Large Group Guidelines for the Finger Lakes Trail System

In light of current levels of trail usage, we believe the following guidelines will help to protect the Finger Lakes Trail, our landowner relationships, and the safety of the hikers using the trail.

Day Hikes of 25 or more people

Do your homework. Check the current maps and our website for Trail Condition Reports.

Notify the FLTC Service Center of date, location and expected number of hikers, runners or skiers. Please do this at least two weeks in advance (earlier if possible), and prior to any publicity (newsletters, news releases, etc.) being distributed.

A representative of the FLTC will discuss with you the need for:

- Respect for the generosity of our landowners
- Minimizing impacts using "Leave no trace" ethics to the extent it is practical.
- Arranging to use trailheads with sufficient parking space for the vehicles required.

The FLTC may recommend alternate locations or dates if appropriate to avoid seasonal restrictions due to hunting, and to minimize impact on the environment and landowner sensitivities.

Notify the DEC if the hike will be on State Forest Land or Wildlife Management Areas:

Region 3	New Paltz	Robert Herberger, Regional Forester	845-256-3084
Region 4	Stamford	Paul Trotta, Associate Forester	607-652-7365
Region 7	Cortland	David Sinclair, Regional Forester	607-753-3095 X216
Region 8	Bath	James Peek, Regional Forester	607-776-2165 X36
Region 9	Allegany	Wayne Cooper, Regional Forester	716-372-0645

Backpacking groups of 10 or more people

Notify the FLTC Service Center of date, location and expected numbers. A representative will discuss with you the items listed above for Day Hikes as well as backpacking concerns.

Notify the DEC and request a camping permit if the hike will be on State Forest Land or Wildlife Management Areas.

Camp only in designated campsites on private land. These are listed on FLTC maps.

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