History
The Adirondack Mountains are a range of peaks in Northeastern New York State related geologically to the Appalachian Mountains to the south and the Laurentian range in Quebec to the north. The mountains consist of very ancient rock, about a billion years old, which has been uplifted into a “dome” over the last 5 million years or so.

Human habitation of the Adirondack region is quite recent. Native tribes of Mohawk and Algonquin Indians hunted in the region, but did not settle there. The first Europeans explored the area in the mid 17th century. As settlement of the region began, the vast timber resources of the Adirondack forest were exploited for building materials and fuel. This exploitation continued for nearly 200 years as demand for wood for timber and land for farming and mining grew. By the mid 1800s, public appreciation for the remote Adirondack wilderness began to increase as writers and artists romanticized the region. Tourism increased as the concept of the “Great Camp” became popular. Larger numbers of city dwellers came as railroads made the region more accessible.

By the late 19th century, concern over the depletion of the Adirondack’s resources resulted in calls for the region to be preserved “forever” as wild forest. In 1885, the Adirondack Forest Preserve was created and in 1892 the Adirondack Park was formally recognized and given the permanent protection of the New York State Constitution two years later, thanks to the pioneering work of conservationists like Verplanck Colvin and Seneca Ray Stoddard.

The Adirondack Park is over six million acres in size and remains a mix of state-owned and privately held land. Development of land within the park is regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency, created by New York State in 1971. Much of the private land held by timber companies and other large landowners is protected from development by easements purchased by the State. Other lands have been purchased by environmental groups such as The Nature Conservancy.

Balancing the preservation of public access to the natural beauty and the undeveloped nature of the Adirondacks and the rights of landowners to privately enjoy and develop land within the Park continues to be a major challenge for those who live, work and recreate in the Adirondacks.

Scope & Content:
The Adirondack Collection consists of booklets, publications and ephemeral material on Adirondack people, organizations, and places. Also included are series of photographs by Seneca Ray Stoddard and Edward Bierstadt, as well as other early photographers and a series of maps of the Adirondack region.

Stoddard, Seneca Ray, 1844-1917 Photographer
Bierstadt, Edward, 1824-1906

Provenance
Ongoing collection; by purchase & gift

Keywords: mountains, woods, forest, park, conservation, trails, photographs, lakes, canoeing, environment, camp,

See Also:
Paul Jamieson Collection—MSS #74
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Student research paper—Seneca Ray Stoddard: Landscape Pioneer, by Sam Staples

6 Edward Bierstadt (1824-1906) “The Adirondacks” Artotype photo booklet

Numbered Bierstadt Artotype photographs

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#1314 Looking down Long Lake from Above the Village
#1321 Outlet of Blue Mountain Lake

7 Photos by an unknown photographer

Bound album “Adirondacks 1886”
Four folders labeled “Various Adirondack Locales”
(some locations are identified—all photos appear to have been labeled by the same person, but it is unknown if the same photographer took them)
“Sugaring in Keene Valley, with Phelps and Beedes, ca. 1910

Adirondack region post cards from Eastern Illustrating and Publishing (probably 1940s and/or 50s—all locations identified)

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The Adirondack Mountain Club Newsletter. Lake George, NY: The Club, c1991-

Adirondack Park Agency Reporter. Keene Valley: Susan Allen, editor and publisher, 1992-
LIB HAS: (3)-20;  1994-2011 SPEC F127.A2 A36

Adirondack Peeks. Morrisonville, N.Y.: Adirondack Forty-sixers. 1964-
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Adirondack Review. ? (online)

Annual Report. Schenectady: Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks
LIB HAS: 72nd; 1973 SPEC F127.A2 A84

Annual Report. Ray Brook: Adirondack Park Agency

Blueline. Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y., Alice Gilborn. SUNY Potsdam?

LIB HAS: zip 1938- nada nothing?!

Forest and Stream; a Journal of Outdoor Life, Travel, Nature Study... NY: Forest and stream.
LIB HAS: 1-15,17-78,80,83; 1873-1914 PER SK1 .F7

Harrier. Canton, N.Y. : St. Lawrence/Adirondack Chapter National Audubon Society, 1985-
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The Adirondack Country
Adirondack and Northway Travel Guide Map

Bob Marshall Wild Lands Complex map, 2011
Map of Township No. 20—Upper Saranac Lake region
USGS Quadrangle maps of Adirondack Park (in Oversize)
Verplanck Colvin 1874 Adirondack Survey sketch (in Oversize)
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