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GROUP OUTINGS - CROWN POINT STATE HISTORIC SITE

Saturday, July 15 | 9:00 - 11:00 am or 2:00 - 3:30 pm



9:00 - 11:00 am | Lake Champlain Paddle (moderate)
(Weather permitting - please bring your own boat and personal floatation device)

Join Adirondack Council staff members John Davis, Rewilding Advocate and Jess Grant, Conservation Associate on a paddle around Lake Champlain to explore the ecological significance of the waterway and the species that populate the lake and surrounding area.



9:00 - 11:00 am | Historical Tour and Museum led by Museum Staff (easy)

Learn about the historic significance that Crown Point plays in New York history. Guests will be able to explore the historic grounds and hear from museum staff about the stories of different folks who have occupied the site. They'll also venture into the museum on site to see a number of historical artifacts that have been discovered at Crown Point. \$4.00 museum entry fee



9:00 - 11:00 am | Geology Walk & Talk (easy, uneven ground)

The New York State Park at Crown Point is known for the well-preserved ruins of forts that date from 18th century military engagements between the French and British struggling for control of Lake Champlain. The State Park also contains excellent rock exposures of much, much older chapters in the history of the Champlain Valley. This field trip will examine the

rocks of the ~450 million-year-old Chazy Group limestones exposed in and around the fort. We will examine the fossils and rock features that record their origin in the shallow, tropical marine sea that existed in this part of North America during the geologic time period termed the Ordovician. The field trip involves walking on uneven ground through the Park and is led by Prof. Charlotte Mehrtens, who has studied and published numerous scholarly works on the geologic history of the Champlain Valley region of New York and Vermont.

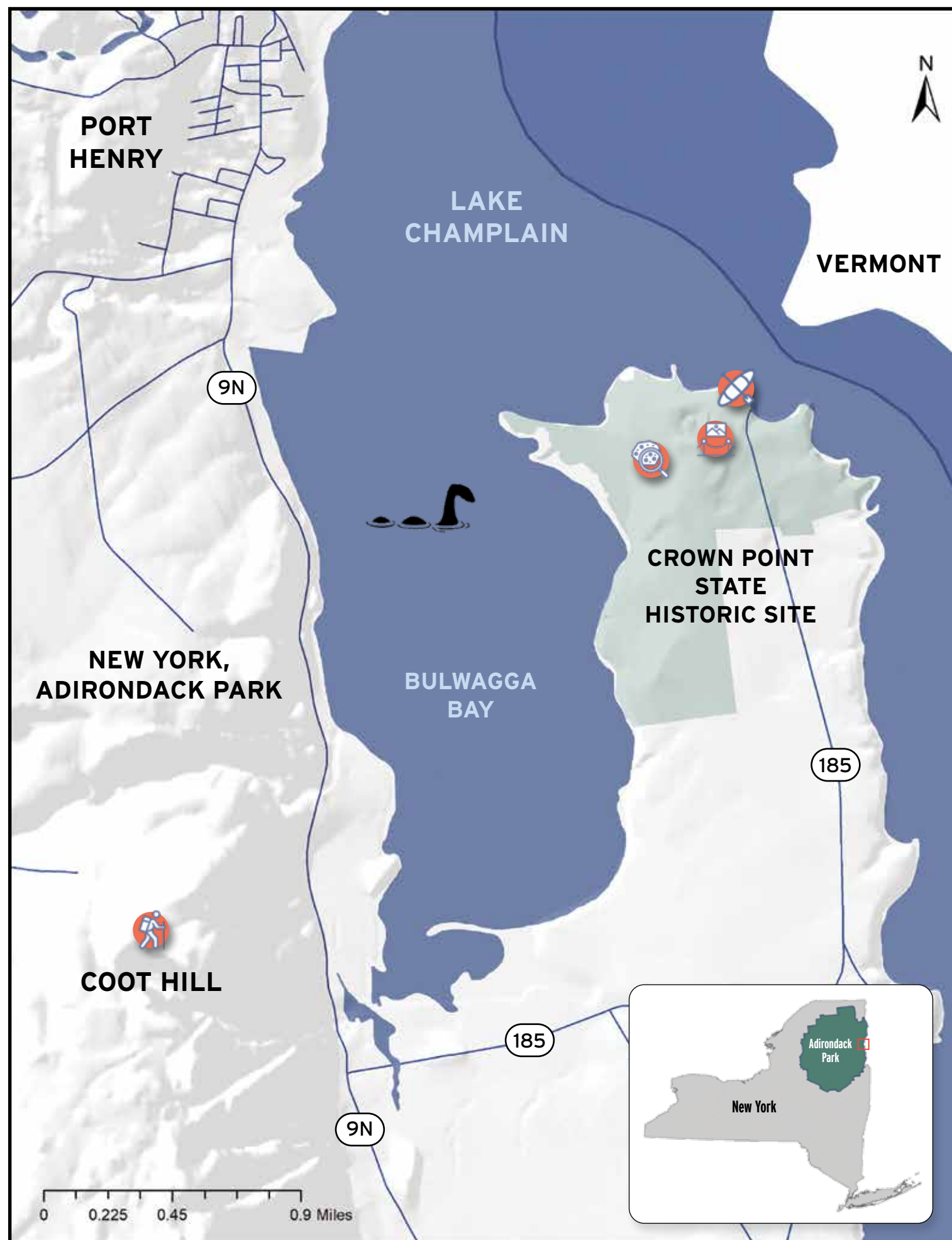


2:00 - 3:30 pm | Coot Hill Hike (moderate)

Coot Hill Trail leads to one of the best viewpoints in the Champlain Valley. It follows a seasonal road to an old cemetery where it then goes to the overlook where hikers can look south down the Champlain Valley toward Ticonderoga, east across Bulwagga Bay and the Champlain Bridge toward the Green Mountain of Vermont, and north to Split Rock Wild

Forest almost twenty miles away. Meanwhile, just to the south is "Big Hollow," a glacial carved canyon whose cliffs provide thermal updrafts used by hawks when they migrate north and turkey vultures flying for fun and looking out for food. The trail is two-miles round trip and is fairly easy except for a couple short and somewhat steep inclines.

Please register for the Forever Wild Day group outings by using the enclosed form or visit us online at AdirondackCouncil.org



You're Invited! 2023 MEMBERS' MEETING & FOREVER WILD DAY



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Dear Member,

The Adirondack Council is excited to invite you to join us on **Wednesday, July 12 from 12:00 - 1:15 pm virtually on Zoom for our Annual Members' Meeting**. During this time, you'll have the opportunity to learn about some of this year's major accomplishments through the Council's work, review finances, and vote on a slate of candidates for re-election to the Board of Directors.

We hope that you, along with your family and friends, will also be able to join board, staff and fellow members for our **in-person annual Forever Wild Day celebration at Crown Point State Historic Site on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**. There will be optional activities from 9:00 - 11:00 am and 2:00 - 3:30 pm, and we'll gather over lunch to highlight some of the amazing work being done on behalf of the Adirondacks by this year's Conservationist of the Year, the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus, and our Special Recognition Award Recipient, Champlain Area Trails (CATs) and its Executive Director, Chris Maron.

We invite you to join us for a slate of morning outings to learn about the history of the area, the natural lands along the Champlain coast, and to enjoy time with fellow members who are equally as passionate about the preservation of the Adirondack Park's clean water, clean air, ecological integrity and wild character. We hope you'll stick around after the lunch program to meet some of our staff and there will be an opportunity to explore a local CATs trail.

Thank you for supporting our work and the Adirondacks. We're looking forward to seeing you in July!

2023 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, & Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus

Over the past three years, the BPHA Caucus has made the Adirondacks a center piece of their "People's Budget" and legislative agenda. They have used their immense political power to support Wilderness, Green Jobs, the Survey of Climate Impacted Adirondack Lake Ecosystems (SCALE), Clean Air and Water, and the Timbuctoo Climate Careers Institute. Collectively, and as individuals, the BPHA Caucus has opened doors for organizations throughout the Adirondacks, including the Adirondack Foundation, Adirondack Experience, John Brown Lives!, Adirondack North Country Association, local government leaders, and others who have made progress on shared regional priorities. Through their work, the BPHA Caucus is creating a lasting impact in the region by fostering a more diverse, welcoming, and inclusive Adirondack Park.



BPHA Legislative Caucus

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Champlain Area Trails & Chris Maron, Executive Director

Maron's twenty-five-year career with The Nature Conservancy, first in Indiana and then with the Adirondack Chapter, led to him becoming one of the founders of Champlain Area Trails (CATS) in 2007 and its first executive director in 2009. Since then, thanks to the help of many volunteers, he and CATS have advanced the mission of making trails, protecting land, connecting people with nature, and promoting economic vitality by creating over 77 miles of trails, conserving 983 acres of land, and helping other land trusts protect over 2,000 additional acres of forests, farms, and wetlands. This work is especially important in NY's Champlain Valley because as the last part added to the Adirondack Park, there is little public land and until CATS began, few hiking trails. These actions, along with its organized hikes, events, and outdoor education activities, have provided economic and community benefits for Champlain Valley residents and visitors.



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VIRTUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Wednesday, July 12 | 12:00 - 1:15 pm via ZOOM

12:00 pm | Welcome and Staff Introductions

- Welcome & Introduction from Acting Executive Director Raul J. Aguirre

12:05 pm | Conservation Program Highlights

- Led by Jackie Bowen, Director of Conservation & Team

12:30 pm | Q&A with Acting Executive Director Raul J. Aguirre

12:50 pm | Members' Meeting

- Call to order & Opening Remarks
- Presentation of FY22-23 Financial Report
- Recognition of outgoing Board Members
- Presentation of Board Nominees & Election

1:00 pm | Conservationist of the Year Award Announcement



SCAN TO REGISTER
FOR MEMBERS' MEETING

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9:00 - 11:00 am | Registration/Welcome

9:00 - 11:00 am | Group Outings - Paddle, Walk/Talk, Museum Tour

12:00 pm | Welcome & Award Presentation

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Members' Meeting Recap
- Special Recognition Award to Champlain Area Trails and Chris Maron, Executive Director
- Conservationist of the Year Award to the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, & Asian Legislative Caucus

12:30 pm | Lunch Under the Tent (\$25/person)

1:00 pm | Q&A with Acting Executive Director Raul J. Aguirre

2:00 pm | Adjourn - Coot Hill Hike

Questions? Please contact Assistant Director of Development Nicholle Gotham at 518.873.2240 Ext. 103 or [ngotham@ad irondackcouncil.org](mailto:n Gotham@ad irondackcouncil.org)



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Nominated for Re-election

Please use the enclosed form to vote for the following Adirondack Council Board of Director nominees OR you may designate a proxy.



Mary Bijur spends her summers at a family home on Lower Saranac Lake, and is from New York City. In addition to a career owning and leading her interior design business in NYC, Mary has a long history of working with non-profits as a volunteer, employee and trustee. An alumnus of St. Lawrence University, she served on the University's Board of Trustees for many years with leadership positions related to fundraising, building projects, and executive search.

David Bronston is a lifelong advocate and activist on behalf of the Adirondacks, an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City. David is a lawyer, and focuses his practice on telecommunication infrastructure, with extensive experience in the intersection of telecommunications infrastructure with real estate.



Rush Holt and his wife, Margaret Lancefield, live on Silver Lake in the Clinton County, NY, and in Washington DC. As a Member of Congress representing New Jersey from 1999 to 2015, Rush was known as an advocate for scientific research, education, and protection of natural resources. After he stepped aside from Congress in 2015, he was CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science until his retirement in 2019. Before election to Congress Holt was Assistant Director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, a Department of Energy national laboratory at Princeton University. Previously he was on the faculty of Swarthmore College. Rush's legislative experience, scientific knowledge and critical thinking are great assets to the Board.

Eric Lawson has been an Adirondack Council Member for more than thirty years. He has a camp near Lincoln Pond in the Adirondacks and lives in Saratoga Springs, New York. A 35-year member of the National Academy of Arbitrators, he was trained as a mediator with NY State Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), where he later became PERB's first Chief Regional Mediator. He is an attorney, and more recently, has become involved with lobbying for environmental and social justice issues.



Jerry Page has spent as much time as he could at his family's seasonal home on Lower Saranac Lake since the early 80s. He lives in New York City and is retired from a 29-year career at the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority where he served as General Counsel and a strategic initiatives leader. He has experience with the workings of government in New York State and specialized in facilitating public-private partnerships and infrastructure financing.