

First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

Hiking Trails

Hour Pond (via Thirteenth Lake trailhead)

SIAMESE PONDS WILDERNESS - TOWN OF JOHNSBURG, NY

Difficulty: Moderate

Length: 6.8 miles round trip

Time to Complete: 4-5 hours

Trailhead Coordinates: -73 7.11 43 43.18

Markers: Blue and Yellow

Trail Notes: This classic Adirondack hike follows the Peaked Mountain

Trail along Thirteenth Lake, and then turns to follow a connector trail along a brook. Turn off onto the yellow marked Hour Pond Trail to the lovely, sandy-bottomed Hour Pond. While the trail is well-marked, note that a short section of the trail has been flooded by beaver activity and requires a bit of wading. The pond can also be accessed via the Old Farm Trailhead, giving this the potential for a loop hike.

Directions and Parking:

From the south, take the Northway to exit 23. Turn left off the exit and then right onto Route 9 north for 4.2 miles. Turn left onto NY28 for 21.2 miles. Turn left onto 13th Lake Rd for 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Beach Rd for 0.6 miles. Beach Rd dead ends at the trailhead parking lot.

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Things to Do Nearby:

Hour Pond offers a primitive campsite right on the shore, as well as a lean-to. Numerous campsites line scenic Thirteenth Lake, which offers swimming and paddling opportunities. Many connecting trails, such as nearby Peaked Mountain, offer additional hiking opportunities. Take a tour of a garnet mine at nearby Barton Mines, or do some mountain hiking at Garnet Hill Lodge.

