# How to Print and Assemble the First Wilderness Letterboxing Trail Passport

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Paper
- Printer
- Adhesive spray or glue stick (if not printing double-sided)
- An awl, hole punch, or needle
- 16" of yarn, string or thread
- 1. Print this document with landscape orientation. If your printer can print double-sided, print double-sided and flip on the short edge.
- 2. Cut out all of the pages following the corner crop marks. Do NOT cut along the middle. When you are finished, you should have 10 double-sided rectangles with two numbered pages on each rectangle if you printed double-sided, or 20 rectangles with two numbered pages on each rectangle if you printed single-sided.
- 3. If you did not print double-sided, glue pages back to back, with the right sides facing out. Make sure both sides are lined up and have the text facing the same direction. Glue the following pairs of pages to each other:
  - a. Cover/back cover to page 2/39
  - b. Page 3/38 to page 4/37
  - c. Page 5/36 to page 6/35
  - d. Page 7/34 to page 8/33
  - e. Page 9/32 to page 10/31
  - f. Page 11/30 to page 12/29
  - g. Page 13/28 to page 14/27
  - h. Page 15/26 to page 16/25
  - i. Page 17/24 to page 18/23
  - j. Page 19/22 to page 20/21

- 4. Stack all the pages on top of each other, starting with the cover/back cover face down. Stack page 4/37 facing up on top and continue with 6/35, 8/33, 10/31, 12/29, 14/27, 16/25, 18/23 and 20/21 on the top.
- 5. Using an awl, a heavy duty needle, or a hole punch, make four holes at the location shown in the center of pages 20/21. You may need to do half the pages at a time to make it easier. If you do separate the pages to make holes, make sure you stack them back in the correct order facing the correct direction.
- 6. Fold the pages in half to make a book.
- 7. Use 8" of yarn, string, or a thread and needle to go down through one hole at the top and up through the other. Tie a tight knot and cut off the excess. Repeat a second time for the set of holes at the bottom. Alternately, explore simple bookbinding tips at this website: <a href="https://incredibusy.com/easy-book-binding-two-ways/">https://incredibusy.com/easy-book-binding-two-ways/</a>
- 8. Your passport is complete! Go out and have some letterboxing fun!







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## LETTERBOXING PASSPORT

ADIRONDACK PARK WARREN COUNTY NY



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Enjoy Free Historic, Cultural, and Outdoor Adventures in the Adirondacks' **First Wilderness Heritage Corridor**  Ready to submit your passport and get your patch? go to www.firstwilderness.com for all the details

Did you find a box missing a stamp or inkpad or in poor repair? Or a box entirely missing?

Please let us know at letterboxing@warrencountyny.gov

> or 518-761-6410



#### What is the First Wilderness?

"Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit" - Edward Abbey

The Adirondacks were the first place where Americans realized that wilderness was going to be a distinguishing and permanent feature of their civilization. By the 1890s, the Adirondack Park was created as the largest protected wilderness area east of the Mississippi. Since then, the Adirondack Park has challenged each generation to define the role of wilderness in our increasingly urbanized civilization.

The First Wilderness Heritage Corridor unites communities along the Upper Hudson River in celebrating their shared history along the earliest route into the heart of the Adirondack Mountains.

Learn more at www.FirstWilderness.com

### What is Letterboxing?

Letterboxing is a fun treasure hunt activity, incorporating orienteering, art, and puzzle solving.



Letterboxing got its start in 1854 in England, when a National Park guide placed a jar for visitors with his calling card inside, and an invitation for those who found the jar to leave their own cards. After awhile, visitors started leaving postcards or notes in the jar, and the next visitor would return them by mail. ("Letterbox" is the British term for Mailbox.). Eventually, instead of calling or postcards, visitors started using hand-carved rubber stamps to leave their mark in a

logbook, which is the current practice today. After an article in Smithsonian Magazine in 1998, letterboxing caught on in the U.S., and there are now over 90,000 active letterboxes in North America.

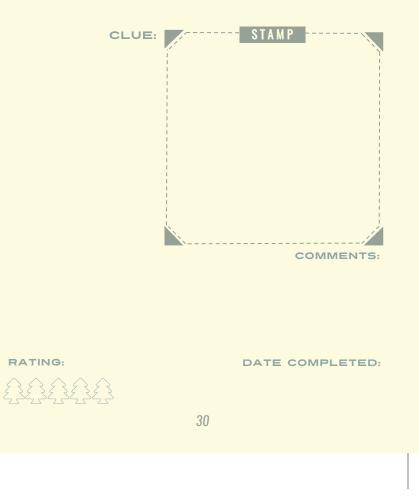
### **Letterboxing in the First Wilderness**

At each letterboxing site in the First Wilderness, you will search for a hidden, weather-proof box, with a logbook, a hand-carved stamp, and an inkpad. Use the provided clues, which are in the form of a riddle, to help find the box. Once you find the box, use the stamp to mark this passport. Leave a note, along with your own stamp if you have one, in the logbook. Make sure to return all items to the box and hide it back carefully where you found it for the next adventurer. It's a good idea to bring your own inkpad, if you have one, just in case the one in the box is missing.

Note we have a second letterboxing **Historians' Challenge** which you can do at the same time as this one, if you'd like. Nearby boxes for the Historians' Challenge are noted in this Passport. More details can be found at warrencountyny.gov/HC.

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#### **Bonus Box** visit www.firstwilderness.com for details



### Get More Details at www.firstwilderness.com

Visit www.firstwilderness.com for an interactive map with more details about each site, driving directions, and fun things to do nearby each one. There are also a couple of online-only "bonus boxes". Note that some locations do not have cell service, so visit the website before heading out.

### **Share the Fun**

Post pictures of your First Wilderness letterboxing adventures on social media with the tags #firstwilderness and #firstwildernessletterboxing. Please don't post the actual box locations, though. We don't want to spoil the fun for other adventurers!

#### **Complete the Challenge and Receive a Patch**

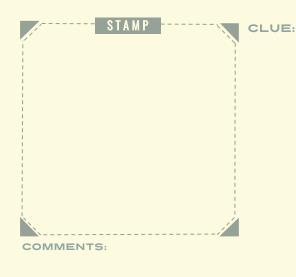
Find at least **18** of the First Wilderness letterboxing sites and receive a free embroidered First Wilderness patch.

Mail your completed passport to: Warren County Planning Department 1340 State Route 9 Lake George NY 12845 We will return your passport along with a patch. Or visit firstwilderness.com to learn how to submit your completed passport online.





Bonus Box visit www.firstwilderness.com for details

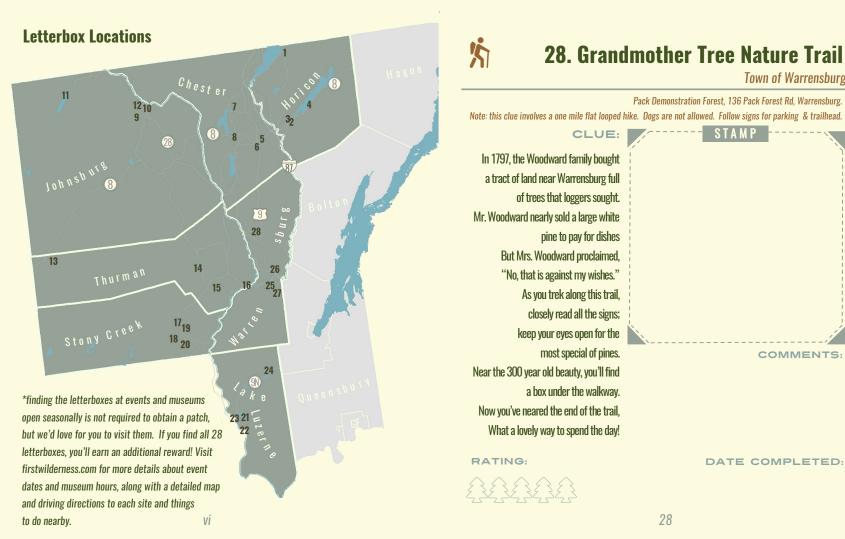


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Town of Warrensburg

### **27. Veterans' Park**

#### Town of Warrensburg

River Street, Warrensburg. This letterbox is ADA accessible  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{E}}$ 

Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Richards' Library		
STAMP	CLUE:	<ul> <li>G. Chester Museum of Local History: open seasonally*</li> <li>T. Kipp Mountain</li> </ul>
	Head to this idyllic park on the	$\square$ 8. Loon Lake Beach
	banks of the Schroon,	9. Ski Bowl Park
	you're likely to see ducks -	□ 10. Tannery Pond Center
		□ 11. Peaked Mountain Trail
	maybe even a loon.	12. North Creek Depot Museum
	View the monuments honoring	$\square$ 13. Cod Pond
	our veterans,	□ 14. Mud Street Maple
	along with a memorial to	15. Martin's Tree Farm
	Sergeant Frederick H. Flynn.	$\Box$ 16. Thurman Station
	Search the round bed filled with	🗆 17. Green Meadows Park
	beautiful blooms,	🗆 18. Dean Homestead Museum
COMMENTS:	the box is nearby,	🗆 19. Dean Farm Trails
COMMERT D.	one correctly presumes.	🗆 20. Stony Creek Mountain Days: annual event held in August*
		🗆 21. Wayside Beach
	In a birdhouse painted in	22. Kinnear Museum
	patriotic colors,	23. Adirondack Folk School
	the box that you search for	24. Harris Preserve
	you will discover.	25. Warren County Fish Hatchery
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	AAAA	□ 27. Veterans' Park
		28. Grandmother Tree Nature Trail
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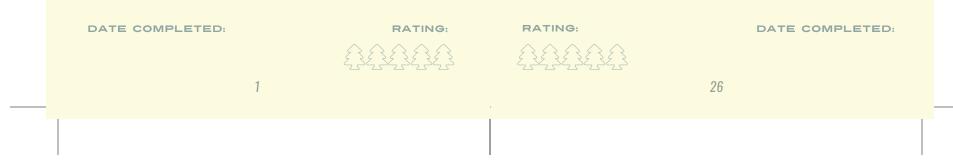
□ 1. Albert E. Monroe Park 🗆 2. Horicon Museum □ 3. Bartonville Mountain □ 4. Brant Lake Winter Carnival: annual event held in mid-February\* □ 5 Dynamite Hill

### 1. Albert E. Monroe Park

#### Town of Horicon

Corner of Valentine Pond Road and Johnson Road, hamlet of Adirondack. Note: this clue involves a short walk on the shoulder of the road. Watch for cars. Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Horicon Museum Annex

#### STAMP STAMP CLUE: CLUE: Head to this hamlet that shares its name Mills of all sorts are rich in our history; with the big New York State park head to Mill Historic Park to solve of much larger fame. this mystery. Play baseball or tennis at Stop at the gazebo and Albert Monroe Park; feel the river breeze; Visit during the Farmer's Market to buy when you've made it this far, some local cheese. you're close to the mark. Continue on your way to the wall Walk a bit west. made of rocks; find Adirondack Honor Roll near the creek; at the corner of a rock wall Look near the corner and you'll find the you'll find what you seek. hidden box. COMMENTS: COMMENTS:



Town of Warrensburg

180 River St, Warrensburg. Outhouse available. III Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Richards' Library

**26. Mill District Historic Park** 

Town of Warrensburg			Town of Horico
145 Echo Lake Rd, Warrensburg, Restrooms available. 🛙 Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Richards' Library		note: box is outside and is accessible when muse	6696 State Route 8, Brant Lak im is closed. Check horiconny.gov for museum open hours
STAMP	CLUE:	CLUE:	CTAMP
	Visit this bucolic spot along	At this 19th century farmhouse near	
	the Hudson River	the shores of Brant Lake	
	If you're a lover of fish, a trip	explore the home and carriage house	
	here will deliver.	that the Robbins' family did make.	
	Start at the rock that forecasts	It's now a museum filled with	
	the weather;	artifacts and photos,	
	You'll find this box quickly if you	illustrating past industry from which	
	work together.	our communities arose.	
	Stop by the well , close your eyes and	In front of the museum, from the old	
<u> </u>	make a wish,	school leans a big ornate stone. 🔪	
COMMENTS:	then head straight for the display pond and	Carefully look behind it,	COMMENTS
	keep you eyes peeled for the fish.	and the box's location will be known.	
	View Pond 10 filled with trout,		
	rainbow or brook;		
	You'll find what you search for		
DATE COMPLETED:	if you carefully take a look.	RATING:	DATE COMPLETED
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## **3. Bartonville Mountain**

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#### 24. Harris Preserve

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Town of Horicon			Town of Lake Luzerne
27 Market Street, Brant Lake	e. View a trail map and more details at firstwilderness.com	note: this clue involves a 0.6 mile roundtrin hike wit	Corner of Potash Rd and Dunkley Rd, Lake Luzerne h 170' of elevation gain. View trail map at firstwilderness.com
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	At Bartonville Mountain,	Off a remote country road in	
	head up the trail	beautiful Lake Luzerne	
	named for a nursery rhyme duo	sits a trail to a mountain with a peak	
	who filled up their pail.	tough to earn.	
	A quarter mile up, watch for a	Follow the path to the nature trail;	
	curlicue-shaped Hemlock,	turn right over the babbling brook,	
	then around the corner,	After 2/10ths of a mile, you'll see	
	continue your walk.	a big rock on your left if you look.	
	Keep your eyes open	Next to a tree with a sign,	
1	for a cluster of trees,	find a hole in the rock	
COMMENTS:	and you should find the box you search	Make a stamp in your passport,	COMMENTS:
	for with relative ease.	then continue your walk.	
		Take a break at the bench	
		and enjoy the view,	
		you can sit and relax now that	
		you've solved the clue.	
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### **23. Adirondack Folk School** Town of Lake Luzerne

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### 4. Brant Lake Winter Carnival

Town of Horicon

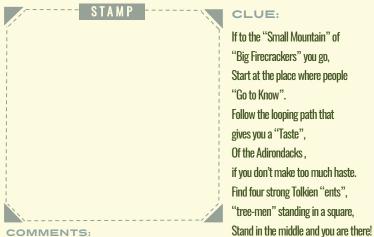
51 Main St, Lake Luzerne. Restroom available at Rockwell H Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Pagenstecher Pulp N		Special Event Letterbox. Available only du	ring the event, held one Saturday annually in February. visit firstwilderness.com for details.
STAMP	CLUE:	CLUE:	STAMP
COMMENTS:	On the site of a tannery from days gone by A 100' smokestack still points to the sky. Once an elementary school and Town Hall of yore, Folks come from all over to learn and explore. Tradition and culture abound in our rooms, Where you may create baskets, rugs, tables or brooms. You might make soaps, a quilt or canoe— There are hundreds of choices to discover and do! Hearts, Minds and Hands meet where there are forges, Now walk ' round the back to a spot that's quite gorgeous! Look for our letterbox, and you shall not fail if you search near the head of the Riverside Trail. Another time, come back to us,	Head this February to Brant Lake off Route 8, for a carnival event that's sure to be great. Get out on the ice and join in the fun, There are trophies for all sorts of games to be won. Outhouse races, human Fooseball, fireworks and broomball, It's a day on the lake with food and merriment for all. Visit our local officials and watch as the cookware goes flying; The box that you seek will be near the	COMMENTS:
DATE COMPLETED:	all you lads and lasses; We love to share the fun and joy of our amazing classes!	pans used for frying.	DATE COMPLETED:
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### 5. Dynamite Hill

#### Town of Chester

#### 3 Dynamite Hill Rd, Chestertown

note: begin clue at the kiosk near Visitors' Center. This clue involves a 5 minute trail walk.



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### 22. Kinnear Museum

Town of Lake Luzerne

52 Main Street, Lake Luzerne. Park across the street at the Adirondack Folk School and use crosswalk. note: box is outside and is accessible when museum is closed. Check kinnearmuseum.blogspot.com for hours.

CLUE: This Victorian home just west of the lake Was part of a business that leather from hides did make. The Gamar Tannery had another office in the city Though this site was far more pretty. A Garnar descendent, Miss Frances Kinnear, Once made her home right here. Her family's business used hemlock and hide To make book leather, sold far and wide. There's a carriage house out in back It once stored horses to use for a hack. Now barn doors are closed tight with a lock But, perhaps at the steps, you may find a box.



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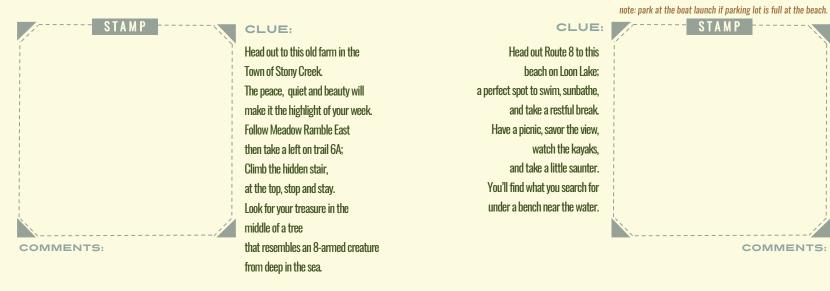
#### -;\;́-⋘ **21. Wayside Beach 6. Chester Museum of Local History** Town of Lake Luzerne **Town of Chester** 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown. Restrooms available. 💵 This letterbox is ADA accessible. 🗟 268 Lake Ave, Lake Luzerne. Restrooms available when beach is open. 🛄 Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Pagenstecher Pulp Museum note: this clue is inside and available only during museum open hours. Check townofchesterny.org for hours. STAMP STAMP CLUE: CLUE: Emerald Lake Luzerne with In the old central school "Ivy Isle, so small it seems to float', built under the New Deal. is a lovely spot for those who'd like sits a small museum that to history to swim, sunbathe or boat. lovers will appeal. Head upstairs, next to the YMCA, A short walk down the hill make a world of years gone by to the grassy area near the lake. Take in the view from a shady bench across you'll enter through the doorway. from Wayside Beach; Tourism, farming, tanning and early industry, the box will be in easy reach. maps, photos and displays illustrate historic activity. COMMENTS: COMMENTS: Explore the middle room filled with items from Chester's past. Look near the wooden farm tools and you'll find the box at last. DATE COMPLETED: **RATING: RATING:** DATE COMPLETED: 21 6

#### 5 7. Kipp Mountain **20. Stony Creek Mountain Days** Town of Chester **Town of Stony Creek** 179 Ben Culver Road, Chestertown Special Event Letterbox: available only during the event, held one weekend in August. note: this clue involves a 2 mile roundtrip hike with moderate elevation gain. View a trail map at firstwilderness.com Visit firstwilderness.com for details. STAMP CLUE: ST 2 CLUE: Begin your hunt for this box On a weekend in August head to the on a mountain named Kipp. park in Stony Creek. The view from the top For an exciting event you're sure makes it worth the trip. to find unique. On the way up the trail, Watch New York lumberjacks take the find a sign naming each peak. stage and compete; Under a platform nearby, these skilled woodsmen will no doubt you'll find what you seek. impress with their feats. Crosscut, hot saw, underhand chop and ax throw, enjoy food, music and crafts COMMENTS: COMMENTS: while you watch the show. Saunter around the festival to the Chamber of Commerce booth, the letterbox's location in that spot you will sleuth. DATE COMPLETED: **RATING: RATING:** DATE COMPLETED: 20 7

### **19. Dean Farm Trails**

#### Town of Stony Creek

4 Murray Rd, Stony Creek. Restroom available. 🎟



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8. Loon Lake Beach

5419 State Route 8, Chestertown. Restrooms available. 🎹

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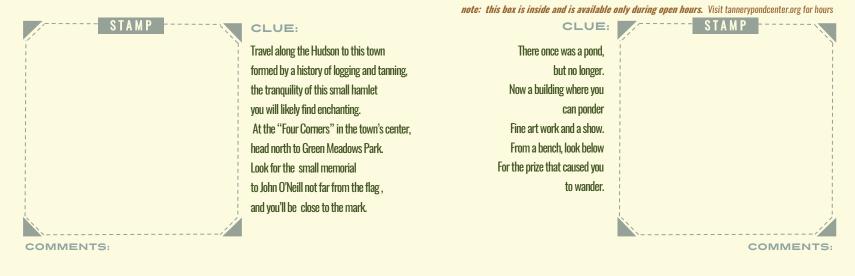
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<b>9. Ski Bowl Park</b> Town of Johnsburg			n Homestead Museum Town of Stony Cree
Ski Bowl Rd, North Creek. Note: park near pavilion to begin clue. Restrooms available. 🖽 Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Riverfront Trail		4 Murray Rd, Stony Creek. Restroom available. 🎹 This letterbox is ADA accessible. 🗄 Note: Paved path down slight slope from parking area. ADA accessible parking in driveway	
STAMP	CLUE:	CLUE:	
, ,	Head to this bowl	Built in 1871 by Francis J. Dean,	
	where	with the help of Enrique Sage,	
	everyone loves to ski.	who was only 19,	
	You'll be amazed	the homestead still stands in the center	
	at all there is to do and see!	of a once-thriving scene	
	Look for an arbor, and the beautiful flowers;	of agriculture, including crops of	
	finding this spot shouldn't take you hours.	hay, corn, oats and beans.	
	Past the small pond in the garden,	Horses, cows, pigs, sheep, apples and	
	continue your walk,	honey,	
·	find what you search for	the Dean homestead was a model	/
COMMENTS:	near the bench and big rock.	of self-sufficiency.	COMMENTS
		Stand at the east side of the home	
		and view a small Church building to the side,	
		look closely and to the box	
		your eyes will you guide.	
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### **17. Green Meadows Park**

#### Town of Stony Creek

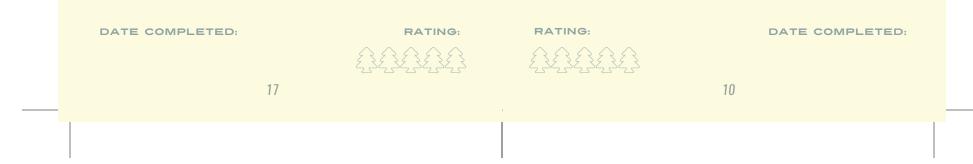
85 Harrisburg Rd, Stony Creek. Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Stony Creek Inn



**10. Tannery Pond Center** 

228 Main St, North Creek. Park at Town Hall. Restrooms available. 🎹 This letterbox is ADA accessible. 🗟

Town of Johnsburg



### **11. Peaked Mountain Pond Trail**

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#### Town of Johnsburg

Thirteenth Lake Trailhead, Beach Rd North River note: this clue involves a 0.8 mile roundtrip mostly flat hike. View a trail map and details at www.firstwilderness.com STAMP
CLUE:
Start at the trailhead on the shores of Thirteenth Lake. The trail to Peaked Mt. Pond is the one you'll want to take. Follow the trail for 4/10ths of a mile, it's a pretty hike that should only take

- a little while. Keep an eye out for a fire ring and campsite number ten.
- Just past, look left near a big rock; be sure to hide box well again.

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### **16. Thurman Station**

Town of Thurman

Intersection of State Route 418 and Warrensburg Road, Athol. This letterbox is ADA accessible 🛓

### In 1870, the Adirondack Railway pushed north through Thurman Station, fulfilling Durant's vision for

our growing industrial nation. Along the river, North Creek, the train headed toward carrying miners, tourists and skiers, All Aboard! Spend some time exploring near the shiny red caboose. If you look very closely, this box's spot you will deduce

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#### **15. Martin's Tree Farm** Town of Thurman

visitors. Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Adirondack Gold Maple

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Martin's Tree Farm, 280 Valley Rd, Athol. Note: go to visitthurman.com to read about other farms in the area open to

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### **12. North Creek Depot Museum**

#### Town of Johnsburg

5 Railroad Place, North Creek. This letterbox is ADA accessible と Note: box is outside and is accessible when museum is closed. Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Riverfront Trail CLUE, CONTAMP

L	CLUE:	CLUE:	STAMP
	From the barn, pass house front; pass arbor;	Built in 1872 at the	
	left through hemlock-spruce pathway.	end of the D&H line,	
	Go downhill, cross small stream, then to	the train carried logs, and	
	end; left on dirt road straightaway.	ore from the mine.	
	Where road curves right	On a dark and stormy night in 1901,	
	count out 35 paces	Teddy Roosevelt from this depot to	
	to trail; go left; keep going.	the presidency did run.	
	Your prowess is "aces."	In the 1930's visitors flocked	
	Come to a "Y"; bear left at a tree wearing	from the city to ski,	
ſ	bark of white paper.	and then titanium in World War II	
1	Go on, turn right at the next trail you meet—	carried on our industry.	COMMENTS:
	you'll rock this caper.	Carefully explore the platform	
	One more "Y". Bear right and proceed to an	all around the station;	
	outhouse in clearing.	look for old chair lift seats	
	Inside, the prize, the goal of your quest—	and find the box without frustration.	
	in privy endearing.	DATING	
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### 13. Cod Pond

#### Town of Thurman

Route 8: 14.9 miles west of Rte 8/Rte 28N intersection. Watch for trail sign. Parking and trailhead on left. note: this clue involves a 2.2 mile roundtrip mostly flat hike. View trail map and details at www.firstwilderness.com

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	Past Wevertown, Johnsburg,	Start at the Thurman highway garage	
	Bakers Mills on Route 8,	and Town Hall	
	Keep your eyes open for the trail sign and	with sidewalks and bushes and flag pole so tall.	
	its start at the gate.	On highway head west, up 'round a sharp curve;	
	Listen to the birdsong and	Use caution, look sharp; use care not to swerve.	
	the sound of the breeze,	Take first left. The road's named for	
	as it ripples through the	spring thaw "season".	
	forest of Adirondack trees.	(It's paved these days, for that very reason). Climb higher and higher to 269.	
	Follow the yellow markers along the	On left see "It's Wicked" right on the sign.	
	trail to the pond.	Turn left to the shack with a taste that is sweet	
	Of the view from this spot,	Park on right, by its porch,	
COMMENTS:	you're sure to be fond.	then stand on your feet.	COMMENTS:
		Circle building you see, in direction of a clock.	
	Rest for a moment at the end of your walk; then head left and find the box	First pass Old Glory, circle past last rock.	
		This poem is silly, even quite "sappy".	
	near the big pointy rock.	Follow instinct, don't "buck it", and	
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## 14. Mud Street Maple

Town of Thurman

Note: this clue includes driving. Start at Thurman Town Hall, 311 Athol Rd, Athol Nearby Historians' Challenge letterbox: Adirondack Gold Maple