trail heads. Trails should be avoided during winter and muddy seasons and practice **Leave No Trace** principles.

RESOURCES

www.adk-on.org/stewardship/nct/adir-route/
National Geographic Maps #743. #744. #745
NCTA Interactive map: northcountrytrail.org/the-trail/trail-map-and-downloads/tpts://
NYS DEC maps and ADK Guidebooks

CHALLENGE REQUIREMENTS

Hike one mile total or spend one hour on ten of the trails listed below. Submit documentation and request for the 3" patch to nytc@northcountrytrail.org and keep a copy for your files.

BE PREPARED

Hikers should be well prepared even for the minimal requirements of this challenge. Always pack the 10 essentials even for a short day hike, including appropriate clothes and footwear.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Trail	Dates Hiked	Time or Mileage Hiked
Stone Dam Lake Trail (Black River WF)		
Little Woodhull Lake (Black River WF)		
Indian River Trail (Moose River Plains WF)		
Brooktrout Lake Trail (West Canada Lakes WA)		
Pillsbury Lake Lean-to (West Canada Lakes WA)		
Kunjamuk Trail via Cisco Creek (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Wakely Crossover (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Puffer Pond Brook or Puffer Pond Trail (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Botheration Pond Trail (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Halfway Brook Trail (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Raymond Brook Trail (Siamese Ponds WA)		
Bailey Pond Trail (Hoffman Notch WA)		
Hoffman Trail South (Hoffman Notch WA)		
Big Pond Trail (Hoffman Notch WA)		
Jones Hill Trail (Hoffman Notch WA)		
Moxham Mountain Trail Vanderwhacker Mt. WF)		
Oak Mt. (Oak Mt. Ski Area)		



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Map References are for National Geographic Maps

*All dirt forest roads are closed to motor vehicles mid Oct to mid May**

Stone Dam Lake Trail Map 745. Limited parking on North Lake Rd (County Rd. 214).43.456851-75.066009

Little Woodhull Lake Map 745. Parking on North Lake Rd. across and a bit east of the trail head 43.50547-74.96583

Indian River Trail Map 744. Access is on about 15 miles of primitive roads west of Eagle Bay off Route 28. Limekiln Rd. to Moose River Plains Rd. (Limekiln Lake Rd.) to Otter Brook Rd. to Indian River (Lake) Rd. Parking at 43.6392-74.7201

Brook Trout Lake Trail Map 744. Access is the same as for Indian River Trail. The trail head is just before the junction of Otter Brook Rd. and Indian River Rd.

Pillsbury Lake Leanto Map 744. Follow Jessup River Rd.* off of Route 30 north of Speculator, then west at Perkins Clearing. Parking is available at Sled Harbor or at the end of Military Rd.* near the trail head. 43.586852-74.485352. Hike Cedar Lakes Trail about 1.4 miles to the junction with Pillsbury Lake Trail. Turn left, southwest 1.7 miles to the Pillsbury Lake Lean-to.

Oak Mountain Ski Center. Parking at Lodge, 141 Novosel Way, Speculator. The well-marked NCNST trail passes through bicycle and disk golf trails then through trails to Route 30.

Kunjamuk Trail via Cisco Brook (Creek) Trail, Wakely Brook Trail Map 744. Parking at the end of Elm Lake Rd. about 7.5 miles from Oak Mt. 43.6049 -74.3098. Follow "two track" at end of the road to the Cisco Brook (Creek) Trail head. Cross Cisco Creek. After 0.8 miles the Kunjamuk Trail bears right. It connects at the north end after about 3 miles with the newly built NCNST marked Wakely Brook (Crossover) Trail around 43.648778-74.271889.

E. Puffer Pond Trail, Botheration Pond Trail (W) Map 744. Parking at Old Farm Clearing off Thirteenth Lake Rd. at 43.7066-74.1168. Follow the East Branch Trail. At about a mile, Botheration Pond Trail goes off to the left. Shortly after that Puffer Pond Trail goes off to the right.

Halfway Brook Trail, Botheration Pond Trail (E) Map 744. Parking on Barton Mines Rd. 43.694960-74.060091. Follow Halfway Brook Trail about a mile to Botheration Pond Trail.

Raymond Brook Ski Trail National Geographic Map 744. Parking on the west at Barton Mines Rd. Parking on the east is off Route 28. 43.7111581-74.004775.

Moxham Mountain Trail Map 744. Parking is on 14th Rd. (Route 37) off Route 28N Minerva across from Townshed Rd. 43.77071-74.01208. Connection to contiguous NCNST is in development.

Bailey Pond Trail, Hoffman Notch Trail South, Big Pond Trail West/East, Jones Hill Trail West Map 743. Parking for all of these trails is at the end of Loch Mueller Rd. off Hoffman Rd. 43.86804-73.88891. The Bailey Pond trail leaves the area to the west. The Hoffman Notch South trail leaves the area to the north. The Big Pond Trail junction is after about 1.2 miles off the Hoffman Notch trail. The Big Pond trail Junction with Jones Hill west is at around 43.85861-73.81167. The Jones Hill Trail west can be accessed quickest from the eastern trail head to Big Pond Trail. Parking for the east side of the Big Pond Trail is available off Hoffman Rd. about 2 miles from the junction with Route 9 south of Schroom Lake. 43.84548-73.80432.

Jones Hill East Map 743. Parking is at Dirgylot Parking Lot 43.8951-73.7501 off of Route 9, north of the crossing with Route 74. The trail head is a bit left of center of the lot through evergreens and a huge culvert. Follow the marked trail uphill on an old road bearing left twice. The new trail leaves the old road on the right.