Volunteers in the Catskills

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference volunteers and member organizations maintain hundreds of miles of trails and over two dozen lean-to shelters in the Catskill Forest Preserve and along the Long Path north of the park boundary.

Learn about trail and lean-to maintenance, trail crew work, trainings and workshops, conservation and advocacy efforts, events, and other Catskills-related news by visiting www.nynytc.org/catskills.

Catskill Fire Tower Information

For more information about the Catskill Fire Tower Project, including the history of the towers, directions and photos, and ways that you can volunteer or donate to support the project, visit www.catskillfiretowers.org.

Emergency Phone Number

In case of emergency, call the Department of Environmental Conservation Dispatch Center at 877.457.5680.

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Donations support trail work by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

A one-time donation of $5.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. All donations must be authorized by the account holder. All charges billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. User must be age 18 or older or have parental permission to participate. By texting YES, the user agrees to the terms and conditions. Service is available on most carriers. Message & Data Rates May Apply. Donations are collected for the benefit of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference by the Mobile Giving Foundation and subject to the terms found at www.mgf.org. You can unsubscribe at any time by texting STOP to 20222; text HELP to 20222 for help.

Visit www.nynytc.org/catskills for information about the full-featured Catskill Trails map set and additional resources including suggested hikes, campgrounds and public transportation.

Visit Tremper Fire Tower

Town of Shandaken – Elevation 2,740 feet

This tower is believed to be the original structure built circa 1917 and was used for fire observation until 1971. The 47-foot-high tower offers a spectacular 360-degree view that includes the Burroughs Range, the Skytop Tower at Mohonk Preserve, and the v-shaped Stony Clove and Deep Notches that give a glimpse of what is behind the mountains that comprise the Devil’s Path. Timber rattlesnakes are present in the very rocky areas on Tremper, so be sure to be on the lookout. The tower was re-opened on June 9, 2001 with a crowd on hand for the dedication and ceremony. Today, the tower is staffed by volunteers on weekends throughout the summer.

Directions:

Take the red marked Phoenicia Trail from the trailhead parking on Old Route 28 to the Fire Tower and return via the same trail for a 3.4 mile, moderately-difficult hike. Visit hikes.nynytc.org for more detailed trail and driving directions.