# Summer 2020 Newsletter

Fellow Friends of Camp Santanoni –

We hope this message finds you safe and well. 2020 has been an unusual year, to put it mildly. In a time of so much stress and uncertainty, we need nature more than ever and we're glad that the Santanoni Preserve remains open to lovers of history and outdoor recreation. We welcome you to visit and spend time in the woods, feel the breeze on the camp's porch, and watch the loons on Newcomb Lake.

**Covid-19 Updates**

Camp Santanoni continues to be open for public access, and summer staff will be on site through Labor Day. Here's what to expect when you visit:

- Daily tours, rides on the Newcombe Farm wagon, trails, and campsites are all open as usual.
- **Please bring a mask.** We ask that visitors wear masks inside buildings and when on tours. While Santanoni allows plenty of space for social distancing, we ask visitors to please be courteous and allow others plenty of space while on the road and exploring buildings within the historic area.
- Only a limited number of buildings and rooms are currently open to the public.
- Remember to sign in at the trailhead! This summer more than ever, it is important for us to be able to track usage of the camp & preserve.

**Santanoni Wagon**

The horse and wagon operated by Newcombe Farm is an excellent way to experience Santanoni! Advance reservations are required for the wagon, which will be available into the fall. For more information and to reserve your spot, reach out to Larry & Pam Newcombe at 518-639-5534 or on **Facebook**.

**Special Events and Volunteer Days**

There is plenty going on at Santanoni over the next few months! We'd love to have you join us for a special event or tour.

- **8/15 Camp Staff Tour.** Join us for these first-ever tours focusing on the work and experiences of Camp Santanoni staff. We'll explore places through the eyes of the people who kept the camp running. Suggested donation of $20. Limited spaces.Register by contacting Jessica Parker, **jessica@aarch.org** or by calling AARCH at 518-834-9328.
- **8/26 Farm Landscape Volunteer Day.** Reach out to Howie at hkirschenb@aol.com for questions and to sign up.
- **8/29 Farm Staff Tour.** These tours will focus on the lives of the families who lived at Santanoni's farm year-round. Tours, which will go through several of the buildings at the farm, will meet at the stone creamery building. No advance registration required.
- **9/12 & 9/26 Santanoni September Saturdays.** After our regular season, head out to camp by foot, bike, or wagon to enjoy regular daily tours at 1 and 3.
- **9/12-9/13 Virtual Teddy Roosevelt Weekend.** Check out

**discovernewcomb.com** for more information about this year's events.

- **9/30 AARCH Day Long Tour.** Journey back in time on an in-depth tour of this National Historic Landmark. Enjoy a leisurely draft-horse wagon-ride or hike along the 9.8 mile roundtrip excursion. Stop at the gate lodge and farm before arriving at the camp perched masterfully on Newcomb Lake. Eat your picnic lunch under the same eaves that sheltered Theodore Roosevelt. On a private tour, walk into buildings to appreciate the workmanship, hear about the families and celebrity guests who summered here, and see first-hand efforts to conserve this jewel. The tour begins at 10:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. There is a suggested donation of $25. A limited number of seats are available on a horse-drawn wagon for an additional $30 fee. Fee includes a "Visitor's Guide to Camp Santanoni." Pre-registration is required. Register by contacting Jessica Parker, **jessica@aarch.org** or by calling AARCH at 518-834-9328.

**Open in Newcomb**

If you haven't been to Newcomb lately, you're missing out! Whether you're visiting or just passing through, check out Newcomb's **newest businesses and your old favorites**.

- **Newcomb Café and Campground**. 8-3 pm daily (closed Tuesdays). The revived café has great food (indoor and outdoor seating), a general store, and a nice private campground.
- **Lake Harris Lodge**. Open Wednesday-Sunday (see website for hours). This beautiful new spot has casual dining and lodging options.
- The Inn at Santanoni. Located right at the road into Santanoni Preserve, this is a great spot if you're looking for a private room or to rent a house. You can find information on **AirBnb** or reach out on the I**nn at Santanoni Facebook page**.

**Summer Staff**

This year, we're lucky to have four great staffers at Santanoni. Theresa Moriarty and Wilkes Jordan are both returning staff from previous summers, with Collin Wolf, a new staffer, and Gabi Perlman, a former staffer who has joined us as a volunteer. We know it has been a crazy year for everyone, and we're lucky to have some people who know the ropes back at camp. Their previous knowledge of Santanoni has been invaluable during this unusual year. In addition to leading tours, acting as camp hosts, and continuing the ever-lasting project of restoring windows, staff have taken on various other projects this summer including a project to document and dismantle the severely deteriorated Farm Manager's Cottage woodshed, a later addition to the building; installing small galleries of historical photos at both main camp and at the farm; and patching the Herdsman's Cottage porch, a much-needed fix to one of our favorite farm buildings.

We're so happy to count you among our Friends, and we'd love to see what you're up to! Share your photographs of your trips to Santanoni, your favorite spot along the road, or that spectacular sunset with us at the **Camp Santanoni and Santanoni Preserve Facebook page**. Let your friends know about the site, and encourage them to visit. Your visitation, donations to our preservation efforts, and love for the site are what will preserve Santanoni for another generation.

We look forward to seeing you again soon at Santanoni!

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Friends of Camp Santanoni

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**Please consider joining us to support our important work at Santanoni**

**Sign up to Volunteer**

**Donate to the Friends**

## About Adirondack Architectural Heritage

Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) is the historic preservation non-profit organization for the Adirondack region. Since the early 1990s, Adirondack Architectural Heritage, along with NYSDEC and the Town of Newcomb, have worked to stabilize some of the major buildings at Camp Santanoni and provide interpretive services. In 1998, this partnership, along with the hundreds of others who love this special place, launched the Friends of Camp Santanoni to provide long-term financial and volunteer support for the camp.

Each summer, AARCH leads a robust series of tours across the Adirondack park of both private, public, and rarely-seen resources including great camps, prisons, islands, and hamlets. AARCH also advocates for the preservation of historic resources across the park, provides technical assistance, and helps connect owners of historic buildings to the information and resources they need, such as tax credits, grants, and local contractors. Visit **AARCH.org** for more information and to join us!

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