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## **Autumn on Saranac River Trail**

Join us for upcoming events on Saranac River Trail as the seasons change. There's more to come before the snow flies. Make sure to register your name and email address on [saranacrivertrail.org](http://saranacrivertrail.org) so we can keep in touch (don't worry, we don't share our list). We're in the process of scheduling a repeat of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Trek — if you haven't been inside, it's fascinating and, don't worry, it's visitor-friendly but does involve walking and stairs. Sign up and we'll notify you when the date is set.



## **Max Moore Memorial Tree House Grand Opening — Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10 am- Noon Saranac Street Bridge and Pine Street**

The two-hour opening event features live music, an unorthodox “ribbon cutting”, a scavenger hunt, and a bake sale. The event is family-friendly and open to all. The Super Serious Please Don't Laugh band will provide family-friendly acoustic entertainment that will delight children and families and provide a fun environment for the event. Stewart's will provide free beverages, including lemonade and iced tea. The Advocacy and Resource Center will present a universally accessible scavenger hunt along the Saranac River Trail that will be open to kids of all ages and abilities.

## **Talk: Trails Today — Friday, October 9, 2015 11 AM, Community Room, Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place**

Jeff Olson, principal at Alta Planning + Design will talk about trails today. Jeff developed the Saranac River Trail feasibility study (back in 2006!) and is now working on the Greenway Extension Feasibility Study. He'll talk and take questions about trails today -- not just our Saranac River Trail, but also trail and bike sharing projects elsewhere.

Kick off the Columbus Day weekend with Jeff. Bring your questions, and feel free to bring a sandwich for the lunchtime gathering at 11 AM on Friday, October 9, 2015.

Jeff Olson is an architect, planner, and author who has been involved in greenways, open space, active living, and alternative mobility projects for more than 25 years. He has had a diverse career with national, international, and local experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. This experience was recognized in 2014 by the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals with a Lifetime Achievement Award. His unique vision and leadership ability are important assets to projects ranging from regional planning to site-specific projects and programs. Jeff teaches America's first university course in bicycle and pedestrian planning, and is Co-Director of the UAlbany Initiative for Healthy Infrastructure, which creates model plans connecting public works with public health. He is a frequent inspirational speaker at conferences, public meetings and other events.

## Photo Trek — Saturday, October 10, 2015 10 AM Meet at Saranac Street Bridge and Pine Street.

Our new Photo Trek with Penelope Clute and Ron Nolland. This time, we'll explore photo opportunities along the Trail with emphasis on Fall Leaves and the use of tripods. If you don't have your own tripod, we'll have a few you can play with. Do you think that tripods are only for traditional cameras? We'll explore the use of tripods with smart phones. About an hour with easy walking and benches along the way.

About the Photo Trek leaders:

Ron Nolland: "With most of my images based in the nature I see around me, I look to find patterns and details in plain sight. I usually find more there than originally meets the eye." Ron is a constant exhibitor in Strand Center member shows and Off Site Galleries, and his solo shows are also well received. Regularly selected for juried exhibitions, his work is also featured at Plattsburgh International Airport. A large permanent collection at Inn at Smithfield Best Western is featured in the Conference Room and the hotel lobby. An Adirondack Life Photography Contest Award Winner, Ron also provides custom photography and exclusive pieces for clients.

Penelope Clute: Penny showed serious interest in photography after graduating from Michigan State University in 1967, when she bought a 35mm camera, and moved from Michigan to her first job in Philadelphia. Taking black and white photos of the people and buildings around her, she learned to use a darkroom. Penny continued "capturing images" after joining VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) in 1968 Chicago. Two of her photographs from that period were published in the book Human Rights – Issues for a New Millennium by Linda Jacobs Altman (Enslow Publishers 2002), and another in Knocking on Doors - VISTA Volunteers Remember 1965-1971 (Harvard Bookstore Press 2010). She has had solo shows in the Clinton County, New York area; and has shown her work in group shows through the Strand Center for the Arts in Plattsburgh and the Adirondack Art Association in Essex, NY.

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*Friends of Saranac River Trail is a grass-roots group formed to develop and promote the tourist, recreational, commercial, historical, and natural opportunities of Saranac River Trail by providing public information; coordinating volunteer opportunities; as well as developing and purchasing trail amenities such as signs, benches, and the universally accessible Max Moore Memorial Treehouse.*

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