

Massawepie Trek Center
Scouting's Adirondacks High Adventure Base Camp
Do You Have What It Takes?



Young men and women can test their skills on one of the 10 High Adventure Treks in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. Led by experienced Voyageur Guides, there is a trek for every skill level. Each trek can be customized to meet your groups specific interests. If you are a Scout Troop looking for a hassle free high adventure opportunity or a Venturing Crew ready for the next adventure, the Massawepie Trek Center is the region's leader for high adventure.

What are the details?

The size of each trek group is determined by the itinerary and is subject to state conservation law group limits. See each trek description for maximum group sizes. Both Leaders must be 21 years of age, registered with by the local council, and have completed Youth Protection Training. Voyageur Guides are assigned to every trek group and are certified as meeting all New York State requirements. Co-ed groups are required to include one male and one female advisor.

Participants in High Adventures programs must be a registered Scouts-BSA, Venturer, or Explorer as well as be 13 years of age by January 1 of the year of participation. Trek members must have group camping experience. Co-ed groups are required to include one male and one female advisor.

All participants in canoeing treks must pass the National BSA swimmer's Check (Blue). At least one leader participating in the trek is encouraged to be certified in Red Cross Responding to Emergencies. Out-of-state groups should check with the Red Cross for a comparable course. All groups are required to follow all National BSA safety guidelines and wilderness use policies.

Three Day Trek vs Six Day Trek

Thousands of Scouts attend Camp Pioneer at Massawepie Scout Camps each summer for a traditional Resident Camp experience. The three day trek is designed to be added to the beginning or the end of the unit's time at camp. Head to camp three days early and explore the Adirondacks or once camp finishes head out on a three day trip to top off your summer experience.

Six day treks are designed to be a complete summer camp experience for a group. Unit's that participate in the six day trek program are coming to camp knowing that their trip will be the best guided adventure available in the Adirondacks.

Both three day and six day treks make use of the time available to provide a safe and exciting program. The only bad choice is choosing not to go. Just pick the option that works best for your group.

Where can we go?

Treks begin on Sunday after lunch and conclude Saturday after breakfast with the first and last night's stay in base camp.

Treks are rated on their degree of difficulty (physical endurance and outdoor skills needed).

Ratings: 1 = easy to 10 = very difficult

Similarly, each trek is assigned a wilderness rating coinciding with human activities encountered along the way rather than physical landscape.

Ratings: 1 = see other groups and signs of civilization to 10 = Total Solitude

Backpacking Treks

Old Mountain Phelps

Difficulty: 3-8 Wilderness: 3 Max Group Size: 7

Take on some of the most dramatic and wildest topography in the Adirondacks with the Old Mountain Phelps trek. The High Peaks region consists of over 40 summits with altitudes of greater than 4,000 feet. Exposed ridges, steep ascents, varying weather conditions and the remote location make this trek both challenging and exhilarating. Customize the trek to your group's abilities and skill level.

Ebenezer Emmons

Difficulty: 8-9 Wilderness: 8-9 Max Group Size: 7

Named after the famed geologist who led a survey party on the first known ascent of Mt Marcy in 1837, the Ebenezer Emmons trek travels through some of the most spectacular locations in the mountains. For the most determined trek groups only, the trek leads to the summit of Mt Emmons, the most remote peak in the Seward Range. Backpack to Duck Hole and camp in ideal conditions. Continue on to the mouth of Indian Pass to another magnificent campsite. Take a dip in the pool below Rocky Falls and finish up with an easy jaunt to the lodge.

Canoeing Treks

Nessmuk

Difficulty: 3 Wilderness: 3 Max Group Size: 11

Cross several ponds, the Nessmuk Trek negotiates the landscape of the Raquette River and Tupper and Upper Saranac Lakes. Featuring some of the best scenery, historic camps and mountainside trips in the Adirondack Park, the Nessmuk Trek is ideal for groups seeking a moderate level of difficulty.

Noah John

Difficulty: 2 Wilderness: 4 Max Group Size: 11

Paddle downstream from Long Lake for a leisurely canoe trek. Stop along route for a brief side-trek to Shattuck Clearing and enjoy the excellent trout fishing. Continue canoeing downstream for swimming, hiking, fishing and camping at Axton, Tupper or the Upper Saranac Lake.

Perry Williams

Difficulty: 7-9 Wilderness: 4 Max Group Size: 11

Not for the Novice canoeist, the Perry Williams trek explores the famous interior waterway of the Upper Fulton Chain. Begin at Blue Mountain Lake, negotiate several scenic lakes, small rivers and tough carries for a challenging and breathtaking trek route. Continue on to Axton for a lengthy hike or canoe on to Tupper Lake. Extend the route by beginning at the Old Forge and concluding at Lake Kushaqua, or add a second week.

Paul Smith

Difficulty: 5-8 Wilderness: 6 Max Group Size: 7

Cross a variety of large lakes and small ponds in the trek that takes you into the St. Regis canoe area. Enjoy natural, shore-side campsites, clear-water swimming and test your hand at brook trout fishing in the excellent, high quality wilderness adventure.

General Alvin J. Blake

Difficulty: 3 Wilderness: 3 Max Group Size: 11

Begin the trek at Blue Mountain Lake with a tour of the Adirondack Museum. From there, navigate a chain of lakes and pass through the pristine Marion and Raquette Rivers, all on the way to the final destination at Long Lake

Combined Treks – Canoeing & Backpacking

High Peaks/St. Regis Sampler

Difficulty: 4-8 Wilderness: 3 Max Group Size: 7

Combine the best of all worlds in this customizable trek. Canoeing, backpacking, day hiking, bushwhacking, and High Peaks climbing may be combined for a unique trek experience tailored to your group's interests and skill level. Follow the two and a half day mountain excursion with another two and a half day canoeing through the historic St. Regis area.

Cranberry 50

Difficulty: 4-7 Wilderness: 5-7 Max Group Size: 11

This trek is split into two components: hiking the remote trails of Cranberry Lake wild forest and paddling through the water of Cranberry Lake itself. One of the largest lakes in the Adirondacks, Cranberry Lake offers several deep bays and miles of forested shorelines ripe for exploring. Take a side trip hike to Cat Mountain, High Falls or one of several other trails. Adjusted to the individual trek group, the hiking trails may cover as few as 10 miles or as many as 30.

Massawepie's Own Trek

Difficulty: 2-4 Wilderness: 7 Max Group Size: 11

Ideal for groups new to wilderness camping, this short mileage trek is contained on the nearly 4000 acres of Massawepie Scout Camps property. Explore the famous Massawepie Mire, navigate the trail network or fish and enjoy the greatest outdoors at one of our many undeveloped lakes or ponds. Set up camp on a different body of water each night or opt to stay overnight on a nearby mountain campsite.

Oswegatchie River Trek

Difficulty: 8-9 Wilderness: 8 Max Group Size: 7

Begin this trek with a scenic half day paddle to the west end of Low's Lake where the group begins a long canoe carry to the headwaters of the Oswegatchie River. The two and a half mile carry may be done in one day or as an overnight venture. While canoeing toward Cranberry Lake, survey several beaver dams, waterfalls and rapids in some of the most remote areas of the Adirondacks. This 30 mile trek may be attempted by experienced and determined groups.

Customizable Trek

Difficulty: ?? Wilderness: ? Max Group Size: 7

Work with our Trek Director to make the experience of a lifetime. Our experienced staff will work with your Scout Unit to determine the best possible Trek your scouts can imagine. Do all canoe, all backpacking, or something completely different. The best treks start with the phrase "What if..."



Massawepie Outfitters

The fall, winter and spring are great times to visit the Adirondack Mountains. When the Massawepie Trek Center shuts down in August the equipment is available for use by units that wish to take on their own adventure.

Canoes

Royalex Canoes \$25.00 per canoe/ 24-hour period

Aluminum Canoes \$20.00 per canoe/ 24-hour period

All Canoes will come with life jackets and paddles. 24 hour periods start at the time of pickup and end at the time of drop off. Canoes will be available for pick up at Massawepie or delivery can be arranged for an additional fee.

Canoe pick up and drop off

Delivery and pick up of canoes will be available for interested troop. Canoes will be delivered to the launch site and picked up from the take out site. The rate will be \$3.00 per mile for each delivery and pick up, based on the one way mileage for each trip. All deliveries will be custom calculated for each group and be predetermined before each trip.

Bear Canisters

Backpackers' Cache \$3.00/ Calendar Day

Trip Planning

Never been to the Adirondacks and need some help planning your off season trip? Let us help you get started with your adventure. Contact Ben Geiger the Massawepie Property Superintendent at 518-359-3900 or treks@senecawaterways.org. We are here to help!