Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation

Adirondack High Adventure Since 1965

Leader’s Guide

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Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Welcome to Floodwood Scout reservation, where I hope you will have one of your most memorable experiences in scouting. Floodwood has been providing the Adirondack experience since 1965, and now you too will get to see firsthand what it is all about. I hope you take a little time, and read the leaders guide thoroughly prior to your arrival at camp to better understand what to expect, and what the process is.

Some of the topics included in the guide are a packing checklist, the check-in/check-out procedure, and some general information about the camp. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mike Wirth at the Northern New Jersey Council office (201-677-1000 ext. 28), or call/email me at 201.739.3859/FloodwoodMtnDirector@gmail.com.

I look forward to being camp director this summer. I am an Eagle Scout with both wilderness trekking experience as well as administrative skills. It is a special opportunity for me to continue to give back in the scouting world through Floodwood. It feels good to be back at a camp that holds so many fond memories for myself and many in Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

Steven Leonardi, Camp Director
About Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation

Floodwood History and Mission

Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation was acquired by the BSA Bergen Council on November 22, 1963. Over the next year, plans were drawn up for an ambitious camping reservation with multiple camps on different parts of the property. As a first step, an outpost camp was established at Rollins Pond for the summer of 1965. Since the concept of wilderness camping offered by a local council camp was a new idea, attendance was by invitation and only units with the required depth of adult leadership were considered.

The initial experience was successful and for the next four summers the program continued and expanded. Problems with water supply led the Council to explore other areas of the reservation for a permanent camp site.

The initial expansive plan for multiple camps was already being reconsidered, and in the end West Pine Pond was chosen for development. West Pine Pond continues to be where units camp since the summer of 1970, while Rollins Pond continues as the launching point for canoe treks and for the water skiing program.

What makes Floodwood unique is its location which connects directly with the vast Saranac, St. Regis, Tupper, Raquette, and Fulton chain of canoe waters. As a result, out-of-camp canoe trips flow directly from our own waterfront. No other camp in the Adirondacks has this advantage and it transforms the Floodwood experience from “just another summer camp” into a seamless high adventure that continuously engages and tests each Scout’s capacity to prevail over constantly varying and ever-increasing challenges both in camp and on treks.

“The Mission of Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation is to promote the dignity of each individual scout, leader and staff member, helping them to develop to their full potential of character through a challenging outdoor adventure.” Our program is designed to develop confidence and encourages self-reliance in the spirit of cooperation with others.
The Floodwood Trek Program

Treks are the backbone of the Floodwood program. They can vary in length and difficulty, depending on the experience, comfort level, and skill of the scouts and the expectations and desires of the unit. Treks typically range from shorter 2-3 days up to five-day trips, many of which qualify for the 50 miler award.

About Adirondack Treks

Canoeing in the Adirondacks can range from relaxing to exhilarating depending on the distances covered each day, the number of portages, and the strength and ability of trek numbers. When planning the number of miles for each day, use 5 miles a day for inexperienced canoeists, 10 to 15 miles a day for experienced canoeists, and never more than 20 miles a day for strong, expert canoeists. Add time for portages, remembering two trips might be needed for large loads. Strong winds and white caps are common on larger lakes, and such conditions can easily cut your effective travel rate.

Backpacking in the Adirondacks is a challenging experience. It is unlike backpacking anywhere else. The average rate of travel is 1.5 miles per hour, adding an additional half hour for every 1,000 feet of elevation. These figures assume trek members are physically fit and able to carry a full pack. Members that are younger or not as fit might take longer.

All campsites in the Adirondacks are first-come-first-serve, except those on Middle and Lower Saranac, which require specific permits. Refer to p. 23 on how to reserve these sites. You must reserve all permits for Middle and Lower Saranac Lakes. The camp is NOT responsible for obtaining these permits. Long days of paddling or late starts can result in additional mileage while looking for a site. Your voyageur will have a good idea of what sites might be difficult to get and can help tailor the trek to avoid extra paddling while looking for a site. Sites can be reserved at www.reserveamerica.com
Considerations When Planning your Trek

In an effort to help crews with trek planning, as well as to satisfy state regulations, we require that itineraries **MUST** be filed well in advance before crews arrive at camp. They can be handed during the pre-season Leaders’ Meeting or emailed by the end of April to the camp director.

To help us schedule your pick-ups, drop-offs, and to arrange for the proper permits, we will ask you for the basic outline of a trek at the end of the mandatory Leaders’ Meeting you will attend, which will include where your trek is headed and where you plan to stay each night. This gives us enough time to make the proper arrangements. You will be asked to fill out an Itinerary Form (included in Appendix A). We will have knowledgeable staff members at the meeting to assist in your planning. If further assistance is needed, please email/call the camp or trek director. Your voyageur can help fine-tune these treks to your crew’s specific needs once you are at camp.

**Camp Schedule and Fees**

A deposit of $250 is required when reserving your unit’s spot for the summer. The Early Bird discount applied before April 15th is $440 per camper. After April 15th, the cost per camper is $480.

The dates for camp 2019 are
- Week One: July 14th – July 20th
- Week Two: July 21st – July 27th
- Week Three: July 28th – August 3rd
- Week Four: August 4th – August 10th
- Week Five: August 11th – August 17th

**Turn in completed Itinerary Forms to the camp director by the end of April!**

**Check-in**

A typical week at Floodwood begins Sunday afternoon with arrival, check-in procedures and an opening barbeque. Monday-Thursday are typically spent on trek with your Voyageur. Some crews will stay out until Friday morning or early
afternoon. Thursday afternoon and all day Friday are typically spent doing in-camp activities with your Voyageur depending on when your trek arrives off trail.

The camp week starts on Sunday afternoon. Units should plan to arrive between 1:00 and 3:00 and not before noon on Sunday. Crews arriving later than 3 pm will find it difficult to complete the preparations necessary prior to leaving on trek, such as the swim test. They will run the risk of a late departure.

Each trek will be assigned a Voyageur. Voyageurs will guide you through the check-in procedures, medical rechecks, swim test, pre-trek orientation, and assignment to a campsite for Sunday night. The site you are assigned will be the site you will be in when you return. The camp will store any equipment you do not take on your trip.

_We cannot accept buddy tags from other camps_

Floodwood will not provide meals or services from noon Saturday to noon Sunday. This is the only day the staff has off. Therefore, units should not arrive before noon on Sunday or depart after noon on Saturday. “Contact the Camp Director if you are unable to meet this schedule.”

_Procedures and Policies while in Camp_

**General Rules in Camp:**

- Campers must be within sight and sound of adult leaders at all times!
- Campers are not permitted in any buildings other than during the posted hours of the Program Building or Trading Post
- Do not cut standing trees, living or dead: dead trees are full of life. _Please follow the Leave No Trace principles_
- Do not feed or touch any animals
- Sheath knives, weapons, fireworks, chain saws, firearms, archery equipment, and communicator radios are strictly prohibited
- If leaders chose to allow their scouts to bring electronic devices into camp they assume responsibility for those devices
- The “No Flames in Tent” policy is strictly enforced in all tents.
- No open flames near tents or tarps
- The Scout Fireguard Plan is to be used in each site
• Firefighting equipment must be kept nearby, and water and sand are to be maintained at each tent
• Flammable materials must be stored properly
• The BSA liquid fuel policy is to be followed at all times

Medical Forms, Medications, Allergies
Be sure to have everyone’s medical form before you leave home. All forms must be signed by both the parent and a physician. Anyone without a complete medical form cannot be in camp.

All participants, youth and adult, are required to have a physical within the past year. The BSA 3 part medical form (part A, B, and C) must be filled out entirely and signed by the parent and physician. Also make sure to have the bug spray/sunscreen permission page signed by a parent or guardian. It is required by New York State and without it, the medical will not be considered complete. Do not send the medical forms to Council ahead of time. The unit leader should collect them in advance and check them over for completeness and signatures. Scouts who arrive in camp without medical forms must be sent home according to New York State Health regulations.

Medications must be labeled with the name and clear instructions for use and administration and must be in their original packaging. On the trek, medication should be given to the Unit Leader and given to the scout by the Unit Leader. When in camp, all medications should be kept at our Health Lodge. Any allergies should be noted on the medical form and the Scoutmaster should be informed. Also, please note that we cannot administer any medications by law (including over-the-counter medicine).

Special diet requirements should be made known to the camp in advance so that we are able to accommodate for in-camp and trek meals. This information should be included on the Itinerary Form and submitted by the end of April.

Leaders must check medical forms for parents and doctors’ signatures

Trek Leader
Each crew should decide upon a Trek Leader within the unit prior to arriving at Floodwood. The Trek Leader is responsible for important decisions before and
while on trek. Following the patrol method, the Trek Leader assigns cooking and cleaning duties, assigns a navigator for each day, and ensures the entire crew is working together to complete its trek. The Trek Leader will work closely with both adult leaders and the Voyageur.

Facilities
While at camp your crew will be staying in patrol sites with a pit latrine, canvas all tents with wood platforms, picnic table, and a bear box. A full utensil cook kit with soap and sanitizer tablets are available upon request. Hot showers are available in the Shower House. Hours are posted on the Shower House door. The Program Building is available by request for crew meetings or indoor programs, like pool and ping-pong, during bad weather. Adult Leaders must accompany Scouts. The Commissary is open during posted hours prior to meals for food pick-up. The Trading Post is open as needed.

The Health Lodge is open at all times for any emergencies. Non-emergency medical issues as well as prescription medicine dispersal are available during normal camp operating hours. The camp employs a Health Officer, and there is a fully-stocked Health Lodge at the camp. In addition, the camp works closely with the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, NY, when medical service is beyond first aid is required.

Commissary Procedures
Any special dietary requirements must be arranged in advance. Be sure the Commissary has the correct number of crew members to ensure that your crew receives the right quantity of food. There is a Sunday evening barbeque and a Friday evening barbeque. Lunch is available upon request on Friday afternoon after coming back from trek. For any meal needs while in-camp, please speak with the Commissary Director on Sunday.

It is required to submit any allergies or dietary restrictions with the Itinerary form by the end of April.

Cooking and Cleaning
All cooking gear is provided for each crew, along with a picnic table and patrol box. If patrol cooking is requested while in camp, follow the three-bin method for washing dishes. Upon request, sanitizing tablets are provided.
Emergency Procedures in Camp

Emergency Signals
The following emergency signals in camp will be used:

Continuous siren blast……… Lost Camper
Wobble siren……………………Weather or Other Emergency
Three Short Blasts……………All Clear

Lost Camper:
In case of emergency, unit leaders will assemble at the flagpole unless given other directions. Each unit will take attendance and insure all scouts are accounted for. Staff will report these camper counts to the Camp Director.

Severe Storms:
At the first sign of a possible electrical storm, the Emergency weather siren will sound canoes will immediately be beached at the nearest shore point. Take appropriate cover from lightning – avoid high grounds, trees and open fields.

In the event of a severe storm, campers will be instructed to assemble in the Program Building until the All-Clear is given.
The Floodwood Program in Camp

While the treks get most of the glory, there is still plenty to do while at base camp!

When you plan your trek, please give equal thought to what your scouts will do while in camp. Unlike other camps we do not have specific times set aside for merit badge classes. Instead we work with each crew individually to fulfill their goals. If you have a merit badge in mind, please let your voyageur know at the beginning of the week so that we can include it in your itinerary.

Waterskiing
Our skilled instructors provide Scouts and Leaders with the opportunity to water-ski. There are morning and afternoon sessions that leaders will sign up for during the Sunday’s Leader Meeting while in camp. Waterskiing merit badge is offered, but please be aware, everyone interested in skiing will get a chance to ski before time is taken to concentrate on those interested in doing the merit badge.

Water tubing
Water tubing is often done in conjunction with waterskiing and we often ask scouts to choose tubing or skiing.

Rock Climbing and Rappelling
Certified staff members instruct you in the basics for climbing and rappelling on our natural rock face. There are morning and afternoon sessions, and each participant is provided guidance during the climb and rappel. We provide harnesses and helmets. Please be aware, that since it is a natural rock face, it is weather dependent. We are unable to rock climb when the rock face is wet.

Archery
Certified staff is available to teach the basics of the bow and arrow. Units usually spend one hour at the range. The hours of the range are flexible based on the unit’s schedule.
Waterfront
Rowboats, sailboats, canoes, and swimming are available at the West Pine Pond waterfront. Hours of operation at the waterfront are contingent upon staff availability and unit interest.

Hiking
Units can hike and camp on top of Floodwood Mountain, a one-mile climb with spectacular views during the day and night.

Leave from Rollins Pond and paddle or hike to Fish Creek and back or try the short hike from West Pine Pond to Floodwood Pond and back. Alternatively, day hikes to Ampersand Mountain, Long Pond Mountain, and St Regis Mountain are popular destinations.

Geocaching
Try your hand at our outdoor treasure-hunting game in which Scouts use a GPS receiver or other navigational technique to hide and seek containers around the camp.

Fishing
New York State requires a fishing license for all persons fishing 16 years or older. For more information about New York State Fishing Licenses, visit the DEC webpage at https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html

Ecology and Forestry Interpretive Trail
Hike the 1.4-mile trail through the reservation and learn about natural ecology and forestry management through an instructional pamphlet provided by the council’s conservation committee. Ask in the Program Building for the informational map and pamphlet.

Local Activities
The Adirondack Region offers several attractions worth exploring either as part of your stay at Floodwood or on your way to/from your High Adventure trek. Here are just a few of what’s available:
The Adirondack Experience (Formally The Adirondack Museum)
Explore the history, environment, and culture of the Adirondack region from the early 1800s. Indoor and Outdoor exhibits include logging, mining, boating and recreation as well as film presentations about the history of the region and the on-going environmental debate between the residents and preservationists.
Route 28-N & 30, Blue Mountain Lake, NY (518) 352-7311

The Wild Center
The Wild Center concentrates on the natural world with many hands-on exhibits illustrating and explaining the unique nature of the Adirondack region. Exhibits include aquatic life, birds, and many animals that inhabit the region.
45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY (518) 359-7800  The museum is on the left, a short distance down the road about 40 minutes from Floodwood

Lake Placid and the Olympic Tradition
Lake Placid is the major tourist and commercial center of the Adirondack region. It boasts of hosting the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics games. There is a museum as well as the Olympic center and the MacKenzie - Intervale Ski Jumping Complex, which comprises a 90- and 120- meter ski jumps tower. The sky deck on the 120-meter jump offers views of nearby John Brown’s Farm and the surrounding High Peaks of the Adirondacks. The Freestyle Aerial Training Center is located near the base of the jump towers as it the Lake Placid bobsleigh, luge, and skeleton track. Downtown Lake Placid has many stores, restaurants, and a theater.

Advancement
Although having adventure and fun at Floodwood is your main reason for coming, advancement is a natural part of the experience. Most advancement flows from the program your troop plans. When a Scout cooks all his meals, builds the fires and camps away from the base camp, for example, advancement is second nature and can be fun.

Each Scout is encouraged to bring their Scout Handbook with them to camp; prior planning at home is important if the Scouts want to accomplish their
advancement goals. A survey of your scouts and the advancement they wish to obtain at camp should be done before your arrival.

Examples of merit badges that can be accomplished during your trek are cooking, canoeing, camping and other badges whose requirements flow naturally from the unit’s trek and recreational activities.

**Departure and Check-out**

**Closing Campfire**
On Friday night a camp-wide closing campfire is held at the campfire site overlooking West Pine Pond. Each trek is encouraged to perform a song or skit. The FMR staff will coordinate.

**Check-out**
Before leaving your site, make sure all trash has been collected and dropped off at the Commissary.

Plan on departing camp before noon on Saturday. Floodwood will not provide meals or services from noon Saturday to noon Sunday. This is the only day the staff has off. Therefore, units should not arrive before noon on Sunday or depart after noon on Saturday. Contact the Camp Director if you are unable to meet this schedule.
General Trek Policies

- No two Floodwood trek groups are allowed to camp in the Adirondack Park area within one mile of each other
- Campers must be within sight and sound of leaders or staff at all times!
- Leave No Trace camping is practiced
- Campfires are allowed only at designated campfire rings
- Two copies of the map(s) of the area must be carried by the Unit
- A list of emergency phone numbers and procedures will be held by your Voyageur
- Trek leaders must abide by all national, state and local laws as well as the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, including rules and regulations for leadership requirements
- All treks must carry a first aid kit
- All injuries, no matter how small, must be reported as soon as possible to the Voyageur
- All food must be suspended off the ground overnight in a “bear bag” or in a bear-proof-canisters (required in the High Peaks and supplied by Floodwood)
- All water must be purified by two methods of purification: water purifiers and chlorine as required by the New York State Department of Health
- The “buddy system” is always required
- Swimming on trek is strictly prohibited by NY State Law
- All trek leaders and Scouts will have completed a physical examination by a qualified physician within the past year. Additionally, all trek members will complete a medical re-check at base camp before departure
- No Cliff/Rock Jumping – this is strictly prohibited by NY State Law
- All Scouts and Leaders will complete a swim test before being allowed on a canoe trek

Floodwood does not accept buddy tags from other camps
Emergency Procedures on Trek

Follow the Buddy System!
The Boy Scouts of America offers Weather Smart Training, a useful course for leaders to review prior to coming to camp. Online training is available at myscouting.org

Electrical Storms
At the first sign of a possible electrical storm, canoes will immediately be beached at the nearest shore point. Take appropriate cover from lightning – avoid high ground, trees and open fields. Treks must wait 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before proceeding.

High Winds
In the event of high winds, avoid unsteady or dead trees. Secure gear and tents, dropping canvas if necessary. Seek natural, secure cover.

Injuries
The Voyageur or Unit Leader will administer the necessary and appropriate first aid. If it is necessary for the Voyageur or Unit Leader to leave the group, all remaining participants should be assembled and supervised by appropriate leadership. At the earliest possible opportunity, the Camp Director and Health Director must be notified. If the injury is serious enough, the Scout or Unit Leader will be pulled off the trek and given more advanced first aid (ie the hospital)

Hypothermia
Voyageurs and trek leaders should keep close lookout for the signs of hypothermia among trek members. In case of hypothermia, remove wet clothes and wrap in a dry sleeping bag or thermal blanket. Warm liquids should be administered. Do not get in the sleeping bag or thermal blanket with them.

Animals
Under no circumstances should any campers or staff approach a wild animal. This includes anything from chipmunks to bears. Deliberately leaving food out for the animals is dangerous and a violation of New York State law.
**Bears**
If you see a bear – stop immediately. If the bear starts to approach or if you become uncomfortable, blow a whistle, clap your hands, and shout. Walk away slowly and leave the area. Move away from any food or cooking areas; the bear is most likely to be interested in the food and not you. Do not attempt to attract, feed, annoy or provoke the bear. Keep your distance. Do not come between a mother and her cub.

**Liquid Fuel and Stove Policy**
- All use of stoves and liquid fuel will be accordance with the National BSA policy
- Adult supervision is required when using all stoves, and liquid or compressed fuels
- Do not overload a stove with heavy or unstable pots. Make sure all pots are stable and well balanced. Use stoves only on stable, level surfaces that will not be affected by heat
- Never leave a lit stove unattended
- All excess or bulk fuel must be stored in a storage area reserved for flammable fuels and materials
- Fuel must be stored in approved, aluminum-spun container bottles of no more than 48 oz. Bulk fuel containers will not be permitted on treks or in campsites.
- Do not leave excess fuel in parked vehicles in camp

**Canoeing Trek Policy**
- Always keep together on the water
- Check the conditions of all equipment before your trek
- Follow the BSA Lightening Safety policy
- The maximum size is allowed by New York State regulations of canoe treks is 12 including the Voyageur, except otherwise noted. You must have two adults, over 21
- Campsites on all other lakes are on a first serve basis and require no reservations, except as noted for Lower and Middle Saranac Lakes
- Personal flotation devices (PFD) must be worn while afloat
• Wear sneakers, sport sandals, aqua-socks, or other soled footwear when embarking or disembarking from the canoe to the shore, and while in the site
• Canoes must leave the water and seek shore at any sign of thunder, lightning, or severe storms
• Kneel or sit in the canoe. Never sit on the gunwales or thwarts or stand while in the canoe
• Do not drag canoes
• Sign in at all Ranger Checkpoints and Registers (normally located at canoe carries)
• Take precautions to avoid sunburn, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke
• On large lakes crowded with people and power boats, be sure to cross their wakes head on (perpendicular to the water)
• All canoes in your trek must stay together to ensure easy communication between canoes
• All canoe treks will abide by all National BSA policies, including Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and Paddle Craft
• Wading in water less than two feet deep for purposes of walking or cleaning canoes is not considered swimming
• All canoe treks will be led by a Voyageur

Lightweight Canoes
Kevlar Canoes are available for the St Regis Canoe trip Only and will not be available for other trips. The usage fee is $10/day/canoe. We charge extra for these canoes because they do not last as long as aluminum canoes. Lightweight canoes are more easily damaged than our aluminum canoes. Crews who use the lightweight canoes are responsible for any damage incurred while on trek.

Backpacking Trek Policy
• Follow all General Trek Policies listed previously
• High Peaks: the maximum group size is 8, including Voyageur and adult leaders, one of whom must be over 21
• High Peaks: Permits are required for groups over 6, but these are self-issued at the trailhead
• Non-High Peaks: The maximum size allowed by New York State regulations of backpacking treks is 12, including a Voyageur. You must have two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 or older
• Campsites in the High Peaks are on a first come first serve basis requiring no reservations
• Proper footwear is required. All trek members must wear waterproof, ankle supporting boots with two pairs of socks. Boost must be well-fitted, broken-in, and of a type appropriate for the trek
• Take proper care of your feet. Keep them clean and dry, change socks daily or when wet
• Be aware of possible changes in temperature, especially cooler temperatures at higher elevations resulting from sudden weather changes. Dress and bring clothing appropriate for expected conditions. Be alert to potential hypothermia conditions
• Carry plenty of water to prevent dehydration (2 liters per person minimum) and know the location of safe backup sources along your route of travel. Dehydration can lead to hypothermia
• Each hiker should be able to see the hiker in front and back of him
• Never plan to hike after dark
• Be alert when climbing steep, rocky, or mountainous slopes
• Never throw anything, especially from cliff tops
• Watch your footing; always step on solid ground
• If you need assistance, go to a ranger’s station marked on your map
• All hiking and backpacking treks will make use of any registers available, signing in, listing trek plans (where applicable) and signing out upon departure
• Campfires are prohibited by New York State regulations in the High Peaks

Food and Water
A variety of trial food/meals are provided by Floodwood. Your Voyageur will meet with you before departure to discuss your menu. The Commissary will issue trail food for the entire duration of the trek. If there are any special dietary concerns of any members of your trek please let us know before you arrive in camp so we can accommodate you. A sample commissary meal order form can be found in Appendix A.
Water must be brought with your and found on the way. While most Adirondack lakes and streams are free of pollutants, many water sources have become contaminated with a parasite known as Giardia Lamblia, a cyst known commonly as “Beaver Fever”. It can be spread by any warm-blooded mammal when infected feces wash into water. The safest protection for water is boiling. The New York State Department of Health requires two methods of sterilization for the treatment of unpurified water: chemicals and purification. Your Voyageur will be equipped with limited water purification equipment.

Equipment – Pack Lightly
Your Voyageur will stress low-impact camping techniques and will conduct an equipment “shakedown” prior to your departure. Floodwood provides every trek with cook kits and utensil kits. For canoe treks, we supply canoes, paddles, and PFDs. Crews are responsible for personal gear, water purifiers, tents and stoves. If your unit does not have the proper gear, camp will be able to outfit with certain gear. First Aid kits are also the responsibility of each crew, although Voyageurs will carry some First Aid items.

Tips about the Gear List (Appendix C)
For canoe treks: Bring 2 pairs of footwear. Shoes, sneakers, or closed-toe boating shoes that can get wet (to be worn in the canoe) and shoes or sneakers that stay dry (to be worn in the campsite).

For backpacking treks: Good, sturdy hiking boots with ample ankle support will protect ankles from the rigors of Adirondack trails. When boots get wet or muddy, a pair of light sandals or sneakers, kept dry in the pack, are comfortable in the campsites. Wool or “Thorlo” type blend socks combined with a light polypro inner sock will significantly reduce the likelihood of blisters.

Although backpacks claim to be waterproof, water always finds a way in. Clothes should be packed in plastic bags. The heavy Zip-lock freezer bags are the easiest and most compact.

Clean, dry clothing is important. Scouts should be encouraged to properly keep their tents in order and protect their clothes from getting wet. Scouts should change into clean and dry clothes at night for sleeping. Damp clothes from the day’s activities can make sleep uncomfortable and can lead to hypothermia.
*Long pants and Shirts (Lightweight)*: To keep mosquitoes off at night, for unusually cold mornings, and for hiking through prickly vegetation; prevent sunburn while canoeing

*Scout wool jacket, shirt, fleece, warm parka, or sweater*: preferably with long sleeves; important for chilly evenings and early mornings; for retaining body heat after a cold rain

*Important*: Cotton should be avoided. While cotton t-shirts and underwear are okay during the day in dry weather, cotton blue jeans, sweatshirts and jackets are dangerous. Cotton absorbs water and takes a long time to dry out. A sweatshirt or pair of jeans soaked by a sudden rain makes the body over two hundred times colder than it would be in dry clothes. Wool, fleece, polyester, and other nylon materials are strongly recommended.

*Sleeping bag*: Sleeping bag stuff sacks should always be lined inside with a plastic garbage bag. Polarguard sleeping bags are preferred. Avoid down bags – when down gets wet, it stays wet for a long time. A compact stuff sack will make portages easier because more things can fit into your backpack.

*Sleeping pad*: makes sleeping much more comfortable and insulates the body against the cold and rocky ground

*Bowl and spoon*: Is all you need to eat the average trail meal

*Sunscream*: Sitting in a canoe for several hours at a stretch on a sunny day exposes you to potentially dangerous sunburn. Sunscreen is required for all trekkers. If you burn easily, wear long sleeves and pants that are lightweight and vented.

*A small flashlight with new batteries*: A small, pocket sized light, or headlamp, is recommended.

The suggested personal gear list in Appendix C is offered so that each Scout will remember those items that will keep him comfortable. Equipment for the trek, such as tents, tarps, and cooking gear also must be provided. Your Voyageur,
along with the unit leaders, will make final decisions on gear to be included on your trek during the gear shakedown on Sunday evening.

**Middle and Lower Saranac: Campsite Reservation**

Reservations are required for Middle and Lower Saranac. They can be made up to 9 months before your trip and at least 2 days before your trip. You must obtain a physical paper permit for Middle and Lower Saranac, picked up from the New York State Boat Launch on Route 3. This permit is your only documentable proof that you have made the reservation for that campsite. You must obtain a permit regardless of prior reservations.

For more information, contact the Saranac Campground at (518) 891.2841, or [https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24496.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24496.html)

One can also go to reserveameria.com and search for Saranac Lake Islands to make the reservation.

**Group Campsites:**

There are two (2) Group Campsites on Middle Saranac Lake that can accommodate up to 12 people; they are campsite numbers 65 and 71 (Shaw Island). They cost $20 per night with a $2.75 registration fee (one time). As interest exists, they are reserved by lottery on the first day of April, but there are usually openings during the weekday. Contact NYS-DEC Department of Operations, Summer Recreation, at (518) 891-1310 to check availability for a given date(s); and talk to staff about how to reserve the site you want on the given date(s). Payment is made at the New York State Boat Launch on Route 3. In addition, each crew must present a copy of its itinerary and participant roster.

**Special Information for Camping in the St Regis Canoe Area:**

The St. Regis Canoe Area is the largest wilderness canoe area in the Northeast and the only designated canoe area in the New York state. It is closed to motor vehicles, motor boats and aircraft. There are 58 ponds and the headwaters of the West and Middle Branch of the Saint Regis and the Saranac Rivers. The maximum group size for a camping party in the St Regis Canoe Area is eight (8) people. Permits will need to be issued for groups with eight (8) or fewer people that want to stay on one location for more than three (3) nights. No additional permits are required to camp in the St Regis Canoe Area. Larger groups that split into smaller groups to meet these size restrictions would be required to: a) be a one mile apart AND b) not camp or travel on the same pond at the same time.
**Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation Staff**

The Floodwood staff members are highly trained, motivated, experienced leaders and guides who are dedicated to providing the best experience to each trek. Our summer staff has extensive experiences at hiking and paddling through Floodwood and the surrounding wilderness.

Each trek is assigned a Voyageur to act as guide, teacher, leader and friend to the trek and each member of the unit. They are not substitutes for a unit’s natural leadership but serve as a resource for your trek. Throughout the week, they teach Leave No Trace camping, good wilderness ethics, and specialized outdoor skills.

Our Voyageurs are chosen for their experience in the outdoors, wilderness backpacking and canoeing, backcountry ethics, and skills as well as their enthusiasm and energy in creating an unforgettable experience for you and your Scouts.

All Floodwood Voyageurs are staff members eighteen years or older who have completed a minimum of one week of in-camp training as well as being certified in Wilderness Basic First Aid, CPR, and BSA Lifeguard. Additionally, most Voyageurs have worked previously at Floodwood, graduated from the BSA Camp School course designed for Voyageurs, and earned other, non-required certifications. Floodwood is extremely proud of its high-adventure camp staff and provides you with only the most qualified Voyageurs.

The **Climbing Director** and rocks staff, aside from the typical Voyageur certifications, also undergo training through BSA National Camp School or train under the direction of a BSA Climbing Instructor and are fully qualified to safely provide rock climbing and rappelling opportunities to your unit. They will spend the time with each scout to ensure that they develop the knowledge and techniques to successfully conquer our natural rock face.

Our certified **Aquatics Director** can serve your unit at the waterfront conducting swim tests, which are necessary for canoe trek participation, or with any of the aquatic merit badges offered by BSA. Our trained lifeguards can supervise canoe, sailboat, or rowboat sessions at our waterfront.
Our **Commissary Staff** is hard at work long before you arrive for your trek, developing nutritious meals for in camp as well and on trek.

Our **Health Officer** is a trained and certified medical practitioner who will assist with any medical issues or emergencies your crew might have while on base. Besides conducting the medical recheck after arrival at camp, the health officer also helps train and quip the voyageurs for the treks.

We are constantly looking for staff members who will be an asset to our camp staff, and we turn to recruit from the units that come through our trekking program. If you know of any scout from your unit who is looking for a summer job, please contact the camp director for an application.

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Planning Your Trek

Popular Treks
The following list of popular canoe and backpacking treks represents only a small sample of the possibilities of Adirondack treks. The treks are broken into three categories: hike and canoe; canoe; and backpacking. Each of the treks is rated: Beginner, Moderate, Challenging, and Super Scout. A detailed description of each trek is also provided, including mileage.

The following pages detail only some treks Floodwood offers. Remember, our program is fully-customizable, and we will work with you to make your unit’s trek the experience of a lifetime.

Trek Rating System
Crews should choose an itinerary that matches their degree of physical fitness and experience. Mileage, ruggedness of terrain, and the number of portages is considered, and each itinerary is assigned one of four difficulty ratings.

**Beginner ★**
A beginners itinerary allows considerable time to enjoy the program features at base camps, while still undertaking a trek of three to four days. A beginners trek can be made more challenging by adding day to the trip.

**Moderate ★★★**
A moderate itinerary is somewhat more strenuous than a beginner one, involving longer portages or longer hiking distances on steeper inclines. There is still ample time to participate in in-camp programs.

**Challenging ★★★★**
A challenging itinerary should be attempted only by an older crew that enjoys lots of portages or rugged mountain hiking and is in good physical condition. Smaller crews are recommended for these treks. Program time in camp is limited since much of the trek is spent paddling or backpacking.
Super Scout ★★★★★

The super scout itineraries are the most difficult. These itineraries include paddling or hiking great distances and traversing many of the Adirondack’s most remote waterways or highest peaks. Super scout itineraries are designed for experienced crews – seasoned paddlers or backpackers who we recommend are at least 15 years of age, all in top physical condition.

Note: even a beginner trek requires considerable exertion because canoe carries vary from one-quarter to two-and-one-half miles and Adirondack trails are known as long, difficult trails covering rugged and rocky terrain.

About Canoe and Backpacking Trek Maps

The map typically used by our staff for canoeing treks is the “Paddlers Map,” the front of which can be found in Appendix E. The map typically used by our staff for backpacking treks is the “Adirondacks High Peaks Region Map”, the front of which can be found in Appendix E. Each crew should pick up the appropriate map beforehand to facilitate the planning of their treks. The maps are available at Campmor, Ramsey Outdoor, REI, and most other outdoor equipment stores. Additional maps are also available at the FMR Trading Post and a limited number will be available at the Leaders’ Meetings. We strongly recommend you bring two (2) copies of the appropriate set of maps.
A challenging day hike up Ampersand Mountain with tremendous views of the High Peaks and the canoe area. The Bartlett Carry is a relatively moderate portage. Wind, especially on Upper Saranac Lake, can be a large factor on this trip, increasing paddling time and difficulty. You will be traveling very popular routes and will see a lot of canoe and boat traffic as well as houses along the shorelines.

Day One: Leave the Rollins Pond Canoe Base paddling northeast to the stream to Floodwood Pond. Paddle along the southern shore of Floodwood to the entrance of Fish Creek. Follow Fish Creek through Little Square Pond and into Fish Creek Ponds. There is a public beach and park along the east shore that is a pleasant spot for lunch. Continue under the bridge to the northeast shore of Fish Creek Ponds. Follow Spider Creek Passage into Follensby Clear Pond where there are a number of excellent campsites.

Day Two: Paddle back out of Follensby Clear through Spider Creek Passage and Fish Creek Ponds to Fish Creek Bay. Canoe out into Upper Saranac Lake and head south. At the southern end shortly before the Indian Carry, there are several campsites on and around Indian Point. Establish camp for the next two nights.

Day Three: Canoe around Indian Point to the east and into Huckleberry Bay. Carry across Bartlett Carry into Middle Saranac Lake. Paddle all the way across Middle Saranac to the beach on the southeast shore of the lake. Beach your canoes and hike up Ampersand Mountain. After taking in the 360-degree panorama from the top of the mountain hike back down to your canoes and return to your campsite.
Day Four: Retrace your paddling on Upper Saranac Lake. Paddle back to Follensby Clear and on north to the carry to Horseshoe Pond midway up Follensby Clear. Carry into Horseshoe Pond and paddle along the north shore to the carry into Little Polliwog Pond and then into Polliwog. Paddle north around the point and then west to the carry to Middle Pond. After Carrying into Middle Pond, paddle to the canoe carry to Floodwood Pond. There are a number of good campsites on Floodwood Pond or you can continue back through the passage to Rollins Pond and the canoe base.

Day Five: Activities in camp during the morning and afternoon.
Lake Flower 5 Day – 35 Miles
Moderate ★★

This trek offers a challenging day hike up Ampersand Mountain, with tremendous views of the High Peaks and the canoe area, a chance to paddle through Upper and Lower State Locks, and a Bald Eagle nest visible on Lower Saranac Lake. You will be traveling very popular routes and will see other canoes as well as houses along the shore lines.

Day One
Depart Rollins Pond Canoe Base. Canoe to Floodwood Pond, into Little Square Pond, through Fish Creek, and into Fish Creek Pond. The public campground picnic area is a good spot to have lunch. It has fresh water and flush toilets. Continue on through Fish Creek Ponds, and either head out into Fish Creek Bay into Upper Saranac Lake, or head north into Follensby Clear Pond. Recommended campsites for the first night are in Follensby Clear, in Saginaw Bay or on Buck Island, in Upper Saranac Lake.

Day Two
Depart Follensby Clear or Upper Saranac, head south through the narrows of Upper Saranac Lake and head into Huckleberry Bay, and take the Bartlett carry into Middle Saranac. The Bartlett carry is half on a dirt road, and half on a trail. Watch for cars, and don’t loiter at either end of the carry.

Alternatives: Instead of the Bartlett carry, take the Weller Pond Carry. The Weller Pond carry leaves from Ampersand Bay on Upper Saranac Lake, and ends at Weller Pond. The trail is long, rugged, hilly and can be very muddy. This carry, although a nice alternative, should only be tried by experienced crews.

From Weller Pond, head south into Middle Saranac Lake. Camping on Middle Saranac Lake is by reservation only.
Remember these sites are for 6 people max. The Forest Rangers check these sites every night. Book sites on reserveamerica.com

Day Three
The third day is typically a layover day; try to reserve a site for two days in a row. Paddle out of the way and hike up Ampersand Mountain. The steep hike, on average, can take between one and a half to two and a half hours up. Lunch atop Ampersand Mountain with views of the High Peaks, and the Adirondack canoe area is a great reward for the difficult climb up. An afternoon of advancement and activities is a nice change of pace when you get back to camp.

Day Four
Push off and head for the Upper State Locks between Middle and Lower Saranac Lakes. These Lakes require reservations, or you can continue on to Kiawasa Lake without reservations.

Day Five
Continue onto Lake Flower for a pick-up in the town of Saranac Lake at the boat launch.

Alternatives: This trek can be easily reversed to start with a drop off and paddle back into camp. Alternate drop offs and pick ups to either shorten or extend the trek are the Lower State Bridge between Lower Saranac and Oseetah Lake, the boat access on Colby Lake, Ampersand Bay on Lower Saranac, and Fish Creek off Forest Home Road off the north east shore of Lower Saranac Lake.
Tupper Lake 5 Day – 44 - 50 Miles
Moderate ★★

This trek offers a nice compromise for canoeists of moderate or varying skills. This trek can also easily be made into a 50 Miler by going down to the end of Tupper and back up. Some of the advantages of this trek include wildlife viewing opportunities on the Raquette River and a bald eagle’s nest at Indian Point on Tupper Lake. There is one long portage.

Day One: Depart Rollins Pond Canoe Base. Canoe to Floodwood Pond, into Little Square Pond, through Fish Creek, and into Fish Creek Pond. The public campground picnic area is a good spot to have lunch, having fresh water and flush toilets. Continue on through Fish Creek Ponds, and either head out into Fish Creek Bay in Upper Saranac Lake, or head north into Follensby Clear Pond. Recommended campsites for the first night are in Saginaw Bay or on Buck Island, in Upper Saranac Lake or in Follensby Clear Pond.

Day Two: Depart Follensby Clear or Upper Saranac, head south through the narrows of Upper Saranac Lake and continue to the south end of the lake. Take the mile-long Indian Carry into the Stoney Creek Pond. The first half of this carry is hilly, muddy, narrow, and crosses Highway 3, so be careful and stay together. Possible destination sites for the second night are Trombley or Axton Landing on the Raquette River. An alternative camping spot could be in the Stoney Creek Ponds or at Indian Point at the southern end of Upper Saranac Lake.

Day Three: Hit the Raquette River and head west towards Tupper Lake. As you head near Tupper Lake, you will begin to encounter motorboats and go through the Oxbow, a marshy area of the Raquette that can be a bit confusing. Make sure to follow the main current. As you approach Tupper Lake, you
Day Four: can opt to take the Simon Pond cutoff or continue on the Raquette to Tupper Lake. Good camping spots could be Trombley Landing (depending on where you camped the night before), or Indian Point on Tupper, or at the south end of Tupper. Indian Point is a popular destination, as it is close to the Village of Tupper Lake and the boat launch.

This is a good day for some day paddles, either to add some miles in order to achieve the 50 Miler award, or to enjoy the nice scenery that Tupper (especially the south end) has to offer. You could also work on advancement or activities. And depending if you camped on the Raquette the night before, there might be some extra paddling to get into Tupper Lake.

Pickups can be done at three locations on Tupper Lake. There are two boat launches, one downtown, and one a mile or two south of town. You can also get picked up in South Bay in the southern end of Tupper Lake.

Alternatives: This trip should be attempted in reverse only by more experienced crews due to the current on the Raquette River. Besides the multiple spots on Tupper to be picked up or dropped off, another alternative is the fishing access on the Raquette River. As already mentioned, this trek can include the southern end of Tupper in order to satisfy the requirements for the 50 Miler.
Long Lake 5 Day – 50 Miles

Challenging ★★★

This trek follows both secluded and the well-traveled routes of the Raquette River and tends to be more difficult, mostly due to a couple of strenuous carries. This is a 50 Miler if you get dropped off at Buttermilk Falls.

Note: This trip is best suited as a drop off rather than leaving from camp, due to the current on the Raquette River.

| Day One: | Get dropped off at the state boat launch, just north of the town of Long Lake, or at the southern end of Long Lake at Buttermilk Falls. Head north, staying to the eastern or western edge to avoid traffic. Camp at the northern end of the lake at Plumbley’s Landing, Rodney Pt., or just on the Raquette River at Lost Channel. Head down the Raquette (north) towards Raquette Falls. Take the carry around the falls on the eastern bank. The carry is less than a mile and starts off going uphill, evens off and then is mostly downhill, pretty wide and well worn. Continue north on the Raquette, heading for your second night at the campsites north of the falls, or even up into Stoney Creek Ponds. |
| Day Two: | Push off and head for the Indian Carry from the Stoney Creek Ponds into Upper Saranac. The first half of this carry is hilly, muddy, narrow, and crosses Highway 3, so be careful and stay together. Head north on Upper Saranac Lake, watching for motorboats. Some good campsites for the night are on Buck Island, Green Island, in Saginaw Bay on Upper Saranac Lake, or on to Follensby Clear Pond. |
| Day Four | Head back towards camp through Fish Creek Ponds. There is a picnic area available at Fish Creek Public Campground with fresh water and flush toilets. Continue into Little Square Pond and then into Floodwood Pond. This is a good location for advancement activities. The numerous trails in the area also provide opportunities for hiking. |
| Day Five | Paddle back into Rollins Pond and prepare for a day of in-camp activities. |

Alternatives: As already noted, this trek can be done in reverse, but you would be paddling against the slight Raquette River current. Other than the two spots on Long Lake, there are no other drop offs or pick up spots.
If it’s wilderness you are looking for, the Saint Regis Wilderness Canoe Area is the place for you. You will encounter only a few other canoers as you paddle and carry your way through quiet lakes and small ponds. Enjoy remote, shore-side campsites -- test your hand at brook trout fishing in this mellow but challenging wilderness adventure. Make the most of the trek by taking time for bog exploring, fishing, aquatics and hiking Saint Regis Mountain. Trek itineraries may be configured for a variety of lengths, terrain and scenery.

Day One:
Your crew will be dropped off at the Paul Smiths College boat launch at the northeast corner of Lower Saint Regis Lake. You will begin the Seven Carries Route by canoeing southwest into Spitfire Lake through the Slew, continuing on to the south end of Spitfire and the channel into Upper Saint Regis Lake. Swing to the northwest to the trailhead for the climb up Saint Regis Mountain at the north end of Upper Saint Regis Lake (see below for alternate route). There are campsites in North Bay.

The next morning retrace your route keeping to the southwest shore of Upper Saint Regis Lake, round the point and head south to the short carry to Bog Pond. After paddling Bog, carry to Bear Pond and paddle on to the carry to Little Long Pond. Continuing to follow the Seven Carries Route, paddle and carry into Saint Regis Pond. Canoe west around the point and then southeast. There are a number of campsites along the east shore.

Day Two:
Start your morning by paddling to the carry to Little Clear Pond. Paddle south and west to the public landing for the longish carry across Route 30 to Hatchery Brook (there is no camping on Little Clear). Hatchery Brook empties into Lake Clear Outlet
that in turn takes you to Upper Saranac Lake and a temporary return to the world of motorboats. Paddle down Upper Saranac Lake to Fish Creek Bay. Continue on west entering Fish Creek Ponds and heading north to Spider Creek Passage into Follensby Clear Pond where there are many excellent campsites.

Day Four: Canoe to the northwest corner of Follensby Clear to the carry into Polliwog Pond. Canoe west through the narrow passage into the western arm of Pollywog and the carry into Middle Pond. Head for the carry to Floodwood Pond along the southwest shore of Middle Pond. Carry into Floodwood where you will find a number of good campsites.

Day Five: Canoe to the southwest corner of Floodwood and proceed through the narrow passage to Rollins Pond and your return to our canoe base midway down the western shore of Rollins pond. You will return with plenty of time for the water skiing program at Rollins and/or the rock climbing and rappelling program at West Pine.

Remember St Regis Wilderness Area sites are for 8 people max. The Forest Rangers check these sites every night.
**Paul Smiths 5 Day – 32 Miles**  
**Challenging ⭐⭐⭐⭐**

Listed below are some suggested options. Your Voyageur can explain these and other options that are available.

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Blue Mountain Lake 5 Day – 70 Miles
Super Scout ★★★★★

Begin the trek at Blue Mountain Lake with a tour of the Adirondack Museum, a day hike up Blue Mountain, or dive right into this 60 mile voyage through some of the best waters of the Adirondacks. From Blue Mountain Lake, navigate the Eckford Chain of Lakes and pass through the pristine Marion and Raquette Rivers, beautiful Forked Lake, and the majestic Buttermilk Falls—all on the way to Long Lake, the longest lake in the Adirondacks. Follow both secluded and well-traveled routes of the Raquette River before working your way to Upper Saranac Lake and back home to Floodwood. This trek should be attempted only by experienced paddlers.

Note: This trip is ONLY offered as a drop off from Floodwood.

Day One:

Get dropped off at Blue Mountain Lake boat launch on Route 28.

Alternative: spend the morning at the Adirondack Museum (http://www.adkmuseum.org).

Alternative: Climb Blue Mountain Lake along the 2 mile trail that starts across the highway from and just below the entrance to the Adirondack Museum.

Paddle across Blue Mountain Lake (max. depth of 102 ft.) and proceed west towards Eagle Lake. Continue into Utowana Lake.

If you began the day with a tour of the museum or a hike, consider camping at the lean-to at end of Utowana Lake. Otherwise, carry into the Maron River around shallow rapids and along the route of the former Carry Railroad, once the world’s shortest gauge railway. Enter the scenic Marion River and wind through marsh and swamp until entering St. Hubert Lake. Paddle north through Raquette Lake, the fourth largest body of water in the Adirondacks, until you reach Bluff Point. Continue west past Beecher Island into Outlet Bay. Camp the first night along the northeastern shores of Raquette Lake.
Day Two

Begin your second day by making towards the passage that marks the beginning of the Raquette River and enter Forked Lake. Take the nearly 1.6 mile portage to bypass a dam and dangerous waters. Continue along the Raquette River, carrying over Buttermilk Falls, and camp at one of the shelters farther up the river.

Paddle the Raquette River until you enter Long Lake. Head north, staying to the eastern or western edge to avoid traffic. Enter the Raquette River and head down the Raquette (north) towards Raquette Falls. Take the carry around the falls on the eastern bank. The carry is less than a mile and mostly downhill, pretty wide and well worn. Continue north on the Raquette, heading for your third night at the campsites north of the falls, or even up into Stoney Creek Ponds.

Day Three

Push off and head for the Indian Carry from the Stoney Creek Ponds into Upper Saranac. The first half of this carry is hilly, muddy, narrow, and crosses Highway 3, so be careful and stay together. Head north on Upper Saranac Lake, watching for motorboats. Some good campsites for the night are on Buck Island, Green Island, in Saginaw Bay on Upper Saranac Lake, or on to Follensby Clear Pond.

Day Four

Head back towards camp through Fish Creek Ponds. There is a public beach and picnic area available at Fish Creek Public Campground with fresh water and flush toilets. Continue into Little Square Pond and then into Floodwood Pond. Paddle back into Rollins Pond and prepare for an afternoon of in-camp activities. Alternative: if you spent the first day hiking or at the museum, plan on arriving back at camp later in the afternoon and not participating in camp activities.
This trek is characterized by its secluded route and hence relatively undisturbed wildlife. It travels through some of the most pristine wilderness of the Adirondacks where you will be challenged by several long and difficult carries that will require the crew to demonstrate disciplined cooperation and stamina. Crews that cannot complete a carry in a single crossing should not attempt this trek (there are 16!). Variation can be found on the following pages.

**Day One**

You will be dropped at the Buck Pond State Campground boat launch, northeast of Rainbow Lake and the Saint Regis Canoe Area. Head southwest into Rainbow Lake, paddle the length of the lake and portage into Jones Pond. Suggested campsites are the four on Jones Pond, or one of the two lean-tos on Osgood Pond.

After paddling across Jones Pond and Osgood Pond carry into Lower Saint Regis Lake through the Paul Smiths campus. You will begin the Seven Carries Route by canoeing southwest into Spitfire Lake through the Slew, continuing on to the south end of Spitfire and the channel into Upper Saint Regis Lake. Head south to the short carry to Bog Pond. After paddling Bog, carry to Bear Pond and paddle on to the carry to Little Long Pond. Continue to follow the Seven Carries Route, paddle and carry into Saint Regis Pond. Canoe toward the west end of the pond to one of a number of campsites.

**Day Two**

Head for the Ochre Pond carry at the west end of Saint Regis Pond and the start of the Nine Carries Route (see below for alternate route). Paddle across Ochre Pond to the carry to Mud and Fish Ponds. You have the option of carrying around Mud Pond to Fish Pond (1.5 miles) or paddling across Mud and then carrying to Fish Pond. Paddle across Fish Pond, carry into
Day Four

Little Long Pond and paddle to the carry to Kit Fox Pond (as an alternate, carry directly from Fish Pond to Kit Fox Pond). From Kit Fox carry to Nellie Pond. The carry from Nellie to Long Pond is a difficult 1.5 miles (usually muddy with a beaver pond requiring paddling across to resume the trail on the other side). There are a number of very fine campsites on Long Pond.

Paddle to the eastern shore of Long Pond and carry into Slang Pond. Paddle across Slang and Turtle Ponds and through the culvert under the railroad track into Hoel Pond. Paddle to the south shore of Hoel for the carry to Polliwog Pond. It is a short paddle along the eastern shore of Polliwog to the carry to Follensby Clear Pond. From Follensby Clear paddle through Spider Creek Passage into Fish Creek Ponds under the bridge then along the eastern shore to Fish Creek (there is a carry from Follensby to Fish Creek saving paddling through Fish Creek Ponds). Proceed up Fish Creek as it passes through Little Square Pond and on into Floodwood Pond. Follow the south shore of Floodwood Pond to the passage to Rollins Pond and back to the Rollins Pond Canoe Base on the west shore of Rollins.

Day Five

Day four can be split into two days by camping on either Follensby Clear Pond or Floodwood Pond. Either alternative will allow time for waterskiing and/or rock climbing and rappelling.
Buck Pond 5 Day - Variation
Super Scout ★★★★★

Listed below are some suggested options. Your Voyageur can explain these and other options that are possible.

Day Two

Instead of paddling south to Spitfire Lake head west from Lower Saint Regis Lake towards Keese Mill where you can portage into Upper Saint Regis Lake. Campsites can be found on the northwest corner of Upper Saint Regis Lake, or on Lower Saint Regis Lake at Bent Spike Lean-to. If time permits hike up Saint Regis Mountain from the trailhead at the north end of Upper Saint Regis Lake.

Day Three

Instead of following the Nine Carries Route paddle to the carry to Little Clear Pond. Paddle south and west to the public landing for the longish carry across Route 30 to Hatchery Brook (there is no camping on Little Clear). Hatchery Brook empties into Lake Clear Outlet that in turn takes you to Upper Saranac Lake and a temporary return to the world of motorboats. Paddle down Upper Saranac Lake to Fish Creek Bay. Continue on west entering Fish Creek Ponds and heading north to Spider Creek Passage into Follensby Clear Pond where there are many excellent campsites.

Day Four

Canoe to the northwest corner of Follensby Clear to the carry into Polliwog Pond. Canoe west through the narrow passage into the western arm of Polliwog and the carry into Middle Pond. Head for the carry to Floodwood Pond along the southwest shore of Middle Pond. Carry into Floodwood where you will find a number of good campsites.
Canoe to the southwest corner of Floodwood and proceed through the narrow passage to Rollins Pond and your return to our canoe base midway down the western shore of Rollins pond. You will return with plenty of time for the water skiing program at Rollins and/or the rock climbing and rappelling program at West Pine.

For a shortcut back to Rollins, instead of canoeing to Slang Pond paddle to the carry to Floodwood Pond along the southern shore of Long Pond. Carry into Floodwood and on to Rollins Pond and the canoe base.

For a shortcut back to West Pine Pond, instead of canoeing to Slang Pond, paddle to the south-west corner of Long Pond to the carry across Floodwood Road and into West Pine Pond. Paddle west to the waterfront at West Pine Pond.

Remember that the sites in the St Regis Wilderness Canoe area are limited to 8 persons per site. It is strictly enforced by rangers.
This trek meanders along fairly level terrain, passing through some of the most historic areas of the Adirondacks. This is also the only loop trek offered at Floodwood.

**Day One**
Get dropped off at the Horse Assembly Area south of Stoney Creek Mountain. Head east and slightly south towards the High Peaks. Spend the first night at one of the campsites along the horse trail.

**Day Two**
Continue on the Horse Trail towards Duck Hole. Spend the second night at Duck Hole.

**Day Three**
Head west along the Cold River trail. Spend the night somewhere between Rondeau Hermitage and Shattuck Clearing.

**Day Four**
Head north past Shattuck Clearing along the horse trail, and spend the last night at Camp 1.

**Day Five**
Hike back out to the Horse Assembly area for a pick-up.
Northville-Placid Trail 5 Day - 50 Miles  
Challenging ⭐⭐

Though this trek begins in Lake Placid, it is very beautiful and very remote. For most of this trek the hiker is more than 10 miles from any road. The 50 Miler and Leave-No-Trace Awareness award can both easily be earned.

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<th>The start of the Northville Placid Trail is a single, narrow path at Old Military Road in Lake Placid Village. Hike in about 5 miles, and you will cross a bridge. Another 2 miles along is a side path to Wanika Falls, which is a “can’t miss” stop on this northern portion of the trail. Moving on another 2 miles is Moose Pond lean-to with a great view.</th>
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<td>Day Two</td>
<td>Your group will travel some of the most beautiful sections of the Adirondacks. The trail remains narrow for another 3.9 miles until you reach Duck Hole. This is a great place for your group to be able to fish or just stand under the spillway. The trail opens up and views are excellent; after another 8 miles you reach Ouluska Pass lean-to and the Cold River. Camp here for the night.</td>
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<td>The trail remains open with great views of the Cold River and the McIntire Range. Along the way you will encounter beaver dams and bogs and pass through the City of Cold River, population of 1. This is where the hermit Noah John Rondeau lived for 21 years as the Mayor of Cold River. As you continue on, and depending on the season, some parts of the trail could be submerged requiring you to bushwhack or roll up your pants. Soon after you reach Plumley’s Landing on the north end of Long Lake.</td>
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<td>This is a short hike of 5 miles; set up camp for lunch and then hike 3 miles to Long Lake. After picnicking at Long Lake, hike back to Caitlin Bay.</td>
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<td>Wake up, break camp, and hike back to the Town of Long Lake for your pick-up.</td>
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This trek offers a chance to experience some of the most rugged mountains east of the Mississippi River, and to summit Adirondack peaks, including Mount Marcy, New York’s highest point. This trek also offers possible bear sightings and other wildlife. You will be establishing a base camp and therefore your day hikes will not be with full backpacks. The starting elevation is at 2,100 feet, and the high point is Mt. Marcy at 5,344 ft. This trek is very strenuous and physically demanding, and we suggest a series of tough practice hikes before arriving at camp.

### Day One

(5.5 Miles): Get dropped off at the Adirondack Loj, southeast of the town of Lake Placid. From there, hike in to Marcy Dam. You can set up a base camp here, but it tends to be very busy, and has a problem with bears. We recommend you push on to the group of shelters just south of Lake Colden and set up base camp there.

After establishing a base camp, there are a number of options for your next hikes:

**Option 1**: Day Hike (11 miles): Head west of Lake Colden, towards Iroquois Peak, continue beyond it and then head south towards Indian Pass. Follow south until you hit the cutoff trail to Calamity Brook, and hike back north to base camp.

**Option 2**: Day Hike (8.5 miles): Head north and west of Lake Colden and go up Boundary Peak. Continue on to summit Algonquin Peak, Wright Peak and Whales Tail Mountain. Hike back down to Marcy Dam. Follow your route from the first day back to base camp from there.

**Option 3**: Day Hike (10 miles): For experienced and fit trekkers, head south and east from Lake Colden, paralleling Opalescent...
Day Five

Brook, and then jog north to pick up Feldspar Brook. Continue on past Lake Tear of the Clouds and then turn north and hike Mount Marcy, the highest peak in NY. Continue on and over Little Marcy and then head towards Indian Falls. From here, head back towards base camp either by way of Avalanche camp or by going over Colden Mountain. This is a long, hard day hike, and should not be attempted by a younger or inexperienced crew.

**Option 4**: Day Hike (12 miles): Hike east of Lake Colden, and head up Mount Colden. From there continue north and east until you pick up Phelps Brook. From there head up Phelps Mountain, come back down and head for home via Marcy Dam.

Day Five

(5.5 miles): Hike back out to the Adirondack Loj for a pick-up via Marcy Dam
This trek affords you the opportunity to summit many Adirondack peaks, including Mount Marcy, New York’s highest mountain. You will be establishing a base camp and therefore your day hikes will not be with full backpacks. This is a rigorous trail, and we recommend a series of practice hikes before arrival at camp.

Day One
(6.5 miles): Get dropped at the Garden, just west of Keene Valley and head southwest up Johns Brook. Pass Johns Brook Lodge and head for Slant Rock where you can set up base camp.

After establishing a base camp, there are a number of options for your next hikes:

Option 1: Day Hike (6.75 miles): Head south out of Slant Rock, and then cut west towards Mount Marcy; include Little Marcy on your way up if you are experienced and ambitious. Hike Mount Marcy and continue southwest towards Four Corners. From here, you can hike to Lake Tear of the Clouds, Mount Skylight, or head east towards Panther Gorge. Turn back north and head over Mount Haystack, and then Little Haystack and make your way back to base camp. This day hike is strenuous, and can easily be broken into two separate day hikes, doing the western portion including Mt. Marcy on one day, and the eastern portion including Mount Haystack on the other.

Option 2: Day Hike (10 miles): Head south and east from Slant Rock along the Shorey shortcut, and then cut north and east towards Basin Mountain. Continue on to Saddleback Mountain, Gothics, Armstrong Mountain, Upper Wolf Jaw and then cut
west and head back down to Johns Brook Lodge. From there, head back up the valley to base camp.

**Option 3:** Day Hike (8.5 miles): Take the Shorey shortcut south and east from Slant Rock, and pick up the trail east of the Haystacks towards Upper Ausable Lake. Head down Crystal Brook, hike along Upper Ausable Lake, and the back towards camp the way you came.

(6.5 miles): Hike down the valley, past Johns Brook Lodge back out to the Garden for a pick-up.
Appendix A: Forms

Sample Commissary Form

Trek Itinerary and Program Form

50 Miler Award

Leave No Trace Award
Floodwood 2019 Meal Order Form
(Please indicate the meal using the numbers)

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**Breakfast**
1) Nature Valley Granola  
2) Oatmeal  
3) Poptarts  
4) Kellogg’s Raisin Granola  
5) Granola w/ Banana  

**Lunch**
1) Pepperoni, Crackers and Cheese  
2) Peanut Butter and Jelly  
3) Chicken Sandwich  
4) Tuna Sandwich  

**Dinner**
1) Pad Thai  
2) Lasagna  
3) Beef Stroganoff  
4) Three Cheese Mac & Cheese  
5) Rice w/ Chicken  
6) Louisiana Red Beans w/ Rice

Sides – subject to change
1) Astro Ice Cream  
2) Garlic Mash Potatoes  
3) Vegetable Medley  
4) Corn  
5) Indian Rice Pudding
2019  Itinerary Form
(one form per trek)

Directions: The purpose of this form is to help you plan your trip: where you will depart, where you will stay each night, and where you will finish your trek. This form MUST be submitted in its entirety BEFORE you arrive at camp to allow time to obtain the necessary permits for your trip. As always, trek itineraries can be fine-tuned at camp, but for the sake of securing permits for your group, you should have as accurate an itinerary as possible.
Troop or Crew (circle one) #_____ Town: ___________ State: _______________ District: ______________
Trek Will Include: # _____ Scouts/Ventures and # ________ Leaders  Council: ________________
Trek Contact Person (preferably the same name as on reservation form)
Name: ______________________________________________ Email: ______________________________
Phone: (day): ___________________________ Phone (evening): ___________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:_______________ ZIP: __________________________

Circle Your Week
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Please list the campsite/location you will be camping at each night

Starting Location (circle one): Rollins Pond or Other: __________________________
Ending Location (circle one): Rollins Pond or Other: __________________________
Merit Badge Interest? (YES or N) IF YES, please list ______________________________________

We request the usage of ____ Kevlar canoes for our trek (additional $10/day/canoe). Note: We have a limited number of these light-weight canoes and cannot guarantee availability. They are to be used by crews traveling in the St. Regis Canoe Area only.
Is this the first time at Floodwood for: YOU? YOUR TROOP?
Special Requests: ______________________________________
How did you hear about us: _____________________________

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To help in planning your crew’s food menu while out on trek, the Flood Commissary would like to be aware of any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or religious restrictions amongst your crew participants. Information is strictly being used to inform Floodwood Commissary personnel of any changes that need to be made for individuals or for an entire group. Please fill out the boxes below with information on food allergies, dietary restrictions, or religious restrictions (be specific). PLEASE DO NOT WRITE NAMES.

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Trek Roster

(Use separate roosters for each trek attending)

Trek Requirements:

- Must have at least two adult leaders – one of which can be the Voyageur. One leader must be over 21 and the other leader must be over 18.
- Canoeing crews have a maximum size of 12 people – this includes the Voyageur.
- St Regis Wilderness Canoe Area has a maximum size of 8 people – this includes the Voyageur.
- Hiking crews, in the High Peaks Region, have a maximum crew size of 8 people – this includes the Voyageur.
- Follow Youth Protection Guidelines (i.e., co-ed leadership for co-ed crews, etc.)

Leaders (please print and write legibly – all fields required)

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Return Completed Applications To: Gabriela Perkins, Camp Director (director@floodwood.org)
THE 50-MILER PROGRAM

The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer interest in the ideals of the movement and to promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and a practical understanding of conservation.

Chartered unit participation is most desirable; however, provisional groups are eligible. This award does not apply if any other award is available for a trip.

The Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturing unit or provisional group must follow these rules for a 50-Miler trip:

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders 21 or older must make the entire trip.
- If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application, No. 4419B, is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 34426B.

Award Requirements

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award, the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements:

1. Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
2. Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
3. During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsites, portage, or area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit’s home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
4. Unit or tour leader must then file the 50-Miler Award application with the local council service center.

Detach and send the report below to your local council service center.

50-MILER AWARD APPLICATION

(Note: This award does not apply if any other award is available for this trip.)

To: Local Council Only (Do not send to national office.)

1. Name of trail or waterway:  
   Give state and nearest town.
   
   From: ___________________ to: ___________________ (minimum of five consecutive days required)
   Date: _______ Date: _______

2. Trip was (check appropriate terms)  
   □ by boat  □ by canoe  □ on foot  □ by bicycle

3. Trail or waterway covered: from ___________________ to ___________________
   Starting point: ___________________  
   Finishing point: ___________________

Total mileage: ___________ (must be at least 50 continuous miles)

4. This group completed 10 hours of trail work, as follows. (Give details as to type of Good Turn, such as clearing trail, repairing bridges, cleaning up campsites and springs, leaving wood supply, etc.) ___________

5. Total Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and leaders eligible for the 50-Miler Award: ___________

6. Enter our order for _____ decals, No. 33490 _____ embroidered awards, No. 00191 _____ leather awards, No. 00241 _____ Staff Shield, No. 14131
   (Contact your local council service center for current prices.)
   Approved: ___________________

   Unit or tour leader: ___________________
   Address: ___________________
   Phone: ___________________

(NOTE: Embroidered and leather awards are not worn on uniforms but may be attached to tents, packs, or blankets. Decals may be used on canoes, paddles, or plaques.)

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Leave No Trace Awareness Award

Scout and Venturer Requirements
1) Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.
2) On three separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
3) Earn the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges, or do No. 3 under the Scouter requirements.
4) Participate in a Leave No Trace related service project.
5) Give a 10-minute presentation on a Leave No Trace topic approved by your Scoutmaster.
6) Draw a poster or build a model to demonstrate the differences in how we camp or travel in high-use and pristine areas.

Scouter and Venturing Leader Requirements

1) Recite and explain the principles of Leave No Trace.
2) On three separate camping/backpacking trips demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
3) Share with another Scouter or Venturing leader your understanding and knowledge of the Camping and Environmental Science merit badge pamphlets.
4) Actively assist (training, advice, and general supervision) a Scout in planning, organizing, and leading a service project related to Leave No Trace.
5) Assist a minimum of three Scouts in earning the Leave No Trace Awareness Award.
6) Plan and conduct a Leave No Trace awareness for Scouts, Venturers, Scouters, or an interested group outside Scouting.

Leave No Trace Awareness Award
(Submit this application to your local council service center.)

Local council name ____________________________ Headquarters city/state ____________________________
Unit type and No. ______________________________ Troop, team, post, crew
Number of awards: Youth ________________ Adult ________________
Unit leader’s name ____________________________ Phone No. ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip ____________________________
Names of Scouts or Venturers
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Names of Scouters or Venturing Leaders
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The Scouts, Scouters, and/or Venturing leaders indicated above have fulfilled the requirements for the Leave No Trace Awareness patch, No. 8630.
Unit leader’s signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
# Appendix B: Children’s Camps in New York State

## Camp Safety

**Are the camp facilities and activities safe?**

The camp operator must develop a written plan to include maintenance of facilities, provisions for training staff members and orientation of campers, supervision of campers, campsite hazards, emergency procedures and drills, safety procedures and equipment for program activities.

## Fire Safety

**Are there periodic fire drills for both campers and staff?** Does each floor of every building have fire exits in two different locations? Are flammable materials (gasoline, pool chemicals, etc.) stored away from activity centers and kept under lock and key? Are functioning smoke detectors located in every sleeping room?

All of the above are mandatory in New York State.

## Nutrition

**Are good health practices observed in the camp kitchens, dining areas and food services?** Does the camp serve food your child likes?

At camps in New York State, food must be prepared from inspected sources. Food preparation and handling activities are reviewed to assure safe and sanitary practices. Kitchen employees must be healthy and follow hygienic practices. Potentially hazardous food must be maintained below 45°F or above 140°F.

## Swimming

**Are waterfront personnel qualified?**

Are campers always supervised while in the water?

All waterfront activities at camps in New York State must be supervised by an experienced certified lifeguard or water safety instructor. On site, one qualified lifeguard is required for every 25 bathers. All aquatic staff are required to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Camps that use off-site pools or beaches operated by others must make special arrangements to provide a safe activity. Even off site, the camp remains responsible for supervising campers.

Some children's camps use sites for swimming that are not inspected by local health departments. Parental permission is required in these instances, and the camp must follow established guidelines to protect campers.

While campers are involved in aquatic activities on site, there must be one counselor for every 10 campers eight years or older; there must be one counselor for every eight children aged six and seven; and one counselor for every six children younger than six years old.

When swimming off site, there must be one counselor for every eight campers six years or older and one counselor for every six campers younger than six years.

Are bathing areas marked off for various swimming skills? Are campers tested to determine their level of swimming ability before participating in aquatic activities? Are nonswimmers kept in water less than chest deep? Is the buddy system used? Are campers required to wear life preservers when boating or canoeing?

New York State regulation requires that the answers to all these questions must be "yes."

## Location and Facilities

**Are barriers erected against such natural hazards as cliffs and swamps?** Do foot trails located away from such dangerous areas and from heavily traveled roads and highways?

Do the camp facilities (bunks, bathrooms, mess hall, recreation facilities) meet your aesthetic tastes and those of your child? Is the camp located in an area that will not aggravate your child’s allergies?

Will your child be required to perform chores, such as cleaning or cooking?

For information on the camp’s location and facilities, visit the camp or interview the camp operator by telephone, prior to making a decision to enroll your child at the camp.

## Camp Trips

**Are camp trips supervised by counselors who have the maturity and experience to make decisions that could affect the safety of campers?**

All trips must be supervised by a trip leader who is at least 18 years old and competent in the activity. Counselors must accompany trips and all staff must review the safety plan prior to the trip.

Counselors should have the skills and expertise in the camp activity (canoeing, rock-climbing, etc.) to handle any emergency that might arise.

Camp has conducted similar trips in the past without incident.

In New York State, the drivers of camp vehicles must be licensed and at least 18-years-old. Seat belts must be worn when provided and vehicle capacities not exceeded. When transporting children in a truck, only a truck cab can be used.

## Sports and Activities

**How are activities in craft shops supervised, especially when campers are using dangerous tools, such as power saws and lathes?**

Are archery and rifle ranges at a safe distance from activity centers?

Are spectators protected at baseball fields and similar areas?

Do players wear protective equipment?
Appendix C: Suggested Gear Checklist

Suggested Gear Checklist for Each Participant
Backpack – lightweight
Sleeping bag stuffed in plastic bag and in a waterproof stuff sack
Sleeping pad
Swimming shorts; Long Pants; T-shirts
Underwear
Wool Socks
Hiking Boots
Day shoes and wet shoes or sport sandals
Hat, with brim
Wool jacket, Shirt, Fleece, warm parka or sweater
Rain gear: jacket (required) and pants (optional)
Bowl and Spoon
Mug or cup
Nalgenes: two 1-quart bottles
Pocket knife – no sheath knives
Insect repellant
Flashlight with new batteries
Small ditty bag for all personal items
Toiletries – feminine products as needed
Bandanas
Sunscreen
Sunglasses (optional)
Wool hat and warm layers (for nighttime)

Suggested Crew Gear
Tents, lightweight
Collapsible water containers (2.5 or 5 gallon size)
Water Filtration System – chemicals and pump
Backpacking stoves and fuel bottles
Two sets of maps
Ropes for “bear bags”, 50 feet length each (x2)
Two “bear bags” or “bear canister”
Bathing soap
Plastic bags (storage and trash)
Compass
Trek First Aid Kit
Appendix D: Maps and Directors
Floodwood Mountain Scout Reservation

West Pine Pond Base Camp

Rollins Pond Canoe Base
Recommended Canoe Trek Maps

Waterproof map with updated campsites
Retails for $19.99

Recommended Backpacking Trek Maps

A very useful guidebook, recommended. Map comes with book.
The guidebook gives mileage and expected duration of hikes
Directions to Floodwood

Floodwood is located in the town of Tupper Lake, NY on Floodwood Road. The directions below start with heading North on the New York State Thruway, Interstate 87

To use an online map service, type in Lake Clear, NY as your destination and use the local directions below from Route 30, OR go to nnjbsa-floodwood.org

Take the New York State Thruway (Route 87)

At Albany leave the Thruway, stay on I-87 which is now the Northway. From the New York / New Jersey border it is just over 220 miles to Exit 30 (Route 73) on the Northway. Follow Route 73 to its end at Route 86 in Lake Placid* (just under 30 miles); turn left on to Route 86. Follow Route 86 on through Saranac Lake for about 15 miles to a blinker light

Turn left on to Route 186 and go for about 4 miles until it ends at Route 30. Continue south and west on Route 30 for a few miles to Saranac Inn. Just past the golf course turn right on to Floodwood Road. (Look for the FMR sign)

Floodwood Road forks to the left as it runs alongside the golf course and shortly becomes a gravel road. After about six miles of gravel road turn left on to a dirt road marked for Floodwood Mountain.

Shortly there will be a barrier gate. Open (and close) if necessary.

Continue on to a fork in the road take the left fork to the FMSR parking lot.

*There is a short cut that avoids Lake Placid. A few miles before Lake Placid just past the Olympic Ski Jump Old Military Road forks left off Route 73. Take it and continue on it to its end at Route 86. Turn left and continue through Saranac Lake as above

See you this Summer!