

WHAT IS THE CATSKILL 3500 CLUB?

The Catskill 3500 Club is an organization formed in 1962 to encourage the climbing of the Catskill Mountain peaks over 3500 feet. In doing this a person explores many attractive areas not seen by the average hiker.

WHAT ARE THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES?

The Club's outdoor program includes regularly scheduled day hikes, a weekend outing of winter climbing, maintenance of the Long Path over Table and Peekamoose Mountains, and litter patrol along the Club's Adopt-a-Highway two-mile section of Route 214. The Club is also active in conservation and environmental matters involving the Catskill Park.

The social event is the annual dinner in early spring. At this meeting new members receive their certificates, a program is presented and those interested in climbing and hiking have the opportunity to meet one another. Everyone is welcome at these club activities.

The Catskill 3500 Club is an organizational member of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES?

They are listed in The Catskill Canister, the Club's quarterly publication. You may subscribe by sending \$10.00 (\$17.00 for two people at the same address) to:

Catskill 3500 Club
C/o Cindy Kuhn
31 LaFlure Lane
Keeseville NY 12944

Visit our website at www.catskill-3500-club.org and subscribe to our discussion group at:

3500club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

To qualify you must climb the 35 Catskill Mountain peaks over 3500 feet. In addition you must complete the four designated winter ascents between December 21st and March 21st.

Use the separate Tally Sheet to keep track of your climbs. When you have made the 39 ascents, send your completed list with \$5.00 (if you are already an aspirant) or \$15.00 (if you are not an aspirant) to:

David S. White
28 Mulberry Street
Clinton, NY 13323

Make all checks payable to **Catskill 3500 Club**. The club patch and membership certificate will be sent to you by return mail. The club also awards a winter patch to those **members** who have climbed the 35 peaks between December 21st and March 21st. Send your completed list and the \$5.00 application fee to David White at the address above.

MAP AND TRAIL INFORMATION

U.S. Geological Survey Maps (Topographic)

The following quadrangles cover the Catskill high peaks area: Prattsville, Hendersonville, Freehold, Westkill, Lexington, Hunter, Kaaterskill, Shandaken, Phoenicia, Bearsville, Seager, Woodstock, Peekamoose Mountain, West Shokan. Write for an order form and index map of New York State to:

USGS Information Services
Box 25286 DFC
Denver, Co. 80225

Similar topographic maps are also available from the State of New York. For information write:

Map Information Unit
New York Department of Transportation
State Campus, Bldg. 4, Room 105
Albany, NY 12232

Few of the above maps show trails accurately but are excellent for bushwhacking. The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference publishes a five map set covering the Catskills with detailed trail information and other data of special interest to hikers. They are available in many stores or write:

NY-NJ Trail Conference
156 Ramapo Valley Rd.
Mahwah, NJ 07430
(201) 512-9348

The ADK's *Guide to Catskills Trails* by Carol and David White is a popular guide to hiking in the Catskills; the NY-NJTC maps are used with the books. The *Guide* is available in most bookstores or sports stores, or by contacting the Adirondack Mountain Club, 814 Goggins Rd., Lake George, NY 12845, tel. 800-395-8080.

HOW DO I REACH THE TRAILLESS PEAKS?

The three requirements for hiking to the trailless peaks are a good compass, good maps and most important of all, experience. If you are inexperienced, the way to gain knowledge of the Catskills is to go on the club's regularly scheduled hikes or team up with other experienced hikers.

If it is necessary for you to cross private land, be sure to ask permission of the landowner.

It is illegal to blaze or mark routes. Such actions destroy for others the wilderness character of the forest preserve. The club promotes Leave No Trace principles. All litter should be carried out.

CLIMBING THE CATSKILLS



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