

FLT Fall Weekend at Chautauqua



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A pond along the Chautauqua Rails to Trails

The historic Chautauqua Institution, sited on the south side of Chautauqua Lake and founded in 1874 as a training camp for Sunday school teachers, will be the location of the Fall Weekend 2014. The Foothills Trail Club and the FLTC will sponsor the event for hikers, bikers, and paddlers on September 19-21. Featured speakers will be Jonathan Schmitz from the Chautauqua Institution and Ed Kasperek from Search and Rescue on Friday and Saturday evenings respectively.

Chautauqua, long a home of the arts, lectures, plays, opera, and symphony concerts, has Victorian homes, many historic buildings, and art galleries. All are

contained on a walking campus surrounding Bellinger Hall where the event is centered. Though the summer season will have concluded, many hikes are scheduled for club members and guests. Bellinger Hall, a modern conference center, has single, double and triple rooms, shared baths and a large dining room. Hikes are arranged for the Chautauqua Rails to Trails, Eastside and Westside Overland Trails, and the Finger Lakes Trail and are from easy to moderately strenuous, led by experienced hikers. The Chautauqua County trails are new to many club members and travel through picturesque countryside, farmland and woods. Join us in discovery this fall.



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At the border between NY & PA in Allegany State Park on the FLT/NCT.



Bell Tower overlooking Chautauqua Lake.
Photo courtesy of Chautauqua Institution

Finger Lakes Trail Conference – 2014 Fall Weekend
September 19 - 21, 2014
Bellinger Hall at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY 14722
Hosted by the Foothills Trail Club

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 19

11 am	Registration opens
11:30 – 2:00 pm	Hikes depart, see schedule
1 – 6 pm	FLTC Store open
5 pm	Social hour – <i>you may bring alcoholic beverages</i>
6 – 7 pm	Buffet Dinner
7:30 pm	<u>Evening presentation</u> – Jonathan Schmitz of the Chautauqua Institution will speak about the history of the Institution and Chautauqua Lake

Saturday, September 20

7 – 8 am	Buffet Breakfast Pick up trail lunches
6 – 9:30 am	Hikes depart, see schedule
1 – 6 pm	FLTC Store open
5 pm	Forever Society Reception – <i>wine and cheese</i>
6 – 7 pm	Buffet Dinner and Awards
7:30 pm	<u>Evening Presentation</u> - Ed Kasparek speaking about “Search and Rescue”

Sunday, September 21

7 – 8 am	Buffet Breakfast Pick up trail lunches Check out and leave key card in room
7:40 - 9 am	Hikes depart, see schedule
9 am – 12 pm	FLTC Board of Managers Meeting

Directions - The Chautauqua Institution is located in the southwestern corner of New York State.

New York State Thruway (Interstate 90), take exit 60 (Westfield). Turn east onto NY-394/North Portage Street. Stay on NY-394 East through Mayville for approximately 12 miles. Turn left to enter the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution.

Southern Tier Expressway (Interstate 86) - If westbound, take exit 8. Turn right onto Route 394 West and continue for approximately 5.6 miles. Turn right to enter the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution.

Parking Upon arrival at the institution, proceed through the gate (no charge) and follow signs for Bellinger Hall. A small parking lot next to Bellinger Hall is available for drop off and pick up. Then move your vehicle to the North Parking Lot for the weekend.

There are no facilities for campers or motorhomes on the grounds. Go to Camp Chautauqua-www.campchautauqua.com

Questions? Contact Donna Flood at (716) 759-6442, dmflood@roadrunner.com

2014 Finger Lakes Trail Conference Fall Weekend Hike Schedule
Meet in the downstairs lounge at Bellinger Hall for hike departures
NO SNEAKERS

Friday September 19th

A1 – Conservation Trail, 5.8 miles. Moderate. Meet at 11:30 am, drive time to parking is 1 hr. 10 min.

The M1/C1 trail in Allegany State Park will be hiked over 3 days. The Friday hike is the section from France Brook Road A-5 to Bay State Road A-8 in Allegany State Park, where the climbs are gradual and the trail is only moderately strenuous. Cars will be spotted at Bay State Road and the hike will begin at France Brook Road. Hike leaders: Fred and Sandy Becker

A2 – Westside Overland Trail (Q to S), 4.7 miles. Moderate. Meet at 1:00 pm, drive time is 30 minutes

This trail, with scattered gentle inclines, goes through NYS reforestation area, private land, Panama State Forest and Broken Straw State Forest. There is a combination of conifers and hardwood and several small creeks with bridges. Leader: Shari Senefelder

A3 – Eastside Overland Trail (A to E & return), 4.5 miles. Moderate. Meet at 1:00 pm, drive time is 35 min.

At the start of this hike there is a steep incline. The hike passes through the woods, by a pond, a lean-to and a fresh water pump. Hike Leader: Jeanne Moog

A4 – Audubon Center and Sanctuary, 3 miles or more. Easy. Meet at 1:30 pm, drive time is 35 minutes.

Hike the trails with fabulous views of field, forest and pond on the grounds of the 27-acre sanctuary in Jamestown. Plan to stop at the Nature Center to see Liberty, the bald eagle. Hike leaders: Carol Kobrin and Carole Orsolits

A5 – Chautauqua Rails to Trails, 4.5 miles. Easy. Meet at 1:30 pm, drive time 20 minutes

Hike passes through wetlands where blue heron have been spotted, followed by a pleasant walk in the woods. Hike Leaders: Sigi and Horst Schwinge

A6 - Bike around Chautauqua Lake, approx. 43 miles. Moderate pace with some hills. Meet at 1:00 pm.

Cycle starts at the Chautauqua Institution. Stop at Long Point State Park, Bemus Point and several other interesting points along the way. This ride has great views of the lake. Helmets required. Bike leader: Annette Brzezicki

A7-Chautauqua Grounds. Easy. Meet at 2:00 pm.

Leisurely walk around the Institution grounds. Hike leader: Barb Morrissey.

Saturday September 20th

B1 - Conservation Trail, 21 miles. Difficult, fast pace. Meet at 6:00 am, drive 1 hr. 10 minutes

The M1/C1 trail through Allegany State park will be hiked in one day! Fast pace. Come hike all 21.4 miles of the Conservation Trail in Allegany State Park! We will meet at PA #346 (M1/CT1, Access 1 at sunrise (7:00 a.m.) and car pool to Bay State Road ASP2 (M1/CT1, Access 8). We will hike from north to south. We will leave Bellinger at 6:00 a.m. for a one hour drive to PA #346 and drive 20 minutes to the beginning of the hike. With 12 hours of daylight to accomplish our task, maintaining a hike speed of 2.5 mph, we will get back to our cars before dark. For those who wish to do a half hike make arrangements with hike leader, Mike. All hikers must be in shape and capable of elevation gains and losses of 400-600 feet a number of times over the 21 miles. Hike Leader: Mike Schlicht pageazi@yahoo.com

B2 - Conservation Trail, 7.1 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:00 am, drive is 1 hr. 10 minutes

The M1/C1 trail will be hiked over 3 days. The Saturday hike is the section from France Brook A-5 to Coon Run A-3 in Allegany State Park, where the climbs are gradual and the trail is only moderately strenuous. Cars will be spotted at Coon Run and the hike will begin at France Brook Road. Hike Leaders: Donna Flood and Lois Justice

B3 – Conservation Trail, 9.5 miles. Strenuous, fast pace. Meet at 8:00 am, drive time is 1 hour

This M2/C2 hike is from Access 3 to Access 6 which is from Sawmill Run Road to Route 353. Gradual 500 foot climb to Bucktooth Forest, full of red pine and hardwoods, then a gradual 600 foot descent to Route 353. Fast paced. Hike leader: Quinn Wright

B4 - Chautauqua Gorge Hike, approximately 8 miles. Strenuous. Meet at 8:00 am, drive 20 minutes

Highly recommend wearing old sneakers and socks for good traction and to help keep out stones. Sandals or water shoes are more troublesome. This gorge hike has a very steep descent to the water and a very steep climb back up. We will be creek walking most of the time and the rocks underneath will be very slippery. This hike passes Skinny Dip Falls which is 7' high. The mile surrounding Skinny Dip falls is a nudist area, so be prepared. We will pass First Falls/Dark Falls with a 30' fall, small cascades and some stunning views of the gorge. There are normally eagles all along the route. Hike is limited to 15 hikers. Hike Leaders: Annette Brzezicki and Claudia Lawlor

B5 – Eastside Overland Trail (I to O), 6.3 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:15 am, drive 50 minutes

The terrain is gently rolling and mostly forested through Boutwell Hill State Forest with many streams and brooks and with footbridges for easy crossing. Hike leaders: Carol Kobrin and Carole Orsolits

B6 – Westside Overland Trail (K to S), Hike 11.5 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:15 am, drive 20 minutes

This trail passes through state forestland with pine and spruce trees, brooks and creeks with bridges and a lean-to with a fresh water pump. This hike has scattered gentle inclines and several small sections of dirt road walk. Leader: John Burnham

B7 – Chautauqua Rails to Trails, 7 miles. Easy. Meet at 8:30 am, drive is 30 minutes

Stop briefly to see the view at Luensman Overview Park, and then drive a short distance to begin the hike. This hike offers a shady canopy of trees while gently climbing the Lake Erie Escarpment offering views of Lake Erie. Leaders: Roy Tocha and Jeanne Moog

B8 - The College Lodge in Brocton, NY, 4 miles. Moderate. Meet 8:30 am, drive 30 minutes

This beautiful property is owned by SUNY Fredonia and includes deep woods with a moderately hilly terrain, a nature preserve, wetlands and ponds. There is a bird watching and wildlife observation area. Hike Leader: Jennifer Schlick

B9 - Westside Overland Trail (K to Q), 6.7 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:30 am, drive 20 minutes

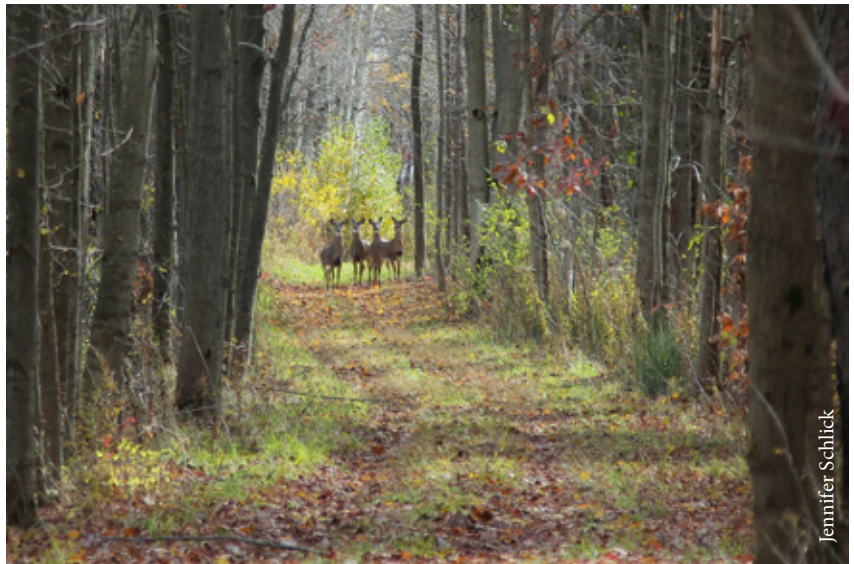
Hike has gentle scattered inclines through state forestland with pines and spruce trees, brooks and creeks with bridges for easy crossing and .7 miles of country road walk. There is a lean-to and a fresh water pump. Hike Leaders: Frank and Maria Pecenco

B10 - Westside Overland Trail (A to G), 7.6 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:45 am, drive time 20 minutes

Trail starts at the Chautauqua Gorge St Forest County ending at Mt. Pleasant State Forest. It is mostly wooded, crosses creeks with footbridges and includes about ½ mile of road walk. This hike has several steep inclines. Hike Leaders: Marty and Donna Ruszaj

B11 – Rails to Trails, 6 miles. Easy. Meet at 9:00 am, drive 10 minutes

Hike starts at the old train depot, now a museum, in the village
www.fingerlakestrail.org



Along the Chautauqua Rails to Trails.

of Mayville on Lake Chautauqua. We'll see the Chautauqua Belle steam boat before continuing on the wooded trail offering views of farmland. Turn around and hike back. Hike Leader: Myra Lucero

B12 - Portage Trail, 7.2 miles. Easy. Meet at 9:00 am, drive 15 minutes

This hike features a pleasant trail in the woods passing a pond. The portage was used by Native Americans to carry their canoes from Lake Erie to Lake Chautauqua. Turn around and hike back. Hike Leaders: Carolyn Celeste and Kathy Clerkin

B13 - Portage Trail, 4 miles. Easy. Meet at 9:00 am, drive 20 minutes

This hike is in the woods and passes a pond. This trail was used by Native Americans to carry their canoes from Lake Erie to Lake Chautauqua. Hike Leaders: Tara Welty and Bob Schmidt

B14 - Long Point Park Hike, 4 miles. Easy. Meet at 9:30 am, drive 20 minutes

Long Point State Park, located in Bemus Point, juts peninsula-like into Lake Chautauqua. Admission is \$7 per car. The Empire Pass is accepted. Hike the nature paths inside the park and along Long Point peninsula for beautiful views of Lake Chautauqua. Hike Leaders: Gayle Syty and Rick Piraino

B15- Paddle Outlet of Chautauqua Lake, Easy. Meet at 9:00 am.

The stretch of flat water is suitable for beginners and nature lovers. Leisurely paddle through undeveloped area, launch at McCrea Point Park and paddle toward lake. If conditions permit, explore shoreline and return to McCrea Point Park. PFD required. Round trip 2 ½ hours plus time to explore

lake shore. Rentals available at Evergreen Outfitters (716) 763-2266. Paddle leader: Bob Ensminger

Sunday September 21st

C1 - Chautauqua Institution Grounds, 2 miles. Easy. Meet at 7:40 am for one hour hike

Informative stroll around the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution and back in time to start another hike! Hike Leader: Sigi Schwinge

C2 - Conservation Trail, 8.6 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:00 am, drive is 1 hr. 10 minutes

The M1/C1 trail will be hiked over 3 days. The Sunday hike is the section from Coon Run to Route 346 Access 1 in Allegany State Park, where the climbs are gradual and the trail is only moderately strenuous. Cars will be spotted at Route 346 and the hike will begin at Coon Run. Hike Leader: TBA

C3 - Westside Overland Trail (C to G), 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at 8:45 am, drive 20 minutes

This trail offers ascents and descents in a woodsy setting, passing a pond and lean-tos. Leader: Charlie Stirling

C4 - Eastside Overland Trail (U to R to V to U), 4.2 miles with option: 7.2 miles. Moderate. Meet at 9:00 am, drive 40 minutes

The trail is at the southern end of the Eastside Overland Trail, passes through NYS forestland, and is wooded with moderately hilly terrain. No car spotting. Hike 4.2 miles with the option to complete another loop for a total of 7.2 miles. Hike Leader: Dee McCarthy

C5 - Chautauqua Rails to Trails, 4.7 miles. Easy. Meet at 9:00 am, drive time 15 minutes

This hike passes through wooded areas offering views of farmland, the Mayville lakefront, the Chautauqua Belle, and the old train depot. Hike leader: TBA

C6 - Luensman Overview Park, 1 mile. Easy. Meet at 9:00 am, drive 30 minutes.

This park is a 70-acre overlook on a glacial ridge. Enjoy the view of Lake Erie and on a clear day, you can see the Canadian shore. Hike the interpretive trail with easy grade approximately 1 mile long through the woods. Leaders: TBA

C7-Paddle Cassadaga Creek, Easy. Meet at 10:00, drive 30 minutes.

Easy paddle for all skill levels on a meandering stream with a chance to view wild life. PFD required. Paddle leader: Richard Schraven

Private Campgrounds

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| • Camp Prendergast – 6238 Davis Road, Mayville, NY | (716) 789-3485 | www.campprendergast.com |
| • Camp Chautauqua – Route 394 north of I-86 | (716) 789-3435 | www.campchautauqua.com |
| • Wildwood Acres – 5006 Brown Road, Bemus Point, NY | (716) 386-7037 | |

Other Activities for Hikers and Non-Hikers

- The Lucille Ball Desi Arnez Museum - 212 Pine Street, Jamestown, NY. (716) 484-0800. Memorabilia, replica studio sets, gift shop
- Roger Tory Peterson Institute - 311 Curtis Street, Jamestown, NY. (716) 665-2473. Nature art and photography exhibits. 27 acre wooded setting with trails.
- Audubon Nature Center - 1600 Riverside Road, Jamestown, NY. (716) 569-2345. Interactive exhibits, wildflower gardens and 5 miles of trails
- Grape Discover Center - 8305 West Main Rd., Westfield NY. (716) 326-2003. The story of the Concord grape.
- Our Lady of Lourdes RC church – two locations: Bemus Point and Mayville
41 Main Street in Bemus Point – Saturday Mass at 4 pm, Sunday at 8:15 and 9:45 am
24 E. Chautauqua in Mayville – Saturday Mass at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 11:15

FLTC Fall Weekend 2014 - Registration Form - hosted by Foothills Trail Club
September 19, 20 & 21 - Chautauqua, New York

Register one of two ways:

One person per form. Please PRINT.

1) Hardcopy -- mail form and check payable to "Foothills Trail Club" to FLT, 5010 Salt Road, Clarence, NY 14031

2) On-line -- register and pay at www.foothillstrailclub.org

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number : _____

Local Hiking Club/Affiliation : _____

FEES: Registration deadline is August 29, 2014. No refunds after 8/29/14.

Registration fee: FLTC/ FTC members - \$12 Non-members - \$20 Hike Leaders - \$0 \$_____

Rooms: Dormitory style rooms at Bellinger Hall at Chautauqua Institution. Cost is per person. No children, no pets.

Each room reservation includes 3 meals - dinner that night, and breakfast and box lunch the next day.

Includes Linens (sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, towel and washcloth). Check out is Sunday after breakfast.

Double room	Friday	\$ 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	\$ 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Triple room (11 available)	Friday	\$ 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	\$ 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Single room (3 available)	Friday	\$ 112	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	\$ 112	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____

If sharing a room, list roommate(s) _____

If no roommate listed, available roommate of same gender will be assigned.

Saturday night Dinner only (Absolutely no "walk-ins") \$ 20 \$_____

A la carte meals: Please circle your choice(s):

Friday			Dinner \$16
Saturday	Breakfast \$8.75	Box Lunch \$10.75	Dinner \$17
Sunday	Breakfast \$8.75	Box Lunch \$10.75	

Total enclosed. Make checks payable to: **Foothills Trail Club** \$_____

Meal Selections (Check selection for lunch)

Friday Dinner Buffet including Grilled Chicken Breast, Rosemary Pork Loin and Stuffed Shells

Saturday box lunch-choose Ham & Swiss ☐ Roast Beef & Provolone ☐ Vegetable with Hummus ☐

Saturday Dinner Buffet including Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Yankee Pot Roast and Vegetarian Lasagna

Saturday box lunch-choose Ham & Swiss ☐ Roast Beef & Provolone ☐ Vegetable with Hummus ☐

Hike Selections

Friday Saturday Sunday

First choice _____ _____ _____

Second choice _____ _____ _____

Please read and Sign the following:

Those persons enjoying the Finger Lakes Trail (FLT) and/or activities sponsored by the Finger Lakes TrailConference (FLTC) or any clubs conducting activities on behalf of, or in support of the FLTC, accept full personal responsibility for their own well being, or, for the well being of a minor when acting in the capacity of parent or guardian. Further, users of the FLT accept and understand that hiking is a rigorous activity often conducted in rugged outdoor conditions subject to variations in weather and terrain conditions which may involve the risk of injury or death, and that we are fully responsible for own safety and selecting activities that are consistent with our physical capabilities.

Signature_____ Print Name_____ Date _____