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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) success with large-scale land conservation depends upon the generosity and passion of people who love Lake George and want it to remain clean and beautiful for generations to come.

This year the LGLC will protect several of the largest privately owned parcels of land south of The Narrows. I find it difficult to capture in words how important these natural lands are to the future of Lake George.

These land protection projects build upon a powerful history of land conservation at Lake George, extending large areas of interconnected preserves and wild forest that will forever work to protect the lake we all love.

Pilot Knob Mountain is part of the iconic mountain range on the lake's east side that forms the scenic backdrop that we all love. The mature forests of this property protect surface waters that flow through streams emptying into Kattskill Bay.

Our active projects in Bolton are essential to protecting the water quality of Indian Brook and Northwest Bay. These lands protect undeveloped ridgelines, with their timeless character outlining just what makes Lake George so beautiful.

We need your help to complete these projects, permanently protecting more than 1,200 acres of land at a cost of \$9 million.

I am proud to report that we have secured over \$6 million in grants. This triples the impact of our donors, providing \$2 of grant funding for every \$1 donated for these amazing projects. Combined with other donations and commitments to date, we have now raised a total of \$7.3 million towards our \$9 million goal.

Please join our 2025 Land Campaign and help make it possible for us to protect land at a pace that secures the future of Lake George.

Thank you!

Michael Horn
Executive Director

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Above: Spring in The Narrows, by Chris Reynen.



The LGLC has launched its largest fundraising campaign to date, raising \$9 million to protect more than 1,200 acres of land that protects Lake George.

The 2025 Land Campaign includes the protection of Pilot Knob Mountain in Fort Ann, and more than 700 acres in Bolton.

Pilot Knob Mountain

The LGLC is under contract to purchase 517 acres of Pilot Knob Mountain at the end of July, including its 2,159-foot summit, and 1.6 miles of streams.

The land is close to the LGLC's Schumann Preserve at Pilot Knob, and sits just south of Buck Mountain, sharing more than 1.6 miles of its border with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Wild Forest.

Because of its proximity to NYS DEC's protected lands, this part of Pilot Knob is often mistakenly believed to be already protected; in fact, it is one of the largest privately-owned properties in the south basin and is zoned for development of up to 60 buildings.

By purchasing this land, the LGLC will safeguard the integrity of the land for water quality protection, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, and future recreational opportunities.

Bolton Conservation

The Campaign also includes multiple conservation projects in the Town of Bolton that total more than 700 acres in the Indian Brook and Northwest Bay area.

Once protected, these properties will provide critical protection of 1.2 miles of streams and more than 26 acres of wetlands and ponds.

The LGLC purchased one of the properties, named Sundew Pond, on April 22. This 207-acre parcel has a large wetland and pond that supports a healthy, diverse plant ecosystem, including carnivorous sundew and pitcher plants. Several of the other Bolton projects are under contract.

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Above: Pilot Knob summit (peak at far left) and mountainside that will be protected as part of the LGLC's Land Campaign. Photo by Carl Heilman, II/Wild Visions, Inc.



1,200+ acres of forested land, including the 517-acre Pilot Knob Mountain, and 772 acres in Bolton.



Nearly **3 miles of streams** and more than **26 acres of wetlands**, critical to protecting water quality.



The **scenic integrity** of Pilot Knob Mountain, as well as the undeveloped ridgeline in Bolton.

100% of funds raised for the 2025 Land Campaign will be used for land protection, and will have an immediate and permanent impact on the quality of Lake George.

Donate and Learn More at LGLC.org/2025Campaign

The LGLC's 2025 Land Campaign will permanently protect lands that are critical to safeguarding Lake George's water quality, scenic beauty, and healthy ecosystems for the people and wildlife that depend on it.

Water Quality Benefits

The majority of the water in Lake George comes directly off the land in the watershed through streams. Over 141 streams flow into Lake George, making up 55% of the water that enters the lake. By protecting land that contains significant streams and their vegetated buffers, we can allow that land to continue doing what it does best—naturally filter and control the quantity and quality of the millions of gallons of water that flow into Lake George.

Wetlands are also critical to protecting water quality. They provide a natural filtration system, slowing stormwater and runoff, and absorbing potentially damaging pollutants before the water reaches the lake.

Connectivity and Habitat

The 1,200+ acres identified in the 2025 Land Campaign expand existing protected lands, owned either by the LGLC or New York State, to further enhance opportunities for wildlife and human recreation.

Contiguous blocks of land are essential for “wildlife corridors,” or pathways for animals, particularly larger mammals such as bears, moose, bobcats and fishers. These corridors allow animals to travel the long distances required to survive without being exposed to dangers and obstructions such as roads and development.

Land connectivity is also important for whole ecosystem health and vitality, allowing forests, streams, and other

freshwater resources to interact uninterrupted for maximum water quality benefits.

A robust and diverse wildlife population is an important part of an overall healthy ecosystem as well. Intact forests, wetlands, and stream corridors provide critical habitat for a variety of animals, from large mammals like black bear, to the tiny red spotted eft.

Scenic Beauty

Pilot Knob Mountain sits directly in the line of sight from Bolton Landing and Diamond Point on the western shore, and more closely, Long Island, Cleverdale, Assembly Point, Rockhurst, and anywhere by boat in the south basin. The Bolton conservation properties protect the scenic ridgeline

along Northwest Bay and are visible from local roadways and from the lake.

These lands are the backdrop of countless photos and special moments at Lake George. The lake's beauty persists because of conservation efforts that have kept those mountains green and water clear.

Fundraising Now, Forever Results

The LGLC's 2025 Land Campaign is the largest fundraising effort in LGLC history. As of May 20, \$7.3 million has been secured in donations, pledges, and grants, which will provide \$2 for every \$1 donated. The remaining \$1.7 million is needed by the end of summer to complete all of the Campaign's projects.

Please join us in this exciting effort to protect some of the largest natural lands in the watershed!

LEARN MORE: Live Zoom Presentation, June 11 @ 7 PM

Join LGLC Executive Director Mike Horn for a live, online presentation about the 2025 Land Campaign, specific projects, and progress to date, Wednesday, June 11 at 7 PM. Use this QR code to register, or go to [LGLC.org/2025Campaign/register](https://lglc.org/2025Campaign/register).



JOIN THE CAMPAIGN: To donate to the 2025 Land Campaign, and to learn more online, visit [LGLC.org/2025Campaign](https://lglc.org/2025Campaign).



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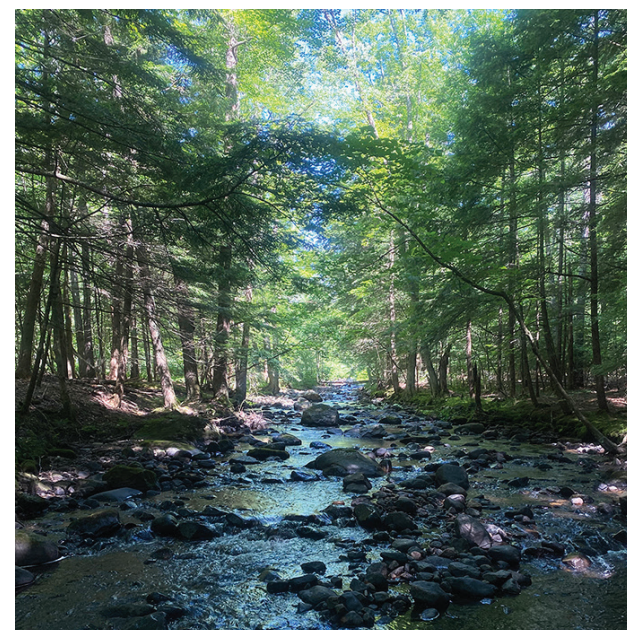
Lake George Club Benefit Dinner: June 17, 6 PM

You are invited to join us at the Lake George Club in Diamond Point for a very special dinner, featuring Cakebread Cellars wine and culinary pairings by Executive Chef Desmond Smith.

Open to the public. Tickets: \$300 per person (includes tax and tip). Proceeds will benefit the LGLC's 2025 Land Campaign.

Reservations required; space is limited.

Call (518) 668-5734 and select Main Office to make your reservation, or email reservations@thelakegeorgeclub.com.



Right to left: the Pilot Knob ridgeline as seen from the Lake George Club; Magnolia Warbler, one of many bird species that depend on diverse, forested ecosystems for survival (photo by William Adamczak); one of many streams flowing through the Bolton properties to be protected; a vibrant, healthy pond in the uplands of Bolton; the carnivorous sundew plant (*Drosera rotundifolia*) lives in bog habitats like that found at the Sundew Pond property in Bolton recently protected by the LGLC.

American Woodcock

Found right here in our neck of the woods of New York, the American woodcock is a unique bird with a plump body, short legs, and a long straight bill used for eating earthworms and other invertebrates found in the soil.



American woodcock, by Gary Chapin.

Slightly smaller than a rock pigeon, the American woodcock can be found in forests, forest edges, old fields, and wet meadows. In spring, males attract a mate at dusk with its repeated nasally call ("PEENT!") and an intriguing air display. This bird gives a big surprise when you accidentally startle it out of its perfectly camouflaged ground nest.

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, recent declines in population may be related to natural forest succession combined with habitat loss due to development. Because they forage on the forest floor, woodcocks can accumulate pesticides in their bodies from aerial spraying against forest insect pests, and their heavy diet of earthworms makes them vulnerable to poisoning by lead and other heavy metals. Preserving large areas of shrubland and young forest will be necessary to prevent further population declines.

Completed Projects

Since the last edition of *viewshed*, the LGLC has brought several exciting conservation projects across the finish line. These successful efforts highlight our commitment to protecting a wide range of landscapes and the essential role of community partnerships that make them possible. From wetland bogs to freshwater ponds, here's a look at what is now protected, forever:

Anthony's Nose-Sucker Brook Connection

The Sucker Brook-Anthony's Nose Connection project was completed in November, 2024, with the last of three transactions that protected a total of 93 acres of land and 1,780 feet of Sucker Brook.

The final purchase was completed in partnership with the Glenburnie community, which came together as a conservation buyer, securing the 86-acre property for permanent protection by the LGLC. Their cooperation and support of this project follows more than 25 years of conservation efforts in this Sucker Brook/Glenburnie region by the LGLC. In total, the LGLC has permanently protected 1,700 contiguous acres in this area through 16 transactions, starting with Flat Rock in 1998.

By filling a gap between the Sucker Brook Preserve to the south, and Anthony's Nose Preserve to the north, this project adds to the network of forests, wetlands, and other habitats that are critical to supporting a diverse wildlife population. Wide-ranging species like bobcat and moose rely on this region of Lake George as a safe corridor between the Adirondacks and Vermont's Green Mountains.

With these transactions we have also expanded the size of both preserves and helped to secure future recreational opportunities. Together, they offer more than 7 miles of trails for the public to enjoy the amazing ecology, wildlife, and beauty of this magical place.

Homer Point Wetlands

The LGLC purchased the 45-acre Homer Point Wetlands parcel in December 2024. The property is nearly 90% wetlands, including emergent wetland that shares 2,500 feet of shoreline with Lake George. Wetlands protect water quality by naturally filtering pollutants, sediments, and excess nutrients before they can enter the lake.

These wetlands include several ecosystem types, including a black spruce-tamarack bog that is uncommon in the area. The conservation of this rare ecosystem provides critical habitat to a wide variety of animals for shelter, food, and breeding. Our stewardship staff have seen evidence of deer, black bear, bobcat, coyote, and other small mammals on the property.

The LGLC purchased the land in a bargain sale from the Gillies family, who wished to see the sensitive land permanently protected, and through funding from a New York State Water Quality Implementation Project grant.

Camp Wakpominee Conservation Easement

The LGLC has permanently protected 993 acres of forested land in Fort Ann with a conservation easement (CE). The property includes 94 acres of freshwater ponds and wetlands, including Sly Pond and most of The Three Ponds.

Located on Sly Pond Road, the property is part of Camp Wakpominee, owned by the Twin Rivers Council. The CE shares more than 1 mile of its boundary with NYS DEC protected land to the north and to the southwest. The LGLC's Schumann Preserve at Pilot Knob lies 1/4-mile west of the newly protected land.

This addition of nearly 1,000 protected acres expands the large, connected wild lands of Lake George's south basin, increasing natural benefits such as wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water, recreation, and scenic beauty.

The CE allows the LGLC to monitor the forest for invasive species, including hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), which has been found throughout the Lake George watershed.

Camp Wakpominee has existed on this property since 1931, and Twin Rivers Council will continue their ownership and operation of the property as a camp. By protecting its forested land with a conservation easement, the Council is ensuring the land will forever be available for outdoor recreation and exploration, continuing to instill a love of nature in future generations.

The conservation easement was made possible through collaboration with The Nature Conservancy.

Forest Friends Mile

A wonderful collaboration between neighbors in Hague has resulted in the permanent protection of a 27-acre property that stretches 1 mile along NYS Route 9N, from Forest Bay to the south end of Friends Point.

Dubbed the Forest Friends Mile, the land provides a healthy forested buffer between the road and adjoining timber land, protecting water quality and the scenic beauty of the area. The property also connects to a 288-acre property protected by a conservation easement held by the LGLC, extending the benefits of interconnected areas of natural habitat.



One of Camp Wakpominee's ponds, now permanently protected by the LGLC through a conservation easement.

This protection project was completed thanks to generous members of the Forest Bay and Friends Point communities who responded to a matching donation offered by a neighbor. We thank all those who were involved for their foresight and commitment to protecting the forested character of the community for future generations.

Its proximity to Route 9N and lack of parking prevents this land from offering public recreation or hunting opportunities.

Sundew Pond

On April 22, the LGLC purchased the 207-acre Sundew Pond property in Bolton, one of the featured projects in the 2025 Land Campaign. This property includes a large 18-acre wetland and more than 3,500 feet of streams that flow directly into Lake George's Northwest Bay.

Previously approved for extensive development, disruption of this sensitive property could have had significant negative impacts on its streams and downstream water quality.

In addition to water quality benefits, Sundew Pond offers a variety of natural habitats that support a diverse population of animals and plants, including the carnivorous sundew plant for which the property is named. A prominent forested ridgeline runs through the property at an elevation of 600-700 feet, adding to the scenic beauty visible from Northwest Bay as well as scenic roadways in North Bolton.

This project will be supported in part by a New York State Water Quality Implementation Project grant.

Teresa M. and George E. Lawrence Memorial Gazebo

On April 7, LGLC staff and volunteers joined the crew from Tahawus Trails to demolish the failing 35-year-old gazebo at the Schumann Preserve at Pilot Knob and clear the way for the construction of the new, Teresa M. and George E. Lawrence Memorial Gazebo.

Since the LGLC purchased the preserve in 2000, the gazebo has been a place of respite for hikers, and a place of family reunions, engagements, and of remembrance.

The rebuilt structure will bear a plaque honoring the memory of George and Teresa Lawrence, who instilled a love of Lake George in their children and grandchildren that continues to this day. The family's leadership gifts towards the gazebo's reconstruction were instrumental in its completion.

It has been exciting to see the gazebo's progress throughout April and May, from setting up the foundation, to framing, and roofing. Once the gazebo is finished, the crew will also work on the trail leading up to the structure, to improve sustainability and user experience.

Our thanks to Tahawus Trails for all of their great work on this project. We invite you to visit the Schumann Preserve and enjoy the new gazebo!

In Gratitude

Our thanks to everyone who participated in our events and fundraising efforts to make this project possible, particularly the Lawrence family, The Makowski Trust, Boats by George, Steve and Dee Haraden, Anne and George Morris, CDPHP, the Adirondack Pub and Brewery, and many others.

We also extend a hearty thanks to those who helped with the gazebo's demolition, especially Jason Halliday of Advance Rental and Supply, for donating use of equipment and for hauling out two loads of wood and trash from the demolition.



Photo by Cathy Painter



Building Resilience Through LGLC Trails

By Belinda Spinner, RN, co-founder of the Darn Tough GFH Hiking Group

When COVID-19 weakened our community in countless ways, three frontline nurses at Glens Falls Hospital found solace in each other and their shared love for the Adirondack forest. They established the Darn Tough GFH hiking group. Our thanks to Belinda for sharing their story, and to all of those who support the Darn Tough team. Photos provided.

Our first hike together took place in January 2021 under a full moon. As the massive moon rose over Black Mountain against a perfectly clear sky, we quickly realized the opportunity to help coworkers find solitude and restorative energy in the mountains and trails right in our backyard.

Since then, our group has climbed monthly, establishing a "Year of Climbs" challenge that is posted throughout the hospital each January. We also maintain a picture board in the hospital to promote healthy lifestyles.

Now in our fourth year, we recognize how truly grateful we are for the LGLC trails. To date, we have completed 69 hikes together, with 16 more planned for this year. Many of these annual hikes take place on the LGLC's trail systems.

Every January, we begin the year with a hike up Bradley's Lookout. With headlamps lighting our way and coffee at the summit, we celebrate the start of another year together, enjoying the beauty of Lake George.

Our annual midsummer full moon climb to The Pinnacle is another favorite. After a shared dinner, snacks, and—of course—a bubbling coffee pot, we wait for the moon to rise over the eastern mountain range.

One of our most unique hikes is a yoga session on Stewart's Ledge, well-traveled herd path off the Buck Mountain trailhead. We spend the first hour practicing gentle yoga on the rocky ridge, or simply relaxing in hammocks. We take in the beauty around us before descending. Last year, we were treated to a magical firefly display nearly the entire way down.

Our Gratitude

The LGLC has built an incredible system of trails that provide health and rejuvenation for our community. The GFH Darn Tough hiking team is forever grateful for your efforts and dedication. Your work has given frontline workers a much-needed outlet to heal and just breathe.



PEOPLE OF THE LAND | James Caldwell

By Jeff Brozyna, LGLC Advisory Board

Prior to the 20th century, no person had a greater impact on Lake George, its land, water, and economy, than James Caldwell. An energetic entrepreneur in the prime of life, he arrived at the lake in 1785 in search of business opportunities. However, by his death in 1829, he had established a Lake George family tradition based on much more than economic profit. The legacy of James Caldwell and his descendants benefits the land and communities around Lake George, even to our present day.

James Caldwell was born in 1747 in County Donegal, Ireland, to Scots-Irish parents. He and his older brother Joseph arrived in Philadelphia in the late 1760s seeking economic opportunities. James was an intelligent, innovative, and hardworking young man who felt at ease meeting new people and exploring new ideas.

According to historian Tricia Barbagallo, the brothers met merchant Francis Wade who frequently purchased goods for Sir William Johnson. Wade taught James the merchant business and the strategic importance of Albany as an inland port. By 1772 the brothers had relocated to Albany.

The brothers developed strong relationships with local English and Dutch merchants. During the Revolution, they prospered as suppliers to the Continental Army. By the late 1780s, James built the largest tobacco mill in the country in Albany. The mill's ingenious equipment and manufacturing processes allowed James to produce high-end tobacco and agricultural products. This success fueled his post-



Looking south towards Caldwell from just north of Tea Island. Caldwell, Lake George / Kelloggs & Thayer, 144 Fulton St., N.Y. ; D. Needham, 223 Main St., Buffalo ; E.B. & E.C. Kellogg, 136 Main St., Hartford, Conn. [1845] Lithograph. www.loc.gov/item/2003656460.

war business expansion. James had kept relationships with certain Loyalist merchants which opened markets in Canada. This focus on northern markets and land eventually brought James to Lake George.

Lake George was a wild, beautiful, and virtually uninhabited place in 1785. However, James believed Lake George had potential for economic growth. James and two partners purchased about 23,000 acres in what is now the Town of Hague. James then individually purchased 3,400 acres, including much of the land that is now the Village and Town of Lake George, which became known as Caldwell.

Some of the land was rented out to farmers under long term leases, while other properties were lumbered to meet growing demand. Although his legal address remained in Albany,

James built an impressive house to accommodate his long visits to the lake.

By 1800, his family was beginning to play an increasingly important role in his business and how he viewed the land and the lake. James and his wife Elizabeth Barnes raised 11 children in Albany. As the children grew older, they could spend more time at the family's Lake George house. This was especially true of their son William, who was groomed as his father's business successor.

James Caldwell and his family began seeing the land around the lake and the growing Lake George community as much more than a business venture. In the words of historian Theodore Corbett, "he fostered a respect for the beauty of Lake George among his now influential and broadly extended family."

James began working closely with other businessmen in Caldwell to expand and improve the town.

In 1810 James donated land and paid for construction of the first church building in town. He donated land for construction of the old Warren County Courthouse on Canada St. He helped develop accommodations for visiting sportsmen and the emerging historical tourism market. In 1817 he and other investors established the Lake George Steamboat Company which still exists today. His evolving perspective was revealed by how he managed the 1,720 acre "Garrison Grounds" after he purchased it in 1811.

The Garrison Grounds included battlefields, encampment sites, and historic ruins from the French and Indian War and Revolution. This gave James ownership of almost the entire area around the current Lake George Village.

Initially, James filed a map detailing development over even the most historically sensitive land. However, James left it undeveloped until his death in 1829.


William controlled his father's assets until his death in 1848. William left the Garrison Grounds largely undeveloped by prohibiting limestone mining and limiting economic activity to farming. Finally in 1900, three of James Caldwell's great granddaughters sold much of the land to New York State rather than develop it.

Today, a sizable portion of the former Garrison Grounds is preserved for public enjoyment, including Lake George Battlefield Park, the New York State Campgrounds and The Million Dollar Beach.

The Caldwell family's 19th century stewardship of the Garrison Grounds helped to provide 21st century con-

servation opportunities for the Lake George Land Conservancy and various government and nonprofit partners at East Brook, West Brook and French Mountain.

Clearly, love for the lake, its land, and communities created a strong sense of place for the Caldwell family. This tradition lasted for generations. This is the Lake George legacy of James Caldwell and his family. What will be your family's legacy?

 Jeff Brozyna is long-time student of area history and past President of the LGLC Board of Directors.

Want to learn more? Jeff will give a presentation on the history of Caldwell's land preservation on **July 16**, during our Living Lands Series. Register at LGLC.org/living-lands.

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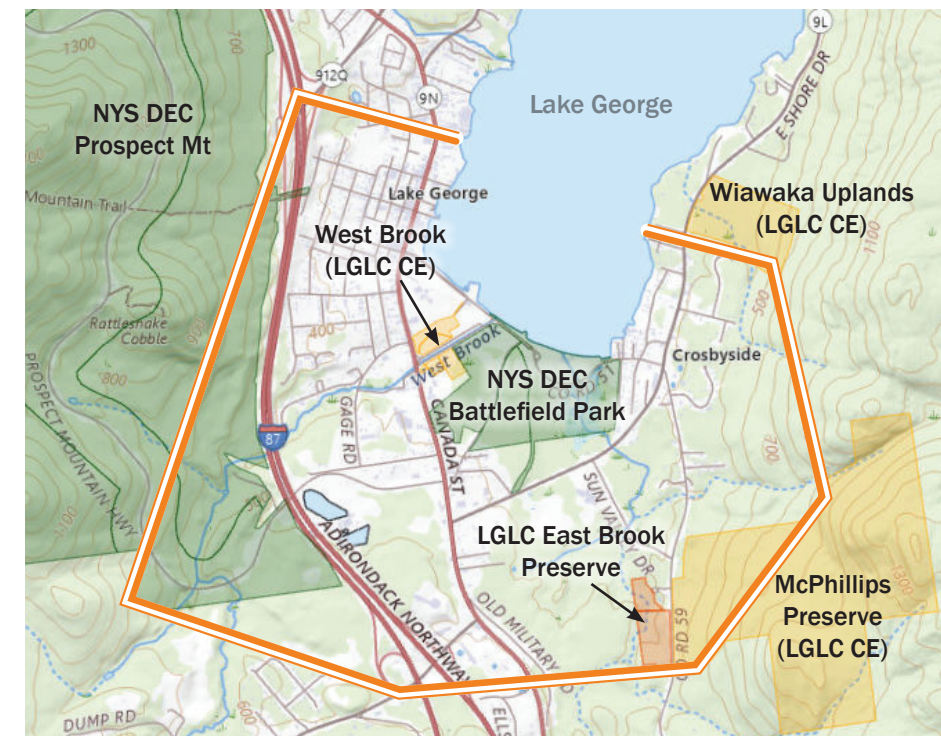
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The Garrison Grounds, owned by James Caldwell and his family throughout much of the 19th century, is shown outlined otop of Lake George Village and the Town of Lake George as seen today. Please note the significant protected land parcels.

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LGLC Welcomes Summer Programs Interns

The LGLC is pleased to welcome Nicole Buhac and Chelsea Wright as our summer Programs Interns for 2025. We look forward to working with them both, and introducing them to our great LGLC community. These summer positions are made possible with support from the George C. Singer Educational Fund.

Nicole (Nikki) (pictured, top) is a rising senior at Cornell University, pursuing a BA in information science, and minors in business and communications. Through her on-campus service with student organizations, and a summer working for a local marketing firm, Nikki has extensive experience with planning, organizing, and promoting events, both in-person and online—skills that will be a great help to the LGLC with our own summer programs.

Nikki's family has a home on Lake George and her summers living at the lake have given her a strong desire to gain professional experience while working to protect a place that she feels fortunate to call home.

Chelsea (pictured, bottom) graduated from SUNY Potsdam this spring, earning a BS in geology with a minor in wilderness education. Her coursework and extracurricular roles have given Chelsea extensive leadership and management experience, while on multi-day backpacking excursions, as president of the school's geology club, and through conducting field research.

Chelsea grew up in Olmsteadville, and welcomes the opportunity to share her passion for the environment and the Adirondacks.



2025 HIKE-A-THON

SATURDAY, JULY 5 25 SITES + VIRTUAL 800 PARTICIPANTS

More than 800 people are anticipated to take part in the 13th annual Lake George Hike-A-Thon on July 5. This free outreach event brings together the Lake George community on the land and water to promote an appreciation for the outdoors and protecting the land that protects Lake George.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors who make the Hike-A-Thon possible, and to those who choose to donate. **This year, we are rewarding the top individual fundraiser with the opportunity to participate from the air!** One super fan will get to ride in the Hike-A-Thon helicopter with North Country Heliflite pilot Bruce Mowery and photogra-

pher Carl Heilman for trip of a lifetime! Fundraising is open until June 20, at which point we will determine the winner. To donate and for more details, visit bit.ly/LGHAT25:



The Hike-A-Thon's After Party will take place at the Charles R. Wood Park Festival Commons in the Village of Lake George from 11:30 AM - 3 PM. Free and open to the public, the After Party features live music by the award-winning Stony Creek Band, food and drinks, games and activities for all ages, and opportunities to visit with sponsors and community partners.

Thank you to our 2025 Hike-A-Thon Sponsors!



ADK Talks Podcast | Arrow Bank | Card My Yard, Queensbury-Saratoga | Cedar Graphics
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You're Invited to the Hike-A-Thon After Party!

JULY 5
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM | **Charles R. Wood Park Festival Commons**
Lake George, NY

Live Music by the Stony Creek Band
12:30 - 3:00 PM

Free beer and soda provided by the Adirondack Pub and Brewery (while supplies last)

Food Trucks:

Rotary Club of Glens Falls | Jenny Jo's Smoothie Bar

Lawn Games | Kids Activities | Door Prizes

Vendors and Guests with Interactive Displays:

Adirondack Winery, Extreme Heights Cidery | Cornell Cooperative Extension/4-H | Lake Champlain Basin Program | Love is on Lake George | NYS Forest Ranger Evan Donegan | Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, River Model | Warren County Health Services, free tick removal kits

And more!

More Details at
LakeGeorgeHikeAthon.org/After-Party

The compass indicates a Living Lands Presentation. These are free, and offered virtually and in-person at the LGLC, 4905 Lake Shore Dr, Bolton Landing.

The magnifying glass indicates a Discovery Series program, led by an Up Yonda Naturalist. These are free, and geared toward explorers of all ages.

Saturday, June 7: Intro to Hiking
9 - 11:30 AM, Pinnacle Preserve, Bolton Landing
Learn best practices for outdoor recreation and Leave No Trace principles on a hike to Bradley's Lookout for National Trails Day®. 1.2 miles round-trip. Free

Saturday, June 7: Wildlife Paddle in Dunham's Bay
5 - 8 PM, Dunham's Bay, Lake George
Licensed Guide and Naturalist Alan Belford will guide paddlers through the protected waters of Dunham's Bay Marsh to learn about the plants and birds that live there. Bring your own canoe or kayak. \$20 per person.

Wednesday, June 11: Moose in the Adk Park
5:30 PM, LGLC Office, Bolton Landing
Research scientist David Kramer will present about the life history of moose in the Adirondacks, including new research initiative NYSDEC is conducting. Free

Saturday, June 14: Chamber Music Benefit
7 - 9 PM, Fort William Henry Carriage House, LG
Lake George Music Festival chamber music concert dedicated to the memory of past LGLC board member Robert Birchenough. Proceeds to go to the LGLC. Tickets: \$20, at lakegeorgemusicfestival.com.

Friday, June 20: Summer Solstice Luau
5:30 - 9 PM, YMCA Camp Chingachgook, Fort Ann
Join us at Camp Chingachgook's Boathouse for an epic luau party, celebrating the longest day of the year and supporting our 2025 Land Campaign. Live music by The Switch. Food, drinks, Hawaiian dress competition, more! \$25 advance tickets, or \$35 at the door.

Wednesday, June 25: Adk Wildlife
5:30 PM, LGLC Office, Bolton Landing
Join Alan Hicks, retired endangered species biologist with DEC, as he draws a picture of what the future for wildlife and humans might hold. Free

Saturday, July 5: Hike-A-Thon After Party
11:30 AM - 3 PM, Charles R. Wood Park, Lake George
After the hikes and paddles comes the Party! The Hike-A-Thon's After Party is free and open to all. Live music by the Stony Creek Band, food trucks, vendors, and activities. Info at lakegeorgehikeathon.org.

Saturday, July 12: Beginner Birding
8:30 - 11 AM, Godwin Preserve, Bolton Landing
Learn birding basics and use your new skills at the Godwin overlook where you'll see soaring raptors and nearby songbirds. 1.6 miles round-trip. Free





2025EVENTS

Visit LGLC.org/calendar for more info, updates, and registration.



Sunday, July 13: In the Good Old Summertime
7 PM, The Sembrich, Bolton Landing
Outdoor concert by the Vermont-based chamber chorus Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble, sponsored by the LGLC. Info and Tickets at TheSembrich.org

Wednesday, July 16: History of Caldwell
5:30 PM, LGLC Office, Bolton Landing
Join Jeff Brozyna, history buff and past LGLC board president, for a presentation on the history of an area of Lake George known as Caldwell. Free

Wednesday, July 23: Our Native Snakes
5:30 PM, LGLC Office, Bolton Landing
Learn from retired herpetologist Dr. Bill Brown about our area's native snakes, including the venomous timber rattlesnake and many harmless species. Free

Thursday, July 25: Next Gen Trail Work Day
9 AM - 12 PM, Wiawaka, Lake George
LGLC's Next Gen and friends are invited to help clear invasives and cut a new trail on the Wiawaka Up-lands property protected by the LGLC.

Friday, August 1: LGLC Gala
5:30 PM, Fort William Henry Carriage House
Join us for cocktails, gourmet dining, music, a silent auction, and our Fund-A-Need, all in support of vital land conservation efforts. Tickets at LGLC.org/gala.

Saturday, August 9: Trees of the LG Watershed
9 - 11 AM, Pinnacle Preserve, Bolton Landing
Learn about some of our area's common trees on a walk to Bradley's Lookout, and some of the invasive species that are threatening them. 1.2 miles. Free

August 30-31: Volunteer for the LG Triathlon
Battlefield Park, Lake George
As the official beneficiary of the Lake George Triathlon, the LGLC assists the event by providing volunteers who help with a variety of tasks.

Saturday, Sept. 6: Beavers
8:30 - 10:30 AM, Amy's Park, Bolton Landing
Take a walk at Amy's Park to investigate beaver activity, a beaver pond and lodge, then put your own beaver dam model to the test! 1 mile round-trip.

Saturday, Sept. 13-14: Next Gen Camping Trip
Meet Saturday morning to go over Amy's Race plans and needs, and then camp one night on the islands!

Saturday, Sept. 13: Volunteer for the ADK 5k
8:30 - 11 AM, Adk Pub & Brewery, Lake George
As the official beneficiary of the ADK 5k the LGLC assists the event by providing volunteers who help with a variety of tasks.



OCTOBER 4, 2025

4.5MI & 10MI RACE OPTIONS

AMY'S PARK | BOLTON LANDING, NY

A totally rad, single-track trail race along scenic wetlands of Amy's Park in Bolton Landing, and After Party at the Bolton Landing Brewing Co.!

REGISTRATION:

4.5-Mile (In-Person & Virtual): \$30

10-mile Loop: \$40

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION
AT LGLC.ORG/AMYS-RACE
AND AT RUNSIGNUP.COM



The Discovery Series is sponsored by the Town of Bolton and the Lake George Mirror. Thank you!

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY'S NEXT GEN

SUMMER SOLSTICE

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AT THE BOATHOUSE ON CAMP CHINGACHGOOK



BENEFIT TO PROTECT PILOT KNOB MOUNTAIN
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 5:30-9PM

LIVE MUSIC BY THE SWITCH

PLUS FOOD, DRINKS, BOAT RIDES,

AND MORE!

Tickets: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door

More info at lglc.org/2025Solstice





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Gala 2025

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

FORT WILLIAM HENRY CARRIAGE HOUSE

48 CANADA STREET | LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

Presented by the LGLC Honorary Committee, including this year's Chairs:

Rick & Paula Dhein

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Michael & Marie O'Reilly

Cocktails & Hors D'Oeuvres | Plated Dinner, Silent Auction, Fund-A-Need with MC **Rick Tamlyn**
Music & Dancing with **DJ Trumastr**

Limited tickets available! For more details and RSVP online, visit LGLC.org/gala
or call Janice at (518) 644-9673.

