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# SIXTH ANNUAL SPORTS & FITNESS SUMER EXPO

We're very excited to bring this year's sixth annual Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo to the Saratoga Springs City Center on Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17. With a huge selection of new and returning exhibitors plus sales, exciting demos, new seminars and family-friendly activities, it's going to be a fun, high-energy show – and we encourage all of our readers to attend!

The Summer Expo offers 100 exhibitors – including 25

New this year, mountain bike and unicycle trials and stunts will be performed throughout the weekend by Sam Perkins of Lake Placid and Taylor Wright-Sanson of Saratoga Springs. Both riders will be representing Whiteface Mountain Bike Park, who will have their season-opening Festival on June 16-19. See inside for schedule and more info.

The Raptor Fest booth will give attendees a chance to meet some of the owls, hawks and falcons native to the Washington



new vendors – with a selection of outdoor gear, services and expert advice. Retailers, organizations and professionals from outdoor recreation, healthy living and summer travel will be on hand, featuring everything from running, biking, kayaking, hiking, triathlon, health/fitness – plus, lots of clothing, gear, outdoor getaways, events and races.

There will be a nice mix of retailers and organizations selling and marketing their products and services, including Mountainman Outdoors, The Mountain Goat, Lake George Kayak, High Peaks Cyclery – see exhibitor list for details. And just about every outdoor sports and recreation club in the area will be represented, including Adirondack Mountain Club, Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, Mohawk-Hudson Cycling Club, Capital District Triathlon Club, Capital Bicycle Racing Club, Saratoga Triathlon Club and more!

On-water demos will take place all weekend in the 20by-32 foot pool – filled with 15,000 gallons of water! – featuring kayaking, canoeing, SUP and fly-fishing. The pool clinics will once again be led by the knowledgeable paddlers from Adirondack Mountain Club's Albany Chapter and regional experts. Climb Time and their 25-foot rock wall will challenge adults and children – and provide a unique view of the show! County grasslands. Educators from North Country Wild Care will be there both days to answer questions about their live birds of prey and wildlife rehabilitation.

A variety of seminars will be led by *Adirondack Sports & Fitness* magazine contributing writers and regional experts. Topics will include ChiRunning; bicycle fit; triathlon training; Northville-Placid Trail; local family-friendly adventures; what's new in paddling; and training for your first half, marathon ... or ultra! A new presenter is one-half of this month's athlete profile, Kevin Crossman of South Glens Falls, triathlete and coach, who will cover the fourth discipline of triathlon: transitions.

The Summer Expo takes place on Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17 at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Admission is \$5 and free for 18 and under. Hours are Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm.

For more information, please contact us at (518) 877-8788 or info@adksports.com, or go to AdkSports.com or facebook. com/AdirondackSports. See you there!

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### PADDLING

tand up paddling, or SUP, is the fastest growing sport on the water and is coming to Upstate New York and a lake near you. Certainly SUP surfing has gotten a lot of coverage, however wave riding is only part of the equation. While SUP has its roots in surf, boards and paddles have quickly evolved to the inland flatwater environment.

While the marketing photos are of young surfers, the growth of stand up paddling can be attributed to the discovery by so many diverse outdoor enthusiasts about how fun, easy and enjoyable it is to do. It's a great way to get out on the water and also a great lowimpact, full-body workout.

You don't need to be a movie star, pro athlete, kayaker or surfer to enjoy the fun that stand up paddling offers. You simply need a few basic tips, some water, a SUP, a paddle, and a thirst for fun. A SUP is essentially an oversized surfboard that is specifically designed for use on both flatwater and surf. The volume of the board makes it so that the rider is able to stand up and paddle with both mobility and stability.

SUP will make paddling on the lakes and rivers more exciting. With the help of a competent instructor, anyone can learn to paddle these boards within minutes. There is very little gear required for SUP: a board, a PFD, a safety whistle, and a paddle. Just toss the board on the water, climb on and go!

#### SUP IS A GREAT WORKOUT

Fitness is one of the biggest reasons why people are drawn to SUP. For the recreational paddler, looking to just enjoy some time on the water, but perhaps get some exercise as well, we see an immediate advantage The classic, relaxed low angle kayak stroke is effective for recreational kayaking but certainly does not use a lot of energy. With stand up you naturally use a higher angle stroke, making the support muscles in the arms and shoulders work harder to hold the paddle in position - and burn more calories

While standing, even the most basic SUP paddler is getting the added value of balance, strengthening the feet and core, while making the whole body work together as one to maintain good posture. As we strive for more efficient paddling, we move the paddle through the water with an emphasis on the core, while getting additional drive from the large muscles in the legs.

This activity is arguably one the best full body workouts. With the entire body working together, it is easier to generate a higher heart rate than while sitting. If you're looking to improve heart health, SUP is a great cardio workout, while being on the water. SUP TYPES AND SIZES

There are three basic types of flatwater SUPs. With the sport being in its infancy there are no universal categories or descriptors. We refer to them as recreational/touring, touring/fitness and fitness/racing. While these boards are designed primarily for flatwater use some have crossover potential in the surf as well.

Recreational/Touring-The most versatile and popular category. These boards are perfect for those paddlers who are interested in enjoy-

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A Guide to Stand Up Paddling



unmanageable for a lighter paddler to carry before you buy one.

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### SUP PADDLES

SUP paddles come in all shapes and sizes and it is important to get one that is either adjustable or sized to your specific height. The general rule is that the paddle should extend ten inches over the head of the paddler for flatwater, and eight inches over the head of the paddler for surfing. A wider paddle blade is better for flatwater and racing, while a narrower blade works hest in the surf

Much like kayak paddles, SUP paddles are built in a variety of materials and each has there own advantages. Your basic paddle will have an aluminum shaft and plastic blade. While this paddle is the least expensive it also tends to be the heaviest.

The middle class paddle typically has a composite shaft and a fiberglass blade. These paddles will be a little more expensive, but weigh considerably less. The upper tier of paddles will typically have a carbon shaft and blade, and may come with options for a bent shaft. They are typically the most expensive, but are also the lightest.

Just like kayak and canoe paddles the usual advice is to look for the lightest paddle that you can afford.

### GIVE SUP A TRY

Maybe you are not really ready for the SUP revolution, but you can now appreciate what SUP is all about. Remember if you are a kayaker or canoeist, it doesn't have to be one or the other. SUP is a great addition to your water sports activity. For the swimmer, runner, and biker, it's a great cross-training sport that's easy on the body.

Perhaps you are interested, what now? Identify your paddling goals for SUP and then talk to the experts. Your local shop can help factor in the right board, paddle, and gear to best suit you for the aspect of the sport you're most drawn to doing. To see a demo and learn more, there will be SUP pool sessions at the Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo (see page 14 for schedule).

Skip the marketing hype and don't get consumed with board sects, there is no substitute for demoing a board on the water. Take a lesson, rent a board, demo some different styles, and have a great time. 🔺

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These boards tend to be

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weigh 28 to 34 pounds.

These are the most stable

Touring/Fitness

For those who are look-

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weigh 21 to 25 pounds.

a SUP as a low impact workout, take a look

at these models. These boards tend to be

a little less stable, but more efficient. They

are typically 12 feet, six inches to 14 feet in

length, 28 to 29 inches wide, and weigh 25

Fitness/Racing - This category is for the

paddler who is serious about fitness or who

is looking for a fast ride. These boards offer

the most efficiency with the least amount of

stability. They tend to be 12 feet, six inches

to 14 feet in length, 27 to 28 inches wide, and

which length and width board is appropriate.

For instance the heavier the rider, the larger

the SUP should be. A 125-pound paddler can

easily handle a ten-foot SUP, while a 200-

pound paddler would need a 12-foot SUP.

The ten-foot SUP would sink with a heavier

Typically your weight will determine

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and paddle. It is strongly advised that you visit your local shop and test some boards out

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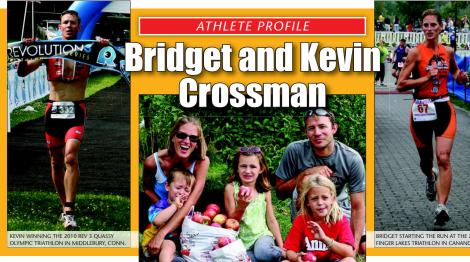
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### by Christine McKnight

Kevin Crossman still vividly recalls the first triathlon he ever completed, when he was ten years old. It was a 100-yard swim, threemile bike and one-mile run - and it was a humbling experience.

"I was devastated - I actually had to walk." Kevin laughs. That was 24 years ago. Since then, he has become both an elite amateur triathlete and a sought-after multisport coach. Kevin assists his wife, Bridget Fronhofer

Crossman, in organizing the Fronhofer Tool Triathlon each August at Lake Lauderdale County Park in Washington County, and they also run a new series of duathlons the first three Sundays in May at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury. Together, this high-energy couple is reshaping the face of triathlon in the region.

When it comes to coaching, Kevin Crossman places a premium on good communication. It's one of the prime reasons he tries to limit the number of athletes he coaches at one time to about ten. It may also help explain the exceptional success of most of his clients, and why there is a waiting list for his coaching services.

The more I get to know an athlete, the better I feel I am as a coach," he says. "And it makes me a better coach when my athletes challenge me with questions.'

Kevin has a full-time job as a physical education teacher and varsity swim coach at Glens Falls High School, as well as his own goals as a triathlete. More importantly, the Crossmans are the parents of three children ranging in age from seven to three years old.

In addition to her responsibilities as a race director and mother, Bridget is also a triathlete and completing work this spring on a second master's degree, in Library Science, at the University at Albany. It gets a little crazy sometimes in the Crossman household, but everyone seems to be having fun. Maybe it's because grandparents, aunts and uncles are always ready to step up

Kevin graduated from SUNY Cortland in 1998 as an All-American swimmer and unde feated in the SUNY Conference in the 200 individual medley. He worked as assistant head swim coach at the college, then coached for four years at Owego High School, where he guided the program from 0-11 to 11-0 records, and the state Class B championship. He earned his master's degree in physical education at Cortland in 2001.

Bridget's main sport in high school was field hockey. While she was recruited at Cortland, she decided at the last minute not to play. It wasn't long, however, before she joined the rugby team, becoming captain and an allstar, and then coaching the team while she was earning her master's degree. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Cortland in 2001, taught second grade at Newfield Central Schools, and completed her master's degree in literacy in 2003. They moved back to the Glens Falls area in 2004 to be closer to their families

Kevin's first triathlon client was his brotherin-law, Paul Fronhofer Jr., 32, of Argyle. Under Kevin's tutelage, Paul, was able to lower his time from 11:38 to 10:06 in five finishes at Ironman Lake Placid. "Kevin knows just how to push you. No matter who you are, he finds the secret formula that works for you personally - and he has fun doing it," Paul said.

Kevin earned his certification as a USA Triathlon Level I coach and formally opened his small coaching business (t3coaching.net) in 2005 with four triathletes. The client list grew to seven the next year and then to as many as 18, until he realized he needed to pare the number back to a more manageable dozen or so. He is also a Level III cycling coach.

Kevin's athletes get an individualized, highly specific training plan reflecting their competitive goals, age, and work and family responsibili-



APPLE PICKING WITH FINLEY, ELLA AND HAZEL

ties. He requires that they keep a journal of their daily progress using TrainingPeaks software.

The result -unusual in the world of triathlon coaching - is a two-way flow of communication between coach and athlete every day. Athletes upload data recorded from their workouts on their GPS-enabled heart-rate monitors. The constant exchange of information provides invaluable feedback that allows Kevin to make quick adjustments in response to incipient injuries, a workout that didn't go well, or unexpected happenings in the lives of his athletes.

"Everyone is different," says Kevin, who typically writes his training schedules in twoweek blocks. His athletes range from newbies to elites, and from teenagers to 60-somethings, and their goals vary from sprints to off-road events to the Ironman.

Erika Anderson, a 37-year-old production supervisor from Malta, said that Kevin gave her not only an excellent training plan, but also self-confidence. "That emotional support was so important," Erika said. She finished her first Ironman at Lake Placid last year in 14:15, "with a smile on my face."

Kevin's own accomplishments in triathlon are impressive. Racing for the first time in the "elite amateur" division, he finished fifth overall last June in the Philadelphia Triathlon, an Olympic distance race, even though the swim portion of the race was canceled. He placed 13th in 2009 in the Best of the U.S. National Championship in California, a talent-rich field of the best amateurs in the country. He has twice completed Ironman Lake Placid, finishing in 2006 in a personal-best of 10:32. He was the winner last year of the Rev 3 Quassy Olympic distance race and the Finger Lakes Triathlon. He was second overall at the Mini-Musselman in Geneva, earning a return trip to the Best of the U.S. tri, where he placed an impressive 28th

Ages: Family:	Bridget, 31; Kevin, 34 Daughters Ella, 7, Hazel, 6, and Son Finley, 3
<b>Residence</b> :	South Glens Falls
Occupations:	Bridget: Full-Time Mom, Director of Fronhofer Tool Triathlon. Kevin: Varsity Swim Coach and Physical Education Teacher, Glens Falls High School
Main Sport:	(Both) Triathlon
Other Sports:	Bridget: Softball, Field Hockey, Volleyball and Rugby. Kevin: Duathlon, Swimming and Water Polo

Bridget is standout runner and cyclist, with a marathon, three half-marathons and numer ous triathlons, road and bike races to her credit. She averaged over 20 miles an hour in the bike split for a second-place finish in a deep age-group field at the Mini-Musselman. Kevin's "summer job" is helping Bridget

direct the increasingly popular Fronhofer Tool Triathlon (fronhofertooltriathlon.com), staged from Lake Lauderdale County Park, near Cambridge, each August. Now in its fifth year, the race is expected to attract upwards of 300 Olympic-distance competitors. It raised \$15,000 in 2010 for two not-for-profit children's literacy organizations serving Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties, Books Offer Opportunities, Kids Succeed (B.O.O.K.S.), and Books in Kids' Hands. "Children's literacy is my passion," explained

Bridget, who founded B.O.O.K.S in 2006 to provide good literature to kids, especially those from low-income families. Her aunt, Karen Fronhofer, oversees Books in Kids' Hands.

The Fronhofer Tool Triathlon, offering challenging courses in hilly Washington County, has blossomed into a weekend-long festival of races, with a kids' triathlon Friday evening, Aug. 5, followed by the Olympic distance race Saturday morning and a sprint tri in the afternoon.

Launching a new race like this was a huge undertaking, and one of the biggest challenges was finding a sponsor. Bridget's father, Paul Fronhofer Sr., who founded the Fronhofer Tool Company in nearby Cossayuna in 1980, proudly stepped up to the plate and has never regretted it. The race is one of many local charities the company supports.

The Fronhofer Tool Triathlon also boasts a phalanx of more than two-dozen volunteers from both the Crossman and the Fronhofer families, including brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, mothers, fathers and grandparents. "I can't say enough about our families," said

Bridget. "They have been so supportive." To learn more about "Executing Phenomenal Transitions" attend Kevin's seminar at the Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo on Sunday, April 17.

Christine McKnight (trichris@nycap.rr.com) is a veteran triathlete and retired magazine editor who lives in Schuylerville. She is in her second season of training with Kevin Crossman.



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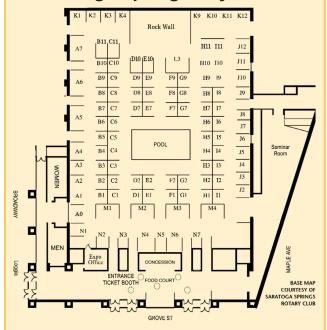
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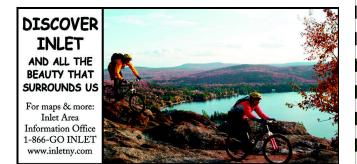




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### **SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

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10:30-11:00	Touring Kayak Capsize Recovery, Rescue & Rolling.
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11:15-11:45	Kayak Paddling Strokes & Boat Handling Techniques.
11.15-11.45	Pete Devitt, Adirondack Mountain Club – Albany Chapter.
12:00-12:30	Stand-Up Paddling: The Basics.
	John Flynn, Lake George Kayak Company.
12:30-12:45	Fly Fishing 101. Ted Berndt of Battenkill Guide Service & Adriano
	Manocchia, Enthusiast/Fine Artist.
12:45-1:15	Whitewater Kayaking 101 & Playboating Fun.
	Jason LaSelva, Sacandaga Outdoor Center.
1:30-2:45	<b>Kid's Kayaking "Try-It" Session.</b> Bring your kids for this fun on- water experience, led by experienced paddlers.
3:00-3:30	Touring Kayak Capsize Recovery, Rescue & Rolling.
	Celia Murray, Steve Burke, Pete Devitt & John Ozard, Adirondack
	Mountain Club – Albany Chapter.
3:45-4:15	Intro to Canoeing & Solo Canoeing.
	John Ozard, Adirondack Mountain Club – Albany Chapter.
4:15-4:30	<b>Fly Fishing 101.</b> <i>Ted Berndt of Battenkill Guide Service &amp; Adriano Manocchia, Enthusiast/Fine Artist.</i>
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### In the Expo Seminar Room

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

12-12:45pm BICYCLING: Proper Bike Fit & Positioning for Maximum Performance & comfort. Expert overview from a certified technician and ten-time Ironman Lake Placid finisher for novice to elite riders & triathletes. Brian Delaney, High Peaks Cyclery in Lake Placid.

HIKING: "End to End" - Adirondack Photographs by Bill 1-1:45pm Ingersoll. Featuring images from one of the Adirondacks' premier hiking routes, the Northville-Placid Trail. Bill recently hiked the NPT through the heart of the Adirondacks, and will be sharing photos and stories from this adventure. Bill Ingersoll of Barneveld, author of Discover the Adirondacks... guidebooks and Adirondack Sports & Fitness contributing writer.

- 2-2:45pm PADDLING: What's New in Paddling: Stand Up Paddleboards, Pedal Drives, Fishing Kayaks & More. This year more than ever, the paddle sports industry has varied offerings whether out for an hour or out for a day, from touring and exploring to fishing and fitness. This session is a guide to the "right boat for the job" - canoe, kayak, specialty and equipment selection. Bring your questions! Ike Wolgin, Lake George Kayak Company in Bolton Landing.
- HIKING & PADDLING: Short, Family-Friendly Walks, Paddles, 3-3:45 History Hikes & Adventures in the Capital, Saratoga & Lake George Region. Russell Dunn & Barbara Delaney of Albany, licensed guides and authors of Trails with Tales: History Hikes through the Capital Region; Adirondack Trails with Tales: History Hikes through the Adirondack Park, and more.
- 4-4:45pm TRIATHLON: Training for Success in Sprint, Olympic and Half Distance Triathlons. This session will cover technical insight on physically training and mentally preparing for each event. John will present tips, plans and will answer your questions. John Slyer, certified USAT triathlon and swimming coach, youth camp director at SKYHIGH Adventures, and five-time Ironman Lake Placid finisher. John Slyer, SKYHIGH Adventures.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

- RUNNING & WALKING: ChiRunning & ChiWalking. Does a simple 12-12:45pm walk tire you? Are you afraid to run because of past injuries? Want to get moving but don't know how? Attend this interactive seminar to learn how ChiWalking and ChiRunning techniques, based on the principles of Tai Chi, can help you run or walk with increased energy efficiency and fewer injuries. Discover how focusing on your posture and relaxing your limbs can give you a burst of energy, without that post-workout slump. Ann Margaret McKillop, My Fitness Recovery: ChiRunning & ChiWalking.
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- RUNNING: Tips on Preparing and Training for Running Your 2-2:45 First Half-Marathon, Marathon or Ultra Marathon. Jim will cover weekend long runs, speedwork and hill repeats, and training plans to help you to the finish line. *Jim Thomas of East Greenbush is the coach for HMRRC's Mohawk Hudson River Marathon & Half-*Marathon Training Program. He's the first person in Capital District to become a 50-stater from 1998 to 2003. Jim has completed 93 marathons including four JFK 50-Mile ultra marathons, and he's a prostate cancer survivor.



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### Mountain Biking Trials and Unicycling Stunts

A new, thrilling feature at this year's expo will be the mountain bike and unicycle trials and stunts that will be performed throughout the weekend by Sam Perkins of Lake Placid and Taylor Wright-Sanson of Saratoga Springs. Both riders will be representing the Whiteface Mountain Bike Park (downhillmike.com).

Sam, a professional trials rider, will be demonstrating the skills of bike trials on his Atomz bikes, which are specially designed for the sport of trials. Bike trials is a discipline of mountain biking in which the rider attempts to pass through an obstacle course without setting a foot on the ground. Sam will showcase some of his skill using various moves including gaps, hops, jumps and drops. Taylor, the one-wheel wiz, will demonstrate his amazing tricks and trials skills on a unicycle.

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sity diving team. Taylor is one of five known people to consistently land backflip off of his unicycle. Pictures and videos can be found on taylorwrightsanson.com.

Sam, 28, grew up in Lake Placid and has



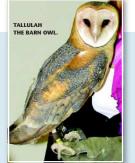


been riding trials in the Adirondacks for nearly 14 years. He has been an influence within the trials community throughout his riding career. In 2001 and 2002, Sam hosted the North American Trials Series, along with the Red

Bull event, Bike Move, in Lake Placid. Over the years, Sam has been on top of the podium at local and national level events, ranking as high as number two for his class in North America. Sam spends most of his time training and improving his skills on the bike, even though he no longer competes. He performs numerous demonstrations, clinics, and lessons to help promote the growth of trials and mountain biking. When off of the bike, Sam enjoys backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. For more info about Sam or the sport of trials, contact him on Facebook.

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Raptor Fest is sponsored by Friends of the Washington County Grasslands IBA and Washington County Tourism Association. Visit winterraptorfest.com to learn more about the birds, their habitat, and upcoming events and activities.



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Adirondack Foothills Guide Service -We're a guide service in the Adirondacks offering hiking, camping, canoeing, float trips, hunting and fishing. Saranac Lake • 518-359-8194 • adkfoothills.com

Adirondack Life - Adirondack Life is a regional, lifestyle magazine covering the Adirondack Park. Jay • 518-946-2191 • adirondacklife.com

Adirondack Lyme Disease Foundation -We are a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and quality health care for Lyme and associated tick-borne diseases. Saratoga Springs • 518-583-3890 adirondacklymediseasefoundation.com

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#### Adirondack Mountain Club - The

Adirondack Mountain Club is a nonprofit organization offering a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the year and actively protecting the Adirondacks and Catskills through advocacy, conservation and education. The fifth annual ididaride! Adirondack Bike Tour is Aug. 14. Lake George • 518-668-4447 • adk.org

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Bolton Landing Chamber of Commerce – Promoting Bolton Landing and the upcoming health and fitness event at the Sagamore - Girlfriends Getaway in Bolton Landing on May 13-15. Bolton Landing • 518-644-3831 • girlfriendsgetawaybolton.com

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Capital Bicycle Racing Club - CBRC's mission is to promote and develop the sport of bicycle racing in the Capital Region with members appearing at races throughout New York, New England and the mid-Atlantic states. Albany • 518-441-2319 • cbrc.cc

Capital District Triathlon Club - Our club promotes a healthy lifestyle, a 12-week train-ing series every summer at Crystal Lake, Averill Park, beginning June 7. The Crystal Lake Triathlon is on August 20. We have almost 300 members from beginners to racers. We welcome all skill levels. 518-279-1995 • cdtriclub.org

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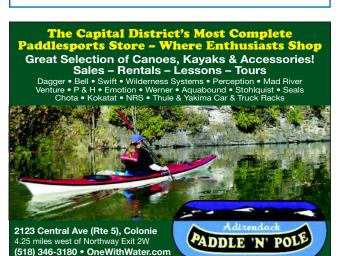
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Firecracker 4 Road Race/Streaks Running Club – The fifth annual Firecracker 4 is a 4 mile road race through the historic streets of Saratoga Springs on July 4th with entertainment of the course, bands, food and fun for all. Saratoga Springs • 518-316-4445 firecracker4.com

#### Freihofer's Run for Women/USATF -

Adirondack - We are the local association of the national governing body for track & field, long distance running and race walking, and the event managers of the Freihofer's Run for Women on June 4 in Albany. Troy • 518-273-5552 • usatfadir.org

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Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce – Promoting the four-season activities of the Gore Mountain region and the second annual Adirondack Adventure Fest on May 6-8. North Creek • 518-251-2612 gorechamber.com

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Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway - The Mohawk Towpath Byway is a series of roads that follow the historic route of the Erie Canal between Schenectady and Waterford/Cohoes. Ask us about recreational opportunities and upcoming events. Clifton Park • 518-371-7548 • mohawktowpath.org

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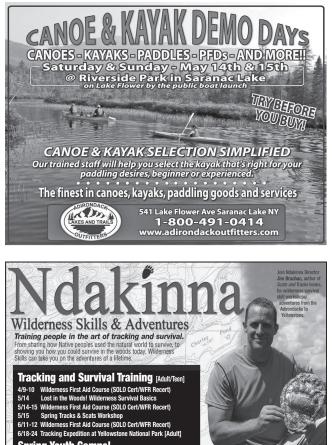
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Wild River Press – Discover the Adirondacks - Meet Bill Ingersoll, author of the popular "Discover the Adirondacks" guidebooks, yearround Adirondack Sports & Fitness contributing writer, and attend his seminar on the Northville-Placid Trail at the expo. Barneveld • 315-272-5699 • hiketheadirondacks.com

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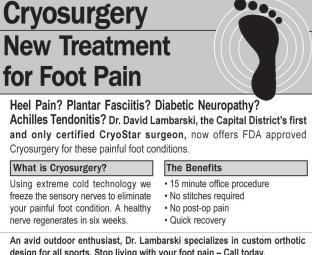
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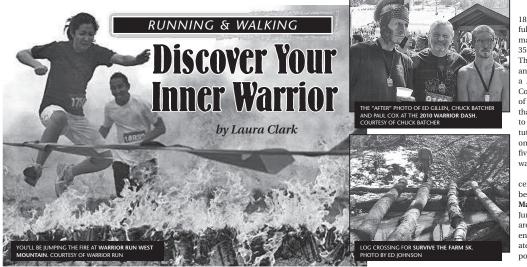


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s marathons have become common-Aplace and even ultras approach normalcy, relay races, with their complicated logistics and sleep deprivation, moved in to fill the novelty gap. Not so quietly, the latest trend, Warrior Dashes and Mud Runs, are challenging the obligatory summertime relay for bragging rights and everyman status.

While each battleground event has its own unique flair, all have certain elements in common. Even those that do not insert the word "warrior" feature obstacle courses reminiscent of basic training without the ammunition. Integral to all is MUD. Besides providing riveting photo ops, the basic manmade mud pit is truly evocative of the military experience.

In his landmark treatise, Mud: A Military History, C.E. Wood, a former Marine, contends that mud has played a major battle role from Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo to horrific World War I trench quagmires to Hitler's disastrous Russian invasion. The military has even categorized types of mud:

random, bottomless, soft, adhesive and churning, to name a few choice words. You will encounter all these and more in any truly worthy warrior experience.

So what's in it for you, besides a good reason for a cold military-style shower? Put simply, bragging rights attained through a manageable running experience. While the cost can rival that of a marathon, the shorter distance covered affords accessibility to those teetering on the edge of the couch.

Now it's time to start. Picture columns of camouflaged soldiers poised on the battlefield. The first wave is released, then the next, on into the afternoon hours. This is not a small intimate affair but a calculated campaign. So as not to get lost in the mêlée, many combatants choose to form teams, either official or a pickup band of brothers.

The Survive the Farm 5K Challenge (survivethefarm.com) on Saturday, May 28 in Easton takes this a step further by openly soliciting military teams with proceeds spot a proficient guy or gal with a soldierly demeanor, give a salute!

The backstory to this event is different from the usual diet of franchised mud runs. The farm is actually the third-generation Duelwood Farm. After Ed Johnson let the cows out and took a salaried job, he was at a loss as to what to do with his land. Capitalizing on his sons' military and fitness backgrounds, he decided, in popular corn maize fashion, to construct an obstacle course. Ed explains he envisioned "incorporating open fields, wooded trails and stream beds.

As the Rebel Race 5K and 15K (rebelrace.com) organizers claim on their website for the Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12 event, "Finishing the race is more about how mentally tough you are, more than how physically fit you are." The 5k and 15K races in Modena will feature military style obstacles with a lot of mud!

The Warrior Run West Mountain 5K (warriorrunwestmt.com) on Saturday, June 18 at West Mountain in Glens Falls, makes full use of typical ski slope terrain with snow machine manufactured winds approaching 35 miles-per-hour and a straight up sprint. The race also includes two helicopters, an extreme slide, 11 obstacles and fire. In a Post-Star interview, race director Steve Conklin emphasizes the everyman nature of his event, "There's going to be 30 people that are just diehard... and the rest are going to be doing the Macarena, skipping, wearing tutus." The following day there is a similar one-mile Family Father's Day Run for ages five and up. What better way to recruit future warriors?

A major component is a huge post-race celebration. Most feature barbecue and beer, but some like the Tawasentha Mud Mania (townofguilderland.org) on Saturday, June 18 at Tawasentha Park in Guilderland are alcohol free. This is a more family oriented event which also features an abbreviated kids' version as well as youth-oriented post-race activities.

Mary Whittredge of the Saratoga Stryders discovered her inner warrior at last year's Warrior Dash at Windham Mountain (warriordash.com), and states that while working on balance and upper body strength couldn't hurt, "...nothing was particularly challenging even without serious training. She feels, however that athletes must be prepared to embrace the mud. With the crowd cheering you on, "You don't really want to be the one gingerly walking through the mud pit trying to stay clean." If you're not aiming to win, she suggests you approach the event as a fun, no pressure way to challenge yourself. This year's dash is on Saturday-Sunday, August 13-14.

After your victory, make sure you photo document your grungy body with a full length shot, suitable for office framing, and proof of your warrior prowess. A

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### There are as many reasons as there are riders by Dave Kraus

To see familiar people. To meet new people. To get away from people. To challenge your friends. To challenge yourself. To escape the challenges of everyday life. To get excited. To get relaxed. To get to where "it" is happening. To get away from where "it" is happening.

Chances are if you want to get away you don't need a lot of help to do that. But do you want to find something – knowledge, companionship, a new route, experience? The Capital Region has several great resources for that, with a brand new one about to arrive.

The Mohawk-Hudson Cycling Club is the best resource for any area rider who wants to make the most of cycling in this area. After starting in 1969 as the Mohawk-Hudson Wheelmen with 40 riders, MHCC has grown to over 800 members, and hosted almost 450 different rides in 2010. With a variety of different paced rides from novice and casual to tour and "quick" training rides for racers – or just hose who enjoy the fitness challenge – the club definitely has something for everyone.

"Serota Skip" Holmes is entering his third year as MHCC club president and is quick to point out the wide range of benefits to club membership. There are a number of club meetings annually and a monthly newsletter, the *BikeAbout*, which contains articles from club members, a road and mountain bike schedule, and advertising from local supporting bike shops, where flashing a membership card will result in a club discount.

Skip said he is proud of the wide range of different rides and experienced ride leaders, including the "novice" rides series begun in 2009 and led by club veterans. "It's designed to draw some people into the club who may have been intimidated by faster rides," Skip said. "They go at a really casual pace and have somebody there to be a mentor."

All club rides are open to non-members to come out and give it a try, but for liability

purposes, riders then need to join the club. Helmets are an absolute requirement and all riders must sign a release. The MHCC Century Weekend is Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 10-11 at Saratoga Spa State Park, with rides from 25 to 100 miles.

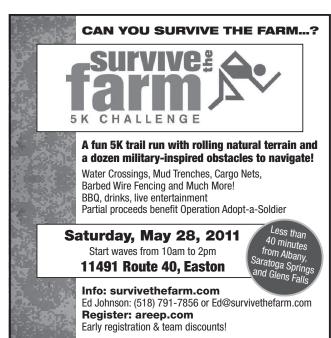
MHCC also has a comprehensive web site at webmhcc.org. Maintained by club web guru Frank Kelly, the site boasts a complete searchable ride calendar, news, member forums, photo galleries, and a cue sheet archive. Annual dues for MHCC are \$17, but Skip is quick to point out that it only takes a few purchases at local bike shops with the club discount to pay that back to members.

Another staple in the Capital Region is the annual **Tour de Cure** ride to benefit the American Diabetes Association. With over 1,600 riders last year and 2,000 expected this year, it's one of the best places to meet new people, challenge yourself with one of the longer routes, and raise money for a good cause all at the same time.

This year's ride is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, and is based out of Saratoga Springs High School. It will celebrate the event's 20th anniversary and an all-time high fundraising goal of \$1 million after raising \$800k last year.

Ride routes include distances of ten, 25, 50, 62.5 and 100 miles, as well as a three-hour spinning event at the high school. Support on the ride routes includes route marshals, sag vehicles, mechanical support, and fully stocked rest stops.

According to route planning committee member Brent Pierce, this year's offerings include a good mix of varying terrain with distances keyed to expected rider abilities. The ten-mile route stays mostly within Saratoga Spa State Park, flat and largely on bike trails. Other routes venture out onto area roads and the 62- and 100-mile odysseys head north to the Lake Luzerne area, southwest toward Ballston Spa, and include more rolling hills and climbing.



The registration fee is \$25 with a \$150 pledge minimum. Every rider gets a T-shirt on the day of the event and extra incentives are available.

If you have diabetes yourself and will be riding, you can also be a Red Rider. Designed to give those with diabetes a special recognition, these participants enjoy special recognition including a Red Rider jersey and T-shirt, and entrance to the VIP tent with food, beverages, and a massage therapist. To become a Red Rider contact team captain Larry Lowe at chefzo3354@yahoo.com.

More information on the Tour de Cure and instructions for registering can be found at diabetes.org/saratogaspringstourdecure.

The new kid on the block in area group rides, **Centurion Cycling**, will have an introduction this season and the main event in 2012.

It's a bigkid. Routes of varying lengths will be based out of Lake George, with options for racers and riders that combine a group ride for all abilities, a big city bike marathon, and the rural scenery of a European gran fondo ("big ride" in Italian) type event. There will be a hill climb challenge, a kids' ride, routes of 25, 50 and 100 miles, and an expo. All riders will have timing chips and full mechanical, sag, and medical support will be available, with portions of the longer rides on roads closed for the event. It's designed to offer something for everyone no matter what speed you ride at.

Centurion Cycling is the brainchild of Graham Fraser, who developed the Ironman triathlon series into a big name event. This latest venture brings the same large scale participation to a series of national locales, which started with Middleton, Wisconsin, and The Blue Mountains, Ontario in 2010, and now is coming to the village of Lake George on Friday-Sunday, June 22-24, 2012.

Centurion is having a preview ride on the Lake George 50-mile course on Sunday, June 26 of this year. Local retailers, bike club officers, ride leaders and avid riders, who would be interested in being ambassadors for the event, are encouraged to contact the organization at info@centurioncycling.com.

For riders looking for details on all the Centurion Cycling events, full descriptions are available at centurioncycling.com.

To learn more about MHCC and these cycling events, visit their booths at the *Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo* on April 16-17.

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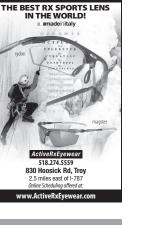
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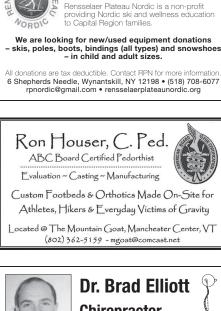


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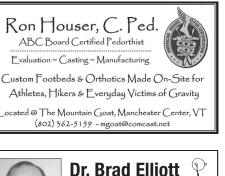
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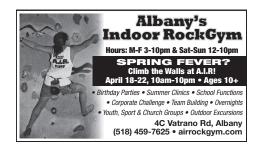
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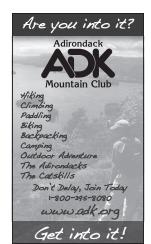
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fter a tough, icy winter running season that has tested the After a tough, icy winter running scason that the and endurance of many, runners in Columbia County and all over the Capital Region are enjoying the milder conditions in the early spring, and looking forward to the race that has become its highlight, Sean's Run in Chatham.

The 5K race will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this year on Sunday, May 1, but over the years the run has expanded into a two-day affair with multiple events. Saturday, April 30 starts with packet pickup and registration at the Chatham High School from 2-4pm, and Sea Jem's Super Saturday Run for Special Needs Kids at 3pm. The festivities begin on Sunday at 10am with a Prevention Education Expo, and include the World Championship Battle of the Seat Belts at 12noon, Meghan's Mile youth race at 12:30pm, and the 5K Run and Community Walk at 1pm.

A 5K race is usually a quick and lighthearted competition, with the relatively short distance giving the runners the opportunity to go "all out" and work on their speed. But, of course, Sean's Run is much more than this. It's a time to commemorate Sean French, the young man and talented runner, who lost his life on January 1, 2002 at the age of 17 as a passenger in a drunken driving car crash. Another passenger, 17-year-old Ian Moore, suffered paralyzing injuries. Neither was using seat belts. The driver, also 17, had been arrested for drunken driving 18 days prior to the fatal crash.

Sean was involved in cross-country and track and field events in the Chatham Central School District, and he is wellknown for running a mile in 4:18 as a sophomore in the Section II State Meet qualifying race in 2001, unusual for such a young runner, and that time is on everyone's race bib at Sean's Run.

In the midst of their grief, Sean's family, friends, and schoolmates found many opportunities for positive change. Sean's Law was enacted, requiring the immediate suspension of a license uponthe arrest of a 16- or 17-year-old on drunken driving charges. In its first nine years, Sean's Run has raised and given away \$138,050 to support youth programs and scholarships. Youth groups from around the region use Sean's Run grants to combat underage drinking and encourage teenagers to always wear seatbelts.

College scholarships have been awarded to 68 high school seniors. Among all the other races that populate the calendar, Sean's Run is a must. When the merits of various races are discussed, and runners decide which races they will compete in, "We have to do Sean's Run!" is a common statement. In addition to the strong messages behind the race, the run is very fun. The course includes two turnarounds that give participants the chance to see and cheer on other runners that are in front or behind them. a hill that can take your breath away, and extensive post race refreshments.

The race is ideal for a family with children that could use some education on the dangers of alcohol. Sean's Run is also an occasion for homecoming, with many of the participants that grew up in the area, but moved away in adulthood, choosing the Sean's Run weekend as the time to return. Last year, I was reunited with a high school friend, James Hogan, who now lives in Brooklyn. On New Years Day 2010 he decided to start running, with Sean's Run chosen for his first race. I have never seen James more joyful as he ran the race alongside some of his oldest and dearest friends.

Sean French's family running tradition continues. Many of Sean's family members run and walk in the race and serve on the board of directors. His cousin Matthew Forys of New York City, the Sean's Run course record holder with a time of 15:18, just qualified for the marathon Olympic trials in January 2012. Matthew did this by running a 1:04:56 at the NYC Half-Marathon in March.

So many of us have had our lives affected by alcohol abuse. But it is our decision to either despair, or learn and grow from hardship and tragedy. Sean's Run is a wonderful example of how one life ended much too quickly has touched and helped improve the lives of thousands.

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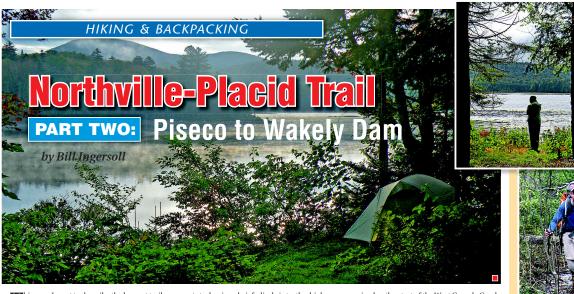
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his year, I want to describe the longest trail in the Adirondacks: the Northville-Placid Trail. This will be a five-part series that breaks this 120-mile hiking route into manageable sections. Last September, I completed the trail in 14 days with a friend and my dog Lexie. We considered this a somewhat relaxed pace that allowed us opportunities to enjoy some of the wild places we passed.

The Northville-Placid Trail (or NPT for short) is a wilderness footpath. Some of the more accessible portions are very clear and well maintained, but many of the remoter portions can be challenging. By all means, if you are new to hiking and backpacking you will want to gain experience on other trails first, but for anyone willing to accept these challenges the NPT offers an exceptional adventure through the heart of the Adirondack Park.

The second section of the trail, from Piseco to Wakely Dam, is one of my favorites. Welcome to the West Canada Lake Wilderness, a region of remote lakes and tangled forests. I recommend a minimum of three days to do this section justice, although on my throughhike we allotted nearly five days.

#### **GETTING THERE**

From NY Route 8 in Piseco, diagonally across from the Piseco School, turn onto Piseco Road (CR 24). Follow it for 2.2 miles past the airport and post office to Haskell Road, a right turn. This road dead-ends at 0.8-mile at the Cold Stream trailhead, with a public parking area located just before the bridge.

#### THE TRAIL

Beginning from the trailhead parking area, which is mile 25.0 of the NPT, follow the continuing unpaved road to the register station. The foot trail begins on the level, skirting the foot of the mountains before hooking left,

west, to begin a brief climb into the higher country. At 29.3 miles (4.3 from the trailhead) you reach Fall Stream. There is a proposal to build a lean-to here, but for the moment backpackers make do with tent areas on either side of the trail.

You have to step across the stream on rocks, which can be an issue in times of high water. The terrain becomes quite hilly - both up and down – as you continue toward the headwaters of the Jessup River, skirting several wetlands along the way. When you reach the river at 31.8 miles it is little bigger than a creek, but there is no bridge here either. Just across the creek, look for a tent site on the right.

Just 0.6-mile later, at 32.4 miles, you reach a junction with the trail from the Jessup River Road trailhead on the right. The next couple miles can be quite muddy, even in dry summers, as you follow the well-traveled trail to Spruce Lake. The first lean-to is located to the left of the trail at 34.3 miles. Spruce Lake #2 and #3 are located at the end of short spur trails at 35.0 and 35.2 miles, respectively. The first shelter does not face the lake. Lean-To #2 has great views but is in poor physical shape; Lean-To #3 has a low ceiling.

The next 4.2 miles are one of the remotest portions of the NPT, traveled almost exclusively by prospective end-to-enders. The terrain is hilly, frequently muddy, and very wild. At 37.7 miles you reach a log bridge over a scenic stream, with a cascade below to your left and an open wetland to your right. This is the outlet of Sampson Bog. You encounter several other streams, as well as a set of old corduroy on an inclined slope, before reaching the west end of the French Louie Trail at 39.3 miles. (A right turn here would lead to Sampson and Pillsbury lakes.) A moment later, the NPT arrives at a substantial bridge over the outlet of Mud Lake. This spot is recognized as the start of the West Canada Creek There is a good lean-to just ahead on top of a knoll at 39.4 miles.

You are now in the heart of the Wes Canadas! At 39.8 miles a side trail leads left to the prized South Lake Lean-To. This spot is highly scenic, but it can also be exposed to inclement weather. As the NPT approaches the shore of the lake, don't bother looking for dry ground - recent beaver activity has assured there won't be any. A long wooden bridge carries hikers across South Lake's outlet - with scenic results - but both ends are quite wet.

At 40.4 miles you reach the spur trail to West Lake Lean-To #1, which is also close to the water but exposed to headwinds. The NPT reaches a key junction at mile 40.5. Here you'll find a large clearing with a signpost and a register box. The trail turns right here and immediately leaves the lake, but if time permits you should definitely check out the remains of French Louie's half-finished fireplace at the far end of the meadow. A narrow path leads through the balsams to a good view of West Lake

Leaving the clearing, the NPT makes a winding detour around a large wetland, with a rock-hop crossing of West Lake's outlet. You pass close to Mud Lake, the shallowest of the West Canadas, at 41.3 miles. This lake's primary inlet, Mud Creek, presented a formidable obstacle when we passed through (mile 42.6). The bridge was washed out, so you may need to seek out a nearby beaver dam to get across without wading.

At 44.2 miles you reach the side trail that leads 0.4-mile to Cedar Lakes Lean-To #3, but vandals have ensured that the sign is almost always missing and that the trail to this attractive shelter is hard to spot. Just 0.2-mile later is the tent site located on a narrow bay, distinguished by the metal rim of a wagon



wheel encircling the fire ring. The next leanto comes at 46.3 miles, just before the bridge over Beaver Lake's outlet.

After passing the little-used trail to Lost Pond, you arrive at the Cedar Lakes Lean-To #1 at 47.1 miles, located in a clearing. After passing the foundations of an old ranger station, you pass the deteriorating dam and the trail to Pillsbury Mountain at 47.3 miles.

For the next several miles the trail is parallel to the Cedar River, although you will only occasionally see it. There are a few vexing hills early in this section, but after reaching a height-of-land on the shoulder of Lamphere Ridge the trail becomes quite pleasant for walking. At 52.3 miles a side trail leads right to the Carry Lean-To, a popular shelter on the Cedar River. The NPT becomes more road-like as it continues northward. There is a scenic tent site at mile 54.7 on the shore of the Cedar River Flow, and at 55.8 miles - 30.8 miles from Piseco - you reach a trailhead on the road through the Moose River Plains. Through-hikers follow this road right for 1.3 miles to Wakely Dam (mile 57.1), located on Cedar River Road, where next month I will oick up for part three of this series: Stephens Pond and Lake Durant.

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