

# TAKE THE OTSEGO OCTET FALL CHALLENGE!



The Fall Challenge features hikes with great views, hikes to see the leaves reflected in water, and hikes through quiet forests in and near Otsego County. Earn the Fall Octet Patch and Sticker when you complete 8 of the featured activities between September 23 and December 20. You also will get credit for participating in guided hikes and outdoor events. There's also a "Your Choice" option. Hike, bike, fish or paddle in a place of your choosing. Go apple picking, complete a corn maze, rake a neighbor's leaves. That counts too!

**During hunting season, hikers and pets should wear blaze orange or blaze pink for safety.**

Name(s):

Canine finishers (if any):

Email(s):

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, include my/our names in the Otsego Outdoors Octet Roster on [otsegooutdoors.org](http://otsegooutdoors.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of official Otsego Outdoors Fall Octet embroidered patches requested

\_\_\_\_\_ # of official Otsego Outdoors Fall Octet waterproof stickers requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like to help support Otsego Outdoors and efforts to build and maintain trails in Otsego County with a tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please make check payable to Otsego 2000 and or donate online [otsego2000.org](http://otsego2000.org), noting "Otsego Outdoors" in the comments section.)

**What was a favorite part of the Fall Octet?**

**What could be improved? Have ideas for future challenges?**

**Mail completed form to:** Otsego 2000, PO Box 1130, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Otsego Outdoors is a collaborative program of Otsego 2000, the Otsego Land Trust, Otsego County Conservation Association, and the Butternut Valley Alliance.

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# OTSEGO OCTET FALL CHALLENGE LOG

Complete 8 activities between 9/23 and 12/20 to earn the Fall Octet patch and sticker. **Hunting Season: wear blaze orange/pink and stay on trails.** Maps & more information at [otsegooutdoors.org](http://otsegooutdoors.org).

## NORTH

**Basswood Pond State Forest, Conservation Road, Burlington Flats** Blue Trail 2 miles *Date/Notes:*

**Betty & Wilbur Davis State Park, 133 Davis Road, Westford**  
Andy's Trail (2.7 miles), Hiking  
*Date/Notes:*

**Clark Tower Trails, Beaver Meadow Road, Cooperstown** (.4 miles from County Rd 52), Hiking or Mountain Biking, any trail. Trails are unmarked. *Date/Notes:*

**Fetterley Forest, 302 Roses Hill Road, Richfield**  
Overlook-Forest-Vernal Pond trails (1.1 mile) Hiking  
(Seasonal road, use caution or park at top of hill and hike in after rain/snow) *Date/Notes:*

**Glimmerglass State Park, 1527 County Hwy 31, Cooperstown** Hiking, Sleeping Lion Trail (2 miles) *Date/Notes:*

**Lordsland Preserve, 512 Gage Road, Roseboom (Orange Trail) and 277 Doc Ahlers Road, Roseboom (Blue Trail)** Each trail is .75 mile, do one or both. *Date/Notes:*

**Rogers Environmental Education Center, 2721 State Route 80, Sherburne** Hiking, multiple trails to choose from. Dogs not allowed *Date/Notes:*

**Star Field, Chicken Farm Hill Road, Cooperstown (Seasonal Road)** Star Field Trail (3.7 miles) Hiking *Date/Notes:*

## YOUR CHOICE ACTIVITY

Hike, bike, fish, or paddle at the destination of your choice in or near Otsego County. Apple picking and corn mazes count too. Enjoy! *Activity/Location/Date:*

## SOUTH

**Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Sanctuary, 52 Grange Hall Road Spur, Oneonta** Red and Blue trails (1.2 miles)  
*Date/Notes:*

**Gilbert Lake State Park, 18 CCC Road, Laurens**  
Gilbert Lake Trail (1.3 miles) Prior to 10/15, when the park allows hunting, you can hike any trail at Gilbert Lake.  
*Date/Notes:*

**College Camp, 119 Hoffman Road, Oneonta** *Trails are open to people working on Octet Challenge. No dogs allowed.*

**Goodyear Lake Waterway Access, Silliman Cove Road, Maryland** Main Trail (1 mile) hiking or paddling  
*Date/Notes:*

**Table Rock Trails at Hartwick College, Hartwick Drive, Oneonta** (Look for trailhead sign and designated parking for hikers) Blue Trail (2.2 miles)  
*Date/Notes:*

**Wilber Lake Cooperative Fishing Area, Wilber Lake Road, Oneonta** (look for DEC sign and parking area) Second entrance on East Street. Out and back 2 miles on logging road.  
*Date/Notes:*

## GO TO A GUIDED HIKE OR OUTDOOR EVENT

9/28: Free Fishing Day in New York State  
10/1: College Camp hike with ADK  
10/11: OCCA Get the Kids Out: Parslow Road  
10/26: OCCA Basswood Pond State Forest Hike  
more events at [otsegooutdoors.org/events](http://otsegooutdoors.org/events)  
*Event/Notes:*