

## Leave No Trace Seven Principles

**PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE** | Learn about the distance and terrain to the waterfall you plan to visit. Choose equipment and clothing for comfort and safety. Be sure to check the weather prior to traveling to the waterfall trailhead.

**TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES** | To reduce erosion and ecosystem damage, stay on the maintained trail as you hike to each waterfall and try to walk only on rock and gravel while exploring your destination. Camp only at designated campsites.

**DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY** | Carry out everything that you carry in with you – including toilet paper. Consider bringing a small trash bag to pick up other people's trash. If you have to go the bathroom, please do so 200 ft or 70 big steps from trails and waterfalls.

**LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND** | Avoid damaging live trees and plants and leave all natural objects, such as pinecones and rocks, where you find them. Leave lean-to's, trail registers, and permanent campfire rings clean and in good condition.

**MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS** | Only build fires in established campfire rings at designated backcountry campsites, only use campfire wood that is dead and down on the ground, and completely drown your campfire with water before you leave.

**RESPECT WILDLIFE** | Observe wildlife from a distance so they are not scared and forced to flee. To protect yourself and to reduce stress to the wildlife you encounter, do not touch, feed, or get close to any wild animals.

**BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS** | Please yield to hikers walking uphill on the hiking trail. Many visitors come to these trails to experience the beauty and sounds of nature, excessive noise, uncontrolled pets, and damage to surroundings reduce the value of other's experiences.

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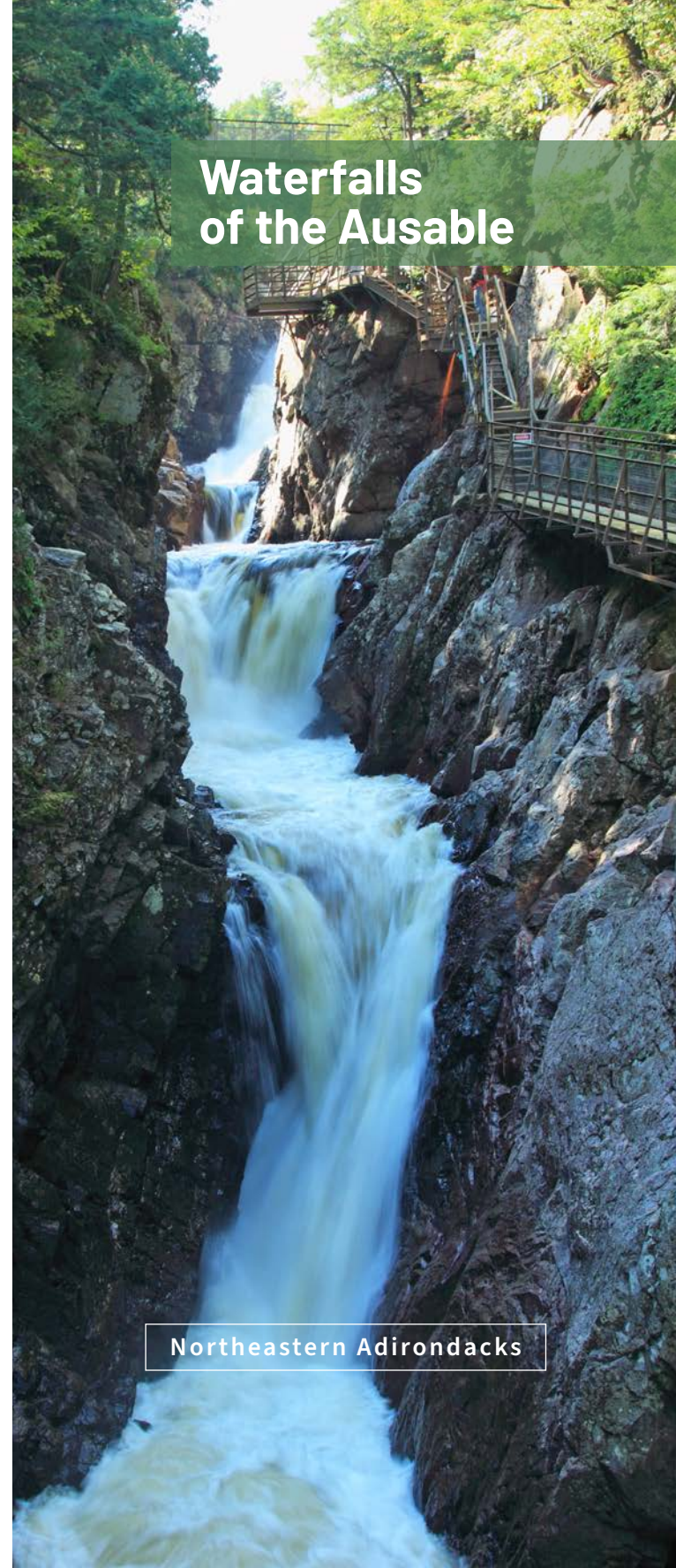
Since 1998, the Ausable River Association has protected our streams and lakes, their water quality, and the many forms of life that depend on them.



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## Waterfalls of the Ausable



Northeastern Adirondacks



## Adirondack Mountain Reserve

Since 1887, the headwaters of the East Branch Ausable River, its mountains, forests, and wildlife, have been protected under the private ownership of the Adirondack Mountain Reserve (AMR), home of the historic Ausable Club. While saving this delicate ecological zone from timbering, mining, and development, the AMR donated an easement granting limited public access. For visitor safety, for trail and ecosystem preservation, and for protection of the wilderness experience and these waterfalls, the AMR retained the right to restrict access as needed to preserve the natural and aesthetic resources of the reserve and prevent overuse. Unlimited access, off-trail travel, hunting, fishing, rock or ice climbing, swimming, and camping are prohibited. Through a program run by the AMR in partnership with the State of New York, visiting Rainbow or Beaver Meadow Falls requires reservations from [hikeamr.org](http://hikeamr.org) from May 1st to October 31st, 2022.



## Discover the many spectacular waterfalls of the Northeastern Adirondacks located in the Ausable Watershed.

From stunning waterfalls in the Adirondack Mountain Reserve to smaller roadside cascades, you will love each of these waterfalls! This guide features some of the most popular waterfalls the area has to offer.



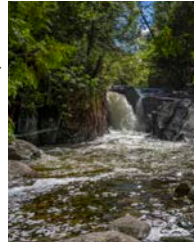
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**1 Roaring Brook Falls**  
 Waterfall type: 290 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 0.8 miles (base), 1.2 miles (top)  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 80 ft (base), 400 ft (top)  
 Trail difficulty: Easy (base), Moderate (top)  
 Parking coordinates: 44.150447, -73.767803  
 Limited parking year round. View falls from short walk to base or hike to the top.



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**2 Rocky Falls**  
 Waterfall type: 8 ft free fall/slide  
 Total Distance: 4.5 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 260 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Moderate  
 Parking coordinates: 44.183016, -73.964047  
 Parking lot fee required year-round. Backcountry camping available close to falls. Restrooms in parking area.



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**3 Indian Falls**  
 Waterfall type: 25 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 9 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 1,600 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Difficult  
 Parking coordinates: 44.183016, -73.964047  
 Parking lot fee required year-round. Beautiful view of MacIntyre Range from top of falls.



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**4 Bushnell Falls**  
 Waterfall type: 20 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 10 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 1,300 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Difficult  
 Parking coordinates: 44.189097, -73.815833 (late fall through late spring), 44.218216, -73.789230 (early summer through early fall)  
 Parking lot fee required year-round. Hiker shuttle early summer through early fall.



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**5 Monument Falls**  
 Waterfall type: 5 ft tall, long slide  
 Total Distance: Roadside  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: Roadside  
 Trail difficulty: Easy  
 Parking coordinates: 44.310663, -73.915609  
 Roadside waterfall with views of Whiteface Mountain. Monument Falls commemorates the 50th and 100th anniversary of Adirondack Park. Porta John – May thru Mid-October.



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**6 High Falls Gorge**  
 Waterfall height: Four falls, tallest is 35 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 0.5+ miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 100 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Easy  
 Parking coordinates: 44.347155, -73.877789  
 Privately owned, access fee required year-round. Pets are not permitted.



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**7 The Flume Falls - Route 86**  
 Waterfall height: Three falls, tallest is 15 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: Roadside to 0.2 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 60 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Easy  
 Parking coordinates: 44.366461, -73.841007  
 Parking limited in the summer. Swim at your own risk, and do not enter pools at higher water. Porta John – May thru Mid-October.



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**8 Jay Falls / Covered Bridge Falls**  
 Waterfall height: 10 ft tall, multiple slides  
 Total Distance: Roadside  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: Roadside  
 Trail difficulty: Easy  
 Parking coordinates: 44.372510, -73.725587  
 Located below one of only two covered bridges in the Adirondacks. Parking available on both sides of covered bridge and surrounding park.



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**9 Rainbow Falls - AMR**  
 Waterfall type: 150 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 9 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 1,080 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Moderate  
 Parking coordinates: 44.149725, -73.767958  
 Free permit needed May 1 – October 31.  
 Pets are not permitted on trail.



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**10 Beaver Meadow Falls - AMR**  
 Waterfall type: 60 ft free fall  
 Total Distance: 6.5 miles  
 Maximum elevation gain/loss: 750 ft  
 Trail difficulty: Moderate  
 Parking coordinates: 44.149725, -73.767958  
 Free permit needed May 1 – October 31.  
 Pets are not permitted on trail.



For further information about the waterfalls described in this brochure, please visit our website at [ausableriver.org/explore](http://ausableriver.org/explore).

