

**2022 Hike Series | Five Notable Hikes on the North Country National Scenic Trail
in New York state**



The *Five Notable Hikes* of New York's portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail showcase some of the most expansive and interesting scenery in the state. And, with a hike series beginning in May, trail users can explore all five locations in a group setting with experienced North Country hike coordinators. All five of the notable hikes qualify for the NCTA Hike 100, and Little Rock City, Mitchellsville Gorge, and Tinker Falls also qualify for the FLTC 60.

Hikes are free and open to the public. For more information and details about any of the five hikes, please email nytc@northcountrytrail.org. **Registration is required and capacity is limited. Registration will be open 2 months prior to each hike on the Finger Lakes Trail Website** fingerlakestrail.org under Events (Group Hikes)

May 14, 2022 | Little Rock City

Hike Leader: Deb Nero | dn13@cornell.edu | 607.227.7057

Meeting time and place: 9:45 a.m., Little Rock City Road | 42.20833, -78.70833 GPS Coordinates

This 2.6-mile hike (5.2 miles round trip) features a journey through the giant, moss-covered boulders of Rock City and McCarthy Hill State Forests in the southwest corner of the state between Elicottville and Salamanca. The area is a geological wonder, with myriad pathways created for walking amongst the towering rocks.

June 11, 2022 | Mitchellsville Gorge

Hike leader: Deb Nero | dn13@cornell.edu | 607.227.7057

Meeting time and place: 9:45 a.m., Urbana town hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Rd., Bath, NY | 42.39071, -77.25911 GPS Coordinates

Just south of Hammondsport in Steuben County, this hike on private land features a walk past vineyard on the Keuka Lake inlet and passage through an Eastern Hemlock forest before encountering Mitchellsville Creek and the gorge. The round-trip hike is 4.8 miles and comes with a warning to avoid the now-unstable gorge rim.

July 9, 2022 | Tinker Falls Labrador Pond Overlook

Hike leader: Deb Nero | dn13@cornell.edu | 607.227.7057

Meeting time and place: 9:45 a.m., Shoulder of Shackham Rd. off Route 91 between Tully and Fabius | 42.76970, -76.01923 GPS Coordinates

This hike between Tully and Fabius on Route 91 begins with a sturdy climb to the place locals refer to as the “Hang Glider’s Leap” near the summit of Jones Hill, which offers an impressive view of Labrador Pond and the Labrador Unique area as well as most of the Tully valley. This is a hike with options, the most enterprising of which leads back down the hill to the top of Tinker Falls, a 50-foot waterfall with an overhang that can be passed under in spring, summer, and fall. The main loop is a 5.6-mile round trip.

August 13, 2022 | Stone Quarry Hill Art Park |

Hike Leader: Scott Sellers | 315.440.7076

Meeting time and place: 1:30 p.m., Secret Garden parking at Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, 3883 Stone Quarry Rd., Cazenovia.

This 5.0-mile round trip weaves through the unique setting of Stone Quarry Hill Art Park in Cazenovia and rewards hikers with scenic views of Cazenovia and Oneida Lakes. We will begin with a short loop to a viewpoint in the Art Park, then descend on the North Country Trail through scenic woodlands, crossing small streams, and a wetland before reaching the Chenango St. trailhead in Cazenovia. The return trip will follow the same route with an elevation gain of over 300 feet back to the Art Park. We’ll finish with another loop in the Art Park through some of the park’s unique outdoor sculptures.

September 10, 2022 | Puffer Pond

Hike leader: Mary Coffin | maryccoffin@gmail.com | H 315.687.3589, C 315.657.0229

Meeting time and place: 7:30 a.m. at the Canastota Thruway Exit 34 or 10 a.m. at the Old Farm Clearing parking lot | 43.70066, -74.1168 GPS Coordinates

The longest hike in the series, this 11-mile round trip is located in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness in the central Adirondacks near the hamlet of North River. Hikers should be prepared for minor re-routing due to industrious beavers and blowdown. The trail features two lean-tos for rest and snacks, and views of Chimney and Bullhead Mountains.