

Winter is here! Complete eight of the featured activities between December 21, 2025 and March 19, 2026 to earn the Winter Octet patch and sticker. Some trails are a mile long and could take less than an hour, other trails could take several hours, especially in deep snow. For one of the Octet requirements, you can choose your own winter outdoor activity (ice skating, sledding, ice fishing, winter biking, making a snowman) anywhere in Otsego County. You also can earn Octet credit by participating in outdoor events, or reporting invasive species. Patches and stickers are free, but donations are welcome and appreciated. Mail completed form to Otsego 2000, PO Box 1130, Cooperstown, NY 13326. If you would rather complete the form online, see [otsegooutdoors.org](http://otsegooutdoors.org).



Name(s):

Canine Finishers (if any):

Email(s):

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, include my/our name(s) in the **Otsego Outdoors Challenge Roster**.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of official Otsego Outdoors Winter Octet embroidered patches requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of official Otsego Outdoors Winter Octet waterproof stickers requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Four Season Octeter Stickers requested (if you have completed an Octet in all four seasons)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to support Otsego Outdoors with a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to Otsego 2000 or donate at [otsego2000.org](http://otsego2000.org), and note it is for Otsego Outdoors)

**What was your favorite part of the Winter Octet?**

**What could be improved? What should we include in future challenges? Are there local stores or restaurants near trails that we should include on our website?**



# OTSEGO OUTDOORS WINTER OCTET CHALLENGE LOG

Complete 8 activities between December 21, 2025 — March 19, 2026.

## NORTH

**Arnold Lake State Forest, small parking lot on Joe Cornell Road, Milford** see website for map, out and back hiking/X-country skiing on either side of County 46

**Betty & Wilbur Davis State Park, 133 Davis Rd, Schenevus**  
*Andy's Trail (2.7 mile loop) Date/Notes:*

**Glimmerglass State Park, 1527 Cty Hwy 31, Cooperstown**  
*Select a trail Date/Notes:*

**Parslow Road Conservation Area, 127 Parslow Road, Hartwick**  
*Orange and Blue Trail loop (1.2 miles) Date/Notes:*

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

## PARTICIPATE IN AN OUTDOOR EVENT

Guided hikes and events, like First Day hikes at Glimmerglass and Gilbert Lake State Parks, listed at [otsegooutdoors.org](http://otsegooutdoors.org).

*Event/Notes:*

## SOUTH

**Fortin Park, 101 Youngs Road, Oneonta** *Cross Country Trail (perimeter of park)(1.4 miles) Date/Notes:*

**Gilbert Lake State Park, 18 CCC Road, Laurens**  
*Gilbert Lake Trail (1.3 miles) or Twin Fawns/Ice Pond Trail via Gilbert Lake Trail (3.5 miles) Date/Notes:*

**Goodyear Lake Waterway Access, Silliman Cove Road, Maryland** (bear left at end of road to get to parking lot)  
*Walking Trail (1 mile) Date/Notes:*

**Robert V. Riddell State Park, NY-28 near I-88 Exit 17, Davenport.** Parking lot north of I-88 for Tree Identification Trail, 1.5 miles

## New! Be an Invasive Species Spotter

Turn your walk into a mini mission. Use the iMapInvasives app to report any invasive species you encounter—especially Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Every observation supports conservation work across Otsego County.

## YOUR CHOICE ACTIVITY IN OTSEGO COUNTY

ice skating\*tubing\*sledding\*ice fishing\*winter biking\*skiing\*snowshoeing\*making a snowman\*building a snowfort  
*Date/Activity/Location:*