



Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests Offer

An All Trails-All Seasons Challenge

BARKHAMSTED, CT—Like to hike or spend time outdoors in nature? Would you like a fun challenge that will last a year and afford you the treasures of nature? Then join the Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests (FALPS) for its All Trails-All Seasons Challenge.

The All Trails-All Seasons Challenge require that you hike all trails—which comprise 12.6 miles—in American Legion and Peoples State Forests in each season of the year, beginning on June 1, 2016 and ending on May 15, 2017. You can do the trails individually or as a group and, at the end of your challenge, be congratulated with a tee shirt and a picnic on June 4, 2017 at the Whittemore Recreation Area in Peoples State Forest.

We ask that participants pre-register before they begin the Challenge. To get your pre-registration form please e-mail ctfalps@gmail.com or send us a message on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ctfalps>.

Besides pre-registration, the only other qualifications are: Hike all trails identified on the official map in their entirety in each of the four seasons, submit one photo per season along a trail within the challenge area and, when you're all finished, submit the Official Completion Form with a check for \$20 after all hiking is completed. This will help defray the costs of tee shirts and the luncheon. Please e-mail FALPS at ctfalps@gmail.com for your Completion Form or send us a message on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ctfalps>. Feel free to share photos and comments documenting your progress on our Facebook page as you take the Challenge!

Following are the time frames for each season:

- Summer- June 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016
- Fall- September 1, 2016- November 30, 2016
- Winter- December 1, 2016- February 28, 2017
- Spring- March 1, 2017- May 15, 2017

Special awards will be given out at the picnic, including prizes for the oldest and youngest participants.

“We’re excited to present the All Trails-All Seasons Challenge in hopes that it will encourage folks to get out into nature but also expose them to the beauty of American Legion and Peoples State Forests,” said Ralph

Scarpino, President of the FALPS board. “There may be only 12.6 miles of hiking trails in our forests but they are packed with natural and historical wonders as well as beautiful and fascinating flora and fauna.”

As Henry David Thoreau said of his forays throughout New England, “When we walk, we naturally go to the fields and woods: what would become of us if we walked only in a garden or a mall?”

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