

## Campground

[Sharp Bridge](#) is a beautiful campground that is very close to some of the best climbing in the Adirondacks! We are limited to 6 campers per site, so please select your site on [the planning spreadsheet](#) or you can wait until July 20 when we will assign climbers to available sites.

### **Parking:**

We are limited to two cars per site so please use the overflow parking area, especially on Saturday night. Overflow parking is directly to your left before entering the campground gate. It's a very short walk to the pavilion where we'll have dinner on Saturday night.

### **Amenities:**

The campground has water, bathrooms, and showers

### **Cell service:**

You almost certainly **will not have cell service** at the campground so keep that in mind if making plans with others or if relying on GPS.

### **Campground map:**

Below is an annotated map of the campground. We've marked our sites and the location of dinner on Saturday. Keep this handy especially if you're arriving late because it can be tricky to navigate in the dark!

## Saturday Dinner

We will be having a group dinner on Saturday night at 7:30 PM. The dinner will be at the campground in the pavilion ([marked on this map](#)). We **highly suggest bringing camp chairs or picnic blankets** as picnic table seating is very limited! Please bring your own beverages of choice. There are fire rings here where we will have a fire after dinner.

## Food, Gas, Gear

This part of the Adirondacks is somewhat remote and has a limited selection for food, gas, and beer. We suggest bringing breakfast and lunch for climbing days to make life easier, but below are a few viable options.

## Restaurants

[Noon Mark Diner](#) - good no frills spot for all meals, including to-go ice cream (the most important meal). About 15 minutes from Sharp Bridge in Keene Valley. Good spot for breakfast before climbing near Chapel Pond.

[ADK Cafe](#) - probably the best spot in the area. Fantastic breakfast (recommend the French Toast) but serves hearty lunch and dinner as well. Worth visiting if your climbing plans are nearby but don't expect fast food. About 20 minutes from Sharp Bridge in Keene Valley, another good spot for breakfast if climbing near Chapel Pond.

**Elizabethtown** - Elizabethtown is about 15 minutes North of Sharp Bridge on your way to Poke-O. It has a greasy spoon diner, grocery store, and a gas station with to-go sandwiches. It has a few dinner options as well.

## Gas (and beer):

Elizabethtown has a gas station 20 miles north of the Campground. Keene and Keene Valley has a few more options and a better selection of beer. Your best bet is to fill up along the way. The closest spot off the highway before getting off for the campground is a Sunoco in Schroon Lake at exit 28 off I-87.

## Gear

If you've forgotten anything, [the Mountaineer](#) is sure to have it! This is one of the best gear stores we've ever seen and worth a visit if you're in Keene Valley. If you need a guidebook, this is a great spot to pick one up.

We recommend the [Adirondack Rock](#) book by Jim Layer and Jeremy Haas. A new 2 volume edition just recently came out and sells for \$40 total. As far as guide books go, this one is very good.

## The Birds and the Bees

Be sure to check [here](#) for the latest peregrine closures before heading up for the weekend, although things are pretty wide open at this point. And if you use bug spray, BRING IT! The Adirondacks hosts an impressive quantity of annoying bugs.

## Climbing

It would be hard to overstate the amount of accessible climbing available in the Adirondacks. Seriously, it is jam packed with cliffs! We highly recommend purchasing the guidebook as Mountain Project is under-developed for this area.

Below is some beta for climbing areas. Those listed are generally less than a 30 minute drive from Sharp Bridge with less

than 20 minute approaches. This is just a *small* selection of cliffs near our campground. Check out the guidebook for info on the endless options! If you need directions to a cliff and cannot find them online or in the guidebook, email [summerrendezvous@amcbostonclimbers.com](mailto:summerrendezvous@amcbostonclimbers.com). [This map](#) is also a great resource to pinpoint cliff locations (navigate using the left sidebar).

### **Closest to campground:**

**Sharp Bridge Campground** - It doesn't get closer than this. This is a 10 minute walk from the pavilion. It has seven climbs from 5.3 - 5.9 all of which are very well protected and can also be easily accessed to set up top ropes.

**Deadwater** - This cliff is located a 10 minute walk from a pullout 1.3 miles North of the campground. It has grades from 5.6 upwards with the highest concentration in the 5.10 range (but some high quality 5.7-5.9 pitches). It is an impressive cliff and quite quiet given its easy access. It is not easy to top rope here without a leader.

**King Philips Spring Wall** - This area can be accessed from a pullout just 100 yards from exit 30. It is a very good spot for top rope groups and an easy 10 minute approach. Try your first lead on four-star Metacomet (5.2 G).

### **Best for top roping:**

**Owl's Head Mountain** - This is a slightly further drive than some of the other recommendation but is considered the best spot in the area for top roping with a handful of 5.6-5.7 cracks.

**Creature Wall** - This cliff near Chapel Pond is accessible, easy to top rope and chock full of moderate handcracks with many from 5.6 - 5.8.

**Jewels and Gems** - Popular crag with a 1 minute approach near Chapel Pond. It has routes from 5.6 - 5.11 with very easy top rope access and a nice base area.

**Tanager Face** - This wall near Chapel Pond in the Cheap Date area has a number of short, challenging crack climbs that are top rope-friendly. Be sure to drop a line on Lifelong Affliction (5.8+) or Veracity (5.10a).

### **Best for moderate leads:**

**Pitchoff Chimney Cliff** - This area is a bit of a drive but well worth it. Check out Pete's Farewell (5.7 G, 3 pitches), Great Chimney (5.6 G, 3 pitches), or The El (5.8 G, 3 pitches, crazy exposure!).

**Upper Washbowl** - Great views on several classic multi-pitch routes perched above Chapel Pond. Check out Wiessner

route (5.6 G, 3 pitches) or Hesitation (5.8 G, 3 pitches).

**Spanky's Area** - This area near Chapel Pond has several walls with options for burgeoning leaders. It has a fair number of routes in the 5.3-5.6 range. Pairing this with a multipitch in Upper Washbowl and a dip in Chapel Pond would make a great day!

**First Lead Slab** - Five routes from 5.2-5.7. Their names take the guesswork out of choosing your route. They are First Lead, Second Lead, Scary Lead, No Lead, and Last Lead. The approach is a bit longer than most at 25 mins.

**Chapel Pond Slab** - This area has two outstanding multi-pitch moderates. Empress (5.5 X) is a very popular 7-pitch route despite a 90' runout on P4. Regular Route (5.5 PG) is the most popular and best protected route on the cliff. It is six pitches with a standout crack-in-a-corner on P3.

**Beer Walls** - Beer Walls have 17 climbs rated 5.6 or under, making it a great destination for new leaders. It also has a wide selection of climbs from 5.7 - 5.12 and is top rope accessible in many areas.

**Poke-O Moonshine** - Poke-O has some of the best multi-pitch routes in the Adirondacks. Though the highest concentration of routes is from 5.10-5.11, it has a classic four-pitch 5.5 called Catharsis with five-star exposure on clean slab.

## Partners

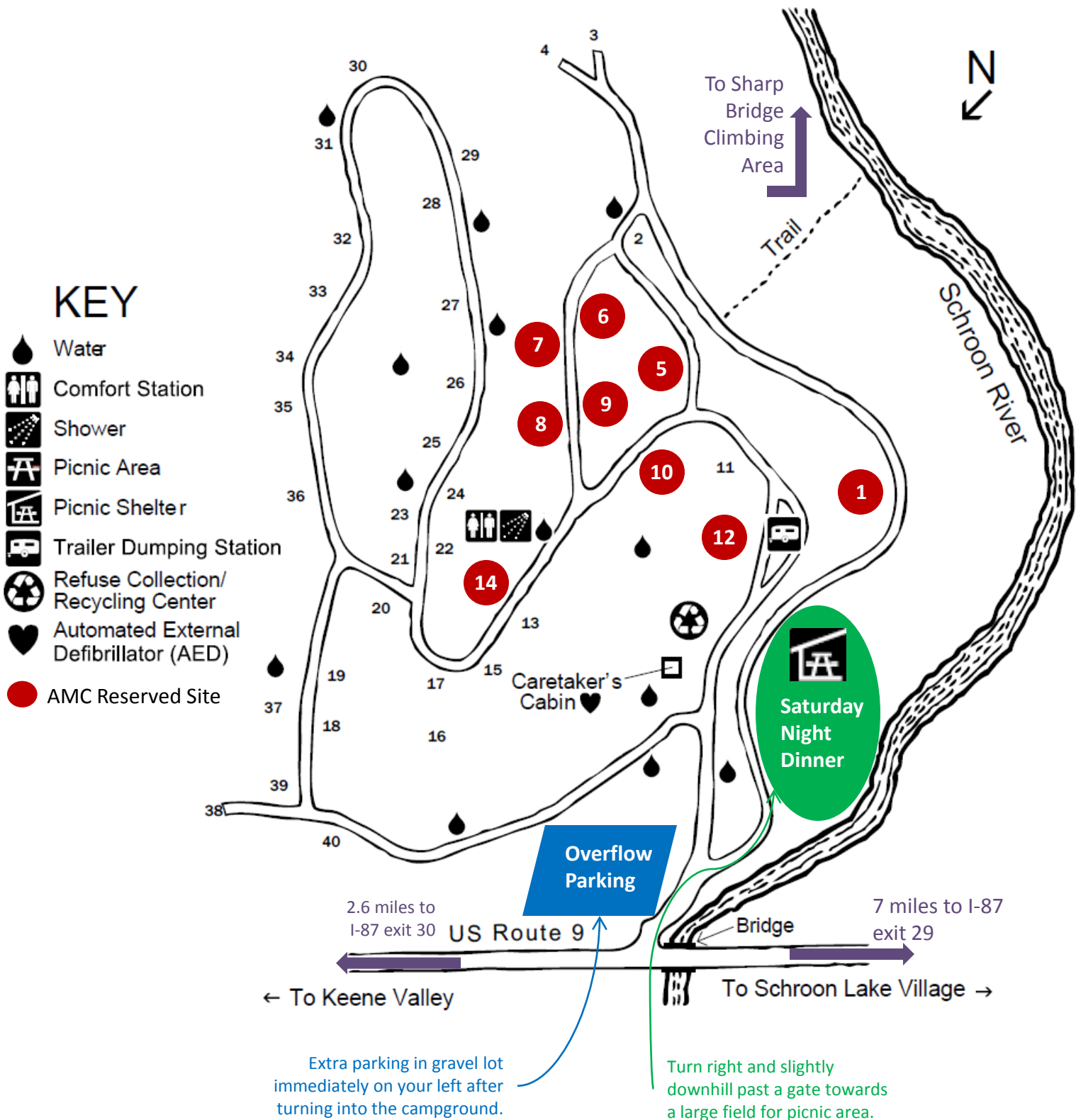
We are not pairing climbers at Summer Rendezvous so we recommend making plans in advance. If you are looking for a leader or willing to take out a second, please fill out your details on [this spreadsheet](#). We have a 'no climber left behind policy' and will help facilitate if you are unable to find a partner but try to make your own plans first!

## Questions?

Shoot us an email at [summerrendezvous@amcbostonclimbers.com](mailto:summerrendezvous@amcbostonclimbers.com). Or feel free to ask John G. or Alissa D. in person :)

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## Sharp Bridge Campground – Annotated Map



Extra parking in gravel lot immediately on your left after turning into the campground.

Turn right and slightly downhill past a gate towards a large field for picnic area.