



RE: COVID-19

June 10, 2020

Dear Fellow Hikers,

Due to the continued risks related to COVID-19, the 46ers have decided to cancel all scheduled Trailwork and Trailhead Steward activities for the 2020 season. Beginning in mid-May, New York State has been slowly moving through Phase 1 and into Phase 2 of reopening following a multitude of closures and restrictions due to COVID-19. Please be mindful that it is mud season in the High Peaks, and frequently check the DEC website for up-to-date Adirondack Backcountry hiking notices and recommendations: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9198.html>

As travel and facilities begin to reopen, we ask that any hiker who is feeling ill stay at home. If traveling to and hiking in the High Peaks during the 2020 season, please continue to abide by state and local restrictions. Carry a mask and wear it, even in the backcountry, when social distancing is not possible. Bring your own pen/pencil to sign the trail register along with a sufficient supply of hand sanitizer. Avoid congregating at trailheads, on summits, and along the trail. Please be prepared to wear your mask when talking with Assistant Forest Rangers, Forest Rangers, Caretakers, and Summit Stewards. Know your limits, and stick to trails and summits with which you are familiar. Becoming a 46er is not a race, but rather an experience and a journey.

Stay healthy and stay safe. The mountains will wait for you...

Sincerely,

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