The Adirondacks  Forever Wild

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Session 2
Review of Session 1

• The Adirondack Park is in what state? New York State

• The ADK is the largest park in the continental US.

• Todays ADK park landform is mainly due to glaciers.

• The word Adirondack means ???????, a derogatory Iroquois word for the Algonquins. Answer: Bark eater

• Rivers & Streams in the Adirondack park flow in all directions

• The Adirondack mountains were higher than the Himalayas

• What color is the Blue Line?
NEW YORK UNDER ICE
STAGE 1

Legend

Stage 1
The Ontarian lobe of the Laurentide ice-sheet has retreated from its extreme southern limit, and the melting has partially exposed the Adirondack highlands. The glacial lakes in the Cattaraugus and Genesee valleys flow south into the Allegheny and Susquehanna drainage.

There are 46 high peaks above ~4,000 feet in the ADK park.

Highest is Mt Marcy (Mohawk: Tewawe‘éstha) @ 5,343 feet.
Alpine Plants on High Peaks Summits in Jeopardy

You are entering an Arctic-Alpine Plant zone. The plants are rare, fragile, and very much endangered. Walking and sitting on them will kill them! Please walk only on the trail on solid rock surfaces.
New York State Adirondack Park Forest Preserve Lands 1892 and 2002

Legend
- 1892 Adirondack Park Blue Line
- 2002 Adirondack Park Blue Line
- 1892 Forest Preserve Lands
- 2002 Forest Preserve Lands

New York State Adirondack Park Agency Geographic Information Services, 2002

Adirondack Park Agency 1971
Intro video from PBS special “The Adirondacks”
Smithsonian Channel video on the Adirondacks
What is the name of the lake in this photo?

Lake Placid, NY
City of Lake Placid & Mirror Lake

Lake Placid

Whiteface Mountain

Atmospheric Sciences Research Center

Veterans Memorial Highway
Can you find Lake Placid?

What is Westport famous for?
Intro video from PBS special “The Adirondacks”
Video - Aerial Tour of the 6 million acre park
VisitAdirondacks.com
93% of land in ADKs today are forest
Two major human threats to the Adirondack forests

• 1800 – 1880
  – 1800 > Majority of land was “virgin forest”
  – 1880 > ~29% of land was “virgin forest”
    • “The Adirondack atlas” by Jerry Jenkins

• 1900 – 2000+
  – Acid Rain with mercury
Early Mining in ADKs

- **wollastonite**, mined near Harrisville

- **magnetite and hematite**, mined at the Benson Mines, Lyon Mountain, Mineville, Tawahus, and Witherbee.

- **graphite**, mined near Hague and Ticonderoga.

- **garnet**, mined at the Barton Mine, north of Gore Mountain.

- **anorthosite**, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake areas

- **Marble & zinc & titanium**

- What were the largest mining operations in the Adirondacks?
  - **IRON**: especially Civil War – Adirondack iron constituted 25% of union.

The iron used to build the USS Monitor was mined in Hammondville, separated in Ironville, processed in Crown Point & shipped by railroad along Lake Champlain.
McIntyre Iron Mine at Tahawus NY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
SEPT. 14, 1901, STOPPED AT AIDEN LAIR TO CHANGE HORSES IN NIGHT RIDE IN SURREY FROM MT. MARCY TO NORTH CREEK TO TAKE OATH OF PRESIDENT AT BUFFALO.

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 1966
Expanding public awareness of the Adirondacks (1800’s – 1900’s)

- Artist – Winslow Homer, Thomas Cole, Georgia O’Keeffe, Rockwell Kent

- Authors & Poets & Settings – Nancy Drew, Robert Frost, James F. Cooper, Seneca Ray Stoddard, William H. H. Murray, Theodore Dreiser

- Rich & Famous - Edward L. Trudeau, Teddy Roosevelt, Great Camps
Video clip from PBS special “The Adirondacks” Painting and photography
Employment – October 2017

- Government ($49,839) 43,828
- Health Care and Social Assistance ($46,626) 23,269
- Retail Trade ($26,255) 21,235
- Accommodation and Food Services ($18,009) 14,484
- Manufacturing ($53,968) 10,219
- Construction ($51,730) 5,474
- Other Services Excluding Public Admin ($23,722) 4,671
- Administrative and Waste Services ($28,565) 3,540
- Transportation and Warehousing ($37,405) 3,250
- Private Sector Educational Services ($45,906) 3,206
- Professional and Technical Services ($45,651) 2,750
- Wholesale Trade ($44,033) 2,744
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting ($35,194) 2,590
- Finance and Insurance ($50,335) 2,301
- Information ($40,360) 1,746
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation ($23,773) 1,624
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing ($28,643) 1,416
- Management of Companies & Enterprises ($56,143) 916
- Utilities ($93,062) 626
- Unclassified ($22,866) 490
- Mining ($54,198) 218

Source: New York State Department of Labor, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2016. Data for the North Country Region include Hamilton County and are preliminary and subject to revision.
Entrepreneurs in 1800’s

Paul Smith

William Durant

Transportation – from major cities, waterways & railroads
Video clip from PBS special “The Adirondacks” Entrepreneurs
Photography in the ADKs

- Nathan Farb
- Carl Heilman II
Video clip from PBS special “The Adirondacks” Photography
Museums – Large

- Adirondack Experience – Blue Mountain Lake
  - Formerly, The Adirondack Museum

- Adirondack History Museum – Elizabethtown

- The Wild Center – Tupper Lake
Adirondack Experience Museum
Blue Mountain Lake
Can you find Blue Mountain Lake?
YouTube Video promoting ADK Museum/Experience
Adirondack History Museum
Elizabethtown
Adirondack History Museum is at Adirondack History Museum.
July 28 • Elizabethtown, NY

Sharp Swan, President of the Board of Trustees, gave the welcome speech.
2018 EXHIBITS

Artists of War: Posters of WWI 1917-1918
Curated by Aaron Noble, New York State Archivist
This year in the Rosenberg Gallery will be an amazing display of original WWI posters by a variety of artists. These posters show many aspects of the war effort— including war bonds, food preservation, women’s aid, and enlistment.

Adirondack Suffragists: Women and the Great War
The Adirondack History Museum highlights women’s suffrage with an exhibit focusing on national, state, and regional dimensions of the women’s campaign. The exhibit will also explore women’s participation in the Great War. The exhibit has been recognized by Governor Cuomo as a valuable destination on the NYS Path Through History and visited by Senator Gillibrand and Senator Betty Little.

Over There: Local Boys Go to War
This exhibit explores WWI’s effect on the Adirondacks and the people of the region. Local stories and experiences will be the focus of the display.

Hiking in the Adirondack High Peaks
This new interactive permanent exhibit will explore High Peak’s hiking history dating back to the mid-19th Century. The exhibit will highlight the work of the Adirondack Forty-Sixers, the Adirondack Mountain Club, the Summit Stewards, hiking pioneers, old time guides, and other historic and contemporary figures.

CALENDAR

OVER THERE: THE US INVOLVEMENT IN WWI
July 12, 7PM
ANDY BUCHANAN
An overview of WWI and America’s involvement.

THE 46ERS
July 20, 7PM
FILM SHOWING
Director and producer Blake Cornight will introduce and speak about his new documentary film about the men and women who hike all of the 46 High Peaks.

WWI AND SOCIAL CHANGE
July 26, 7PM
Dr. Gerald Zahavi
Hiking in the High Peaks Region of the Adirondacks

The High Peaks consist of 46 mountain peaks originally believed to comprise all of the peaks higher than 4,000 feet (1,219 m).
The Wild Center
Tupper Lake
Wild Center promotional video
The Wild Walk
The wild walk.
Wild Walk promotional video

Deep in the

ADIRONDACK FOREST
Planetcast – The Wild Center (YouTube)
Video clips from Planetcast – The Wild Center (YouTube)
A few other notable Museums – not historic sites

North Star Underground Railroad Museum

The home of the North Star Underground Railroad Museum, the Town of Chesterfield Heritage Center and the offices of the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association.
Explore the Underground Railroad Sites of the Adirondacks with a Mini-Bus Tour sponsored by the North Star Underground Railroad Museum at Ausable Chasm.
The Six Nations Indian Museum provides for the viewing of 3000-plus artifacts with an emphasis on the culture of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy (Haundenosaunee). The Six Nations are: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora. The museum features story telling lectures; gift shop carries Mohawk baskets, beadwork, books, t-shirts, silver jewelry, and acrylic paintings that reflects Six Nations culture.

The museum (family owned-Mohawk of Akwesasne) is located in the Northeastern Adirondack Mountains.
The Alice T. Miner Museum
A colonial revival museum in Chazy, New York

Welcome to the Alice

Since 1924, the Alice T. Miner Museum has been a home for education and community in New York's North Country.
Historic Sites

• Fort Ticonderoga

• Crown Point – Fort

• Fort William Henry – Lake George

• John Brown’s Farm – North Elba

• *Almanzo Wilder's* Historic Homestead - Malone
Where is our ADK Home?

Essex County

Railroad