



STATUS OF DEC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

September 12, 2011

AREA OPENINGS (9/12): DIX MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS and all trailheads along Route 73 are once again OPEN, with the exception of the main Adirondack Mountain Reserve Trailhead at the Ausable Club.

DEC has now reopened the three wilderness areas and a majority of trails that were closed as a result of damage from Hurricane Irene. However, some trails remain closed in both the Eastern High Peaks and the Dix Mountain Wildernesses due to significant amount of blowdown, washed out bridges and eroded & cobbled trails .

TRAIL ADVISORIES (9/12): Trails that are not closed still may have bridges washed out and water levels in most rivers and brooks are at spring high water levels. Crossings may be impassable at this time. These trails may also have blowdown, eroded sections or flooded areas. Pay close attention as many trails have been rerouted to avoid heavily damaged sections and eroded drainages can be mistaken for trails. The ability to navigate with a map and compass is important.

The [High Peaks Trail Information](#) has a complete list of closed trails and the conditions for open trails. It will be updated as trails are reopened.

ROAD INFORMATION (9/12): State Route 73 is open its whole length from the Route 9 intersection to Lake Placid.

CAMPGROUND INFORMATION (9/12): 21 of the 41 Adirondack DEC Campgrounds have closed for the season as regularly scheduled. Fall camping is available through Columbus Day Weekend at 20 Adirondack DEC Campgrounds.

- Clinton County: Ausable Point
- Essex County: Crown Point, Paradox Lake, and Wilmington Notch
- Franklin County: Fish Creek, Meacham Lake, and Saranac Lake Islands
- Fulton County: Northampton Beach
- Hamilton County: Eighth Lake, Indian Lake Islands, Lake Durant, Lewey Lake, Moffit Beach, and Sacandaga
- Warren County: Lake George Battleground, Lake George Islands (Glen Island, Long Island, & Narrow Island), and Rogers Rock
- Herkimer County: Nicks Lake