

Overnight Canine Hikes

The Heart of the Catskills

NY

Kaaterskill Falls (trail time - 1 hour)

Kaaterskill Falls, a two-tiered water plunge with a slight lefthand turn, is New York's highest waterfall. The upper ribbon of water drops a full 175 feet - the same as Niagara - and the lower falls tumble an additional 75 feet into a rocky basin. Kaaterskill was an inspiration for landscape painter Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School of painters, the first major art movement in the United States. The trail for the dogs is sometimes rugged but is less than one mile and a good introduction to the Catskills.



The dark, hemlock-filled gorge filters crystal-clear water below Kaaterskill Falls.

North-South Lake (trail time - 2 hours)

North-South Lake lies at the eastern edge of the Catskill escarpment where the elevation rises abruptly from 540 feet at its base of the cliffs to 2500 feet. The campground offers easy access to the trail along the escarpment where spectacular views of the Hudson River Valley will be purchased with very little effort on this mostly level canine hike.



Vistas arrive at regular intervals on canine hikes along the Escarpment Trail.

CANINE HIKE HIGHLIGHT: ON A GRASSY FLAT NEAR THE CAMPGROUND ONCE STOOD THE GRAND CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOTEL. FIRST BUILT IN 1823, A DAY-LONG STAGE COACH RIDE BROUGHT GUESTS TO THE HOTEL FOR GLIMPSES OF FIVE STATES ON CLEAR DAYS. THE VIEW FROM THE GREEK REVIVAL PORTICO WAS THE MOST FAMOUS IN AMERICA AND ENJOYED BY PRESIDENTS CHESTER ARTHUR, ULYSSES GRANT, THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND OTHERS. THE GRAND HOTEL IS GONE BUT THE VIEWS REMAIN TO BE ENJOYED WITH YOUR DOG.



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\$119 per person

2 Days/1 Nights

Includes:

- * **campground fee, tents, sleeping bags, insect repellents and other campsite amenities**
- * **camp breakfast and dinner; picnic food each day**
- * **dog food, water and bowls**
- * **human and canine first aid kits**

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for one day?
one day rate - \$69*



There are dogs-eye views throughout the Catskills.

Minnewaska State Park Preserve (trail time - about 4 hours)

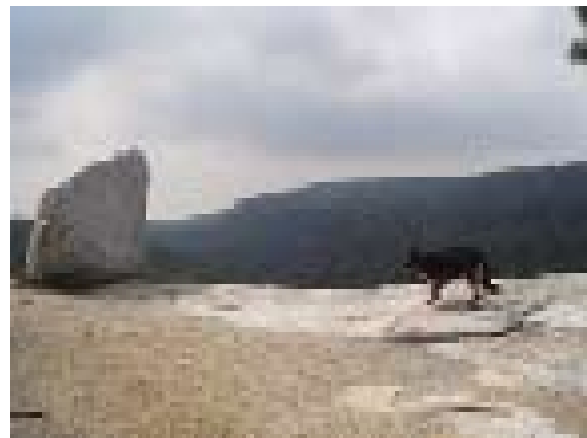
Alfred and Albert Smiley opened the Shawangunk Mountains, the Catskills' close southern neighbor, to the vacationing public after the Civil War when they built the Mohonk Mountain House. Later, a disagreement caused Alfred to move on and build the Cliff House nearby. After decades of jostling for tourist dollars the Smiley brothers reconciled and began building a network of carriageways between the two hotels. These, wide, carefully graded roadbeds are where we'll be hiking with our dogs.

For spectacular views of the Hudson Valley we'll use the *Castle Point Carriageway* to Castle Point, the highest summit in the park. Looks at the Catskill Mountains come quickly on the short, steep *Sunset Path*. The trek to Gertrude's Nose bursts from dark hemlock forest for extended canine hiking on exposed clifftops. There will be some rock scrambling but the views will more than offset the effort on this two-mile detour.

The narrow hiker-only paths are where the adventure begins for canine hikers at Minnewaska State Park Preserve and we'll use these to reach some of the treasures tucked deep in the Shawangunks, like Stony Kill Falls.



The canine hiking is easy on the beautifully crafted carriageways at Minnewaska State Park Preserve.



Many of the trails are on exposed cliff-tops - like this stretch near Patterson's Pellet.

Yes! I want to join the pack for the Heart of the Catskills Hike Trip

Date: _____

Both Days? **Day One Only?** **Day Two Only?**

Name (s): _____ **Dog Name:** _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____