## 2018 Cross County Hike Series

62 Miles on the Finger Lakes Trail in Delaware County

Looking for a few great hikes? Thinking about hiking part or all of the Finger Lakes Trail? Looking to do some day hikes without worrying about transportation logistics? If this sounds interesting join us for the 2018 Cross County Hike Series.

Each year the FLT leads a series of hikes along the Finger Lakes Trail named after the county you are mainly hiking through. Each series continues where the previous series ended. In eight years all of the Main FLT is covered.

Hikers split into groups according to hiking pace. Each group has an experienced hike leader and a sweep. Hikers should be able to hike 10 miles over varied terrain, including up and down plenty of hills.

This year we will be hiking in Delaware County. Highlights include crossing over the East Branch of the Delaware River via a covered bridge, hiking through Bear Spring Wildlife Management area where you may spot a bear track, hiking along stretches of the old O&W railroad bed, including switchbacks and a scenic rock cut, enjoying beautiful views of the Cannonsville Reservoir, and a steep climb to a yet to be renovated fire tower.

The 2018 series consists of six hikes covering 62 miles hiking east to west on the FLT in Delaware County. All of FLT maps M29, M28, and M27 will be covered with a couple of miles on M26. We will end at the Delaware/Chenango County border.



Some people have utilized the county series to enable them to walk the whole main trail. #439 Carol Tota and 438 JL Freitag celebrate finishing their own end-to-end.

The hikes are the third Saturday of the month starting in April and ending in September. The dates are April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, and September 15th.

Registration fee covers transportation by bus that will shuttle hikers from their cars placed at the end point of each hike to the beginning of each hike. The series will end with a celebration picnic. Those who complete the hike series will receive a patch.

You can <u>Register On-Line</u> anytime and pay securely via PayPal using a PayPal account or a credit card.

## Registration must be received by April 7, 2018

If you have any questions, or wish to register after the deadline please contact hike coordinator, Donna Coon at <u>coledonnarn@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>



A challenging stream crossing deep in the Catskills during last year's county hike series.