

# Adirondack BSA High Adventure Programs Summary by NCAC High Adventure Committee

The Adirondack Park in upstate New York offers a wide range of high adventure opportunities. It encompasses 6 million acres, which is larger than Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, and Everglades National Parks combined and 45 times the size of Philmont. There are 46 peaks over 4000 feet with trails and climbs to challenge any experience level. For hikers and backpackers, there are 2000 miles of hiking trails. For paddlers, there are 3000 lakes and ponds and 6000 miles of rivers and streams. All of this is accessible to National Capital Area Council units with an 8-hour drive north.

Six BSA councils have high adventure bases in the Adirondacks with established programs or facilities to assist independent crews. Most programs include summer canoeing treks, backpacking treks, or a combination of paddling, backpacking, and mountain climbing. Some also provide programs during other parts of the year and other special programs including whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, and ice climbing. Most are based out of BSA council camps that also offer traditional summer camp programs. An Adirondack trek can be done at a very reasonable price when compared to other high adventure alternatives.

The following table provides a summary of the six Adirondack BSA high adventure programs including contact information, websites, on-line brochures, and video links. An electronic copy is available [here](#). For more information or to report errors or omissions, contact Scott Hoge, NCAC Adirondack Coordinator, at [scott.hoge@gmail.com](mailto:scott.hoge@gmail.com) or 703-965-6487.

High Adventure Base	Host BSA Camp/ Adirondack Location	BSA Council	Phone	Website/Brochure/Video
Massawepie Adirondack	Massawepie/ Tupper Lake	Seneca Waterways, Rochester, NY	585-244-4210	<a href="https://senecawaterways.org/massawepie-adirondack-treks/">https://senecawaterways.org/massawepie-adirondack-treks/</a>
James "Marmaduke" Seton	Sabattis/ Cranberry Lake 50	Longhouse, Syracuse, NY	315-463-0201	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/camping/sabattis/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/camping/sabattis/</a> <a href="https://www.cnyscouts.org/media/3192/trek24.pdf">https://www.cnyscouts.org/media/3192/trek24.pdf</a> <a href="https://cranberrylake50.org/">https://cranberrylake50.org/</a>

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Summit Base	Curtis S. Read/ Brant Lake	Greater Hudson Valley, Fishkill, NY	845-566-7300  518-494-2228	<a href="https://www.ghvscouting.org/summitbase/">https://www.ghvscouting.org/summitbase/</a> <a href="https://www.ghvscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Summit_Program_and_Trek_Guide.pdf">https://www.ghvscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Summit_Program_and_Trek_Guide.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Summit-Base-High-Adventure-BSA-103612849714001/">https://www.facebook.com/Summit-Base-High-Adventure-BSA-103612849714001/</a>
West Pine Pond/ Rollins Pond	Floodwood Mountain/ Lake Clear	Northern New Jersey,  Oakland, NJ	201-677-1000	<a href="http://www.floodwood.org">http://www.floodwood.org</a> <a href="https://www.floodwood.org/files/uqd/f96130_bda749078df846efbf6cc23dc8121213.pdf">https://www.floodwood.org/files/uqd/f96130_bda749078df846efbf6cc23dc8121213.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAUIBxQURnk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAUIBxQURnk</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=654&amp;v=ileLtUUMq8k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=654&amp;v=ileLtUUMq8k</a>