



ADK MOHICAN CHAPTER

From the Chair

We are almost back to our three month newsletter! After 6 months, we tentatively began our schedule of ADK member hikes for the last three weekends in September following the COVID Guidelines directed by Headquarters.

For the month of October, we announced joint hikes with Westchester Trails Association. (See the write-ups for Trip Tales below). This is our first expanded two-month newsletter since COVID; and starting in January 2021, we will be returning to our three-month newsletter. Our newsletter is being distributed electronically to 83% of our membership and the remainder are sent via mail for those with no email address listed. We would like to improve on that number—the chapter will save on postage and paper. Look at the last page of your newsletter to see details about signing up electronically.

A Couple of Notes: A reminder that we are following COVID Guidelines, which limit our hikes to 10 members. (This may change the first of the year--we are awaiting word from Headquarters). Please wear a mask at trailheads and continue to wear if you are less than 6 feet from another person. There is no carpooling unless a family unit. It is a good idea to register early for the hike of your choosing. Easy hikes have been filling up with several having a waiting list.

Another reminder--It is Hunting Season--Why not wear something **orange** when hiking in areas where hunting is allowed. Bow hunting began in NY State (including some preserves in Westchester County) on October 1st and continues through December 31st. While Westchester does not permit the use of firearms, they are in use in other nearby areas. For a list of hunting season dates, check out the NY/NJ Trail Conference website at:

<https://www.nynjtc.org/news/hunting-seasons>

Please stay safe and healthy. See you on the trails!

Jane Smalley, Chair