

TearUp The ADK Campers Guide 2023

Campground Info:

Congratulations on choosing to share with us the greatest campground in New York! (well we think so!) You will be sure to enjoy your ultra luxury waterfront campsites, on the shores of some of the most pristine waterways of the Adirondacks. Our main group's camp sites this year include sites in the 170-300 area. There may be some additional sites at either end filled by last minute signups.

Cabin style flush bathrooms are located across from sites 176, 186, 204, 223, 243, 260, 276 and 298. There are electrical outlets in the bathroom.

Convenient water spigots are located at sites 176, 178, 181, 186, 192, 198, 203, 208, 214, 219, 226, 230, 237, 243, 249, 255, 261, 266, 270, 275, 279, 282, 286, 293.

The shower building is located just up the road, on the left, on the way to Rollins Pond. This road is located at Fish Creek site 136. It is about a 5 minute drive from the area where we are camping. Showers are now FREE.

Please remember that quiet hour is 10pm. This is one of the main rules enforced by the campground staff. Also remember the speed limit around the park is 15mph. Remember this is a state campground and we wish to be welcomed back in future years.

Events:

Thursday Night Campfire (7pm-9:30pm) - Site 235

Kate and I will be hosting a campfire on our site (235) on Thursday (anytime after 7pm) to welcome all the campers. This is a great time to meet others before the group gets bigger by Friday. Please be respectful of the 10pm quiet hour! All campers should be back to their own campsites before this time.

Friday Night Beer Tasting and Pizza (5:30pm-8:00pm) - Site 235

Come one, come all whether you drink beer or not! It's mostly a social event. For those who would like to participate in the beer tasting, we ask that you bring a few of your favorite beers (or wine even) to share with others. We will be ordering pizza's from Phil's (The Trading Post) for the evening. To ensure that we order the correct number of pizza's we will be selling tickets ahead of time. Tickets are \$1.50 per slice. Each large pizza will be cut into 16 slices. Choices are pepperoni, all dressed (3 toppings) and vegetarian. This event will be run from 5:30pm to 8pm. We ask that everyone leave by 8pm to respect park policies and other campers in the campground.

Saturday Morning Paddle (10am to approx 2pm)

Destination this year to be determined. EITHER the popular Rollins -> Floodwood -> Fish Creek loop or Follensby Clear Pond to Blueberry Island and back. Budget approx 3 to 4 hours.

Depending on the number of paddlers, we may have to split into 2 groups.

PLEASE NOTE! This event is weather dependant although the weather is looking ok. Possibly a bit of light rain. Best to check in with Dave/Kate your hosts on site 235 to let them know you are planning on joining the paddling group and/or to verify if the planned paddle is a go, has been cancelled or has been replaced with an alternative time or route. We should have a good idea by the Friday evening Beer Tasting how the weather is looking for the paddle and will make an announcement there.

Rain Date: Sunday morning same time

Canoe/Kayak Rental:

Canoes and Kayaks can be rented at the Rollins Pond boat launch. It's \$30 a day for a single kayak, \$55 for 2 days and \$80 for 3 days. If we do the Rollins Loop and you need assistance returning your kayak just let us know and we can shuttle you up to drop it off!

Canoes and Kayaks can be rented from Upper Saranac Lake Marina (previously Hickoks) which is located just across the road from the main Gate on Route 30. Call 815-891-0480.

2022 Rates: \$35/day (8 hours) plus tax for either kayaks or canoes. See <http://www.uppersaranacmarina.com/> and click on 'Paddlesport Rentals'.

The Rollins Pond to Fish Creek paddle for reference (we did this one in 2022):



Saturday Night Wine and Cheese/Steal-a-Gift Evening (5:00pm sharp - 9:30pm - Site 235)

This is our trademark main event, and not to be missed! The event starts at **5:00pm sharp**. BYO wine (or beer) and small cheese plate or munchies to share, along with a chair for your comfort. We should have some canopies up in case of rain. Best to bring an umbrella if rain is in the forecast! Please be careful in transporting any glass items to and from the wine and cheese! During the wine and cheese we will be taking a **Group Photo** about 6:00-6:30pm while the light is still good so **be sure to stick around then**. If you have your old TearUp shirts be sure to wear them for the photo. After the photo we will start our popular **Steal-a-Gift** game. NOTE! Please take your empty wine bottles, extra food and dishes back to your camp afterwards which will be a great help (same idea of hiking take in - take out). Garbage bags will be on site. After the Steal-a-Gift we have our informal campfire so stick around!

STEAL A GIFT GAME - This will be held after Saturday's Wine and Cheese:
Here are the rules:

Each campsite who wishes to participate must bring a wrapped gift identified with a removable tag showing your **campsite #**. This number is your ticket to play and will be drawn to call your turn to pick. Your name is not required but we need your campsite number to play. Once the tag is removed the gift is anonymous. Please remember 1 gift per campsite.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR CAMPSITE NUMBER TAG TO YOUR GIFT. (1 gift per campsite)

To play bring your tagged wrapped gift to the Wine and Cheese gathering and give directly to Kathy who will check to be sure you included your campsite # tag.

Gifts should be less than \$10; or regift from something around your house (optional camping theme!); or even better something hand made! **Please wrap the gift and tie the tag (marked with your campsite number) on so it can be removed.**

3. The wrapped items will be placed on a tarp/table for everyone to see and picking turns will be drawn. Kate will remove the campsite tag from your gift and put it in the bowl. When your campsite number is drawn it's your turn to pick or steal! Gifts will be opened at a table where hopefully all can see what they may be able to steal later!

RULES

1. The first campsite number is drawn. This first turn is unique. The first person chooses a gift and must hold onto it. They cannot open it. This gift is not opened until the end of the game. It can be stolen but whoever steals it cannot open it. The last person holding it will be the one to open it.

2. The second number drawn can either choose a wrapped gift from the pile or steal the wrapped gift from player #1. Again, this is the mystery gift so cannot be opened. If the person chooses a gift from the pile they must open it and return to their seat.

3. The next number drawn can choose the mystery gift (unopened), a gift from the pile to open, or they can steal an opened gift. The person whose item is stolen will then open one from the pile.

NOTE IMPORTANT: To keep the game moving there is only one steal allowed. If your item is stolen then you must go to the wrapped pile and open another gift. You cannot steal from anyone with an open gift.

However, you CAN steal the mystery gift, again you cannot open it. That person then goes to the unopened pile to choose a gift to open.

This goes on until all gifts in the pile are in play. Once all the gifts are opened then the person who is holding the mystery gift opens the mystery gift.

BUT, the game is not over! In order for all players to feel they still have a chance to steal that item they really want we always put the campsite numbers into a new bowl. A number is chosen and the last steal goes to that campsite!

Sunday Night Campfire (7pm - 9:30pm - Site 235)

Gather together for our final night wind down campfire. With several musicians in the group this is usually a great evening to relax around the fire and sing along to the music! Bring your guitar, ukulele, harmonica or other musical instrument or just your voice!

TearUp Pennants!

In past years we did TearUp, T-shirts, mugs or pennants. This year we will have pennants available.

Pennants:

Pennants can be purchased from Kate on site 235 for \$6.00 each. We ordered lots of pennants a few years ago so there are still a few dozen available.



Suggested Area Attractions:

The Wild Center in Tupper Lake – a natural history museum of the Adirondacks. Located in Tupper Lake, 15 minutes south of Fish Creek on Route 30. See <http://www.wildcenter.org/>

The Paul Smiths Visitor Center – an environmental education and traveller orientation center. Also features scenic walking trails that showcase the natural beauty of the Adirondacks. Located just north of the Paul Smiths College, 25 minutes north of Fish Creek on Route 30. See <http://www.adirondackvic.org/>

Cranberry Lake Waterfall Tour, on Route 3, Cranberry Lake.

Nifty Thrifty's (Thrift shop) in Tupper Lake

Washboard / donut shop in Tupper Lake

Adirondack Store & Gallery in Tupper Lake

Lake Placid Area

Shop Main Street in Lake Placid, 45 minutes east of Fish Creek. Take Route 30 south, east on Route 3 to Saranac Lake, east on Route 86 to Lake Placid.

Visit the **High Falls Gorge**, on Route 86 between Lake Placid and Wilmington.

Ride the Bobsled at the Olympic Sports Complex at Mount Van Hovenberg on Route 73 east of Lake Placid.

Visit the **Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum** on Main Street, Lake Placid.

Take the **Lake Placid Boat Tour** and cruise the pristine waters in an enclosed turn of the century craft. The hour long narrated tour travels 16 miles on Lake Placid with phenomenal views of the lakes, surrounding mountains and the many great camps that dot the shoreline. The boat tour is a reasonably priced as well (call 518-523-9704 for current schedule).

Coming Up via Old Forge? Be sure to visit the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake on your way to, or from Fish Creek. See <http://www.adkmuseum.org/>. The museum is located an hour south of the campground on highway 28N.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BLUE TEARUP SIGN IF YOU RECEIVED ONE LAST YEAR! Hang it out on your campsite post to let others know you are part of our group. We have a few extras from last year to hand out (free of charge) on a first come, first serve bases.

TearUp Map 2023 (Same as 2019)



Area Map

Distances

Tupper Lake – 11 miles, 15 minutes south

Paul Smiths – 16 miles, 25 minutes north

Saranac Lake – 20 miles, 25 minutes east

Lake Placid – 30 miles, 40 minutes east

Long Lake – 33 miles, 45 minutes south

Blue Mountain Lake – 43 miles, 60 minutes south

