

NYSOWA 2023 Fall Safari

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 (Fri-Mon)

Thurber Pond, Fort Ann (Hogtown),
Washington County

Summary: Thurber Pond is a 30-acre private lake in the Hogtown area of West Fort Ann. Although it is surrounded by private land, there are thousands of acres of Adirondack Forest Preserve lands very close by, which are part of the Lake George Wild Forest. We will be staying in a large rental house and an apartment adjacent to Thurber Pond.

Hunting: This location is in the Northern Zone so grouse, archery season for deer and the black bear season will all be open. Turkey season opens here Oct. 1 (Sunday). Whitetail hunting on the Thurber Pond property is buck only but there are places available where antlerless deer can be taken. There may also be some pheasant hunting opportunities, which also opens Oct. 1.

Fishing: Thurber Pond is a prime largemouth bass fishery. Fishing is catch-and-release only. Rowboats and canoes are available and should be used to prevent the spread of invasive species. Use of a pontoon boat on nearby Hadlock Pond (bass, pike) may be available and there may also be some guided Lake George trips available. There's plenty of on-your-own fishing in the region so feel free to bring a canoe or kayak. Trout anglers may want to consider the moderate 1-mile hike into nearby Inman Pond to fish for brook trout, or a Sleeping Beauty/Bumps Pond (trout) hiking/fishing combo.

Hiking: Hogtown is an extremely popular hiking area. Favorite local hikes are Buck (Dan will lead a guided hike here), Sleeping Beauty and Shelving Rock mountains, as well as the trail to Inman Pond. There is wonderful network of easy trails on the shores of Lake George that include a visit to Shelving Rock Falls.

Link to DEC's Lake George Wild Forest page: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/53165.html>

Thurber Pond Link: <https://www.adkbyowner.com/listings/VR12761.html>

Notes: Typically, the family only rents out the house, but we'll also have the family's separate apartment with four additional bedrooms. Space will be limited, back-up accommodations may be needed and are in the works.

Due to a flat rate rental agreement the registration fee is not flexible based on the number of nights one stays.

As you'll see from the itinerary, there is plenty of time to relax or explore on your own in a remote setting.

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Fee: \$150

Schedule

Friday, Sept. 29:

- Arrival (come anytime), Meet n' Greet w/Taco Bar - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30:

- Morning outings
- Lunch - on your own (meat & cheese platter provided)
- Dinner - Dan Ladd's house, 4pm Sponsored by NY Outdoor News. Pumpkin picking too (harvest pending).

Sunday, Oct. 1:

- Morning outings
- Lunch/Dinner 1p.m. - Pot luck cookout on the lake with the Iron Sight Gang (Dan's hunting crew).

Monday, Oct. 2: Departure

Outings

	Saturday	Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/> On your own hiking (maps available)	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> On your own bowhunting (buck only at Thurber)	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowhunting at Dan's (antlerless allowed)	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> On your own grouse/bear hunting	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> Guided hike up Buck Mt. (5 miles)	___	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> On your own turkey hunting	N/A	___
<input type="checkbox"/> On your own fishing	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing on Hadlock Pond (pontoon boat)	___	___

The following opportunities may develop, circle any that interest you:

Guided Lake George fishing, Pheasant hunting (Sunday), Trap shooting (Sunday, BYO ammo).

Off-site registration fee: \$25.

Please make checks payable to Dan Ladd and send this page to:

Dan Ladd, PO Box 302, Fort Ann, N.Y. 12827

Registration deadline is Sept. 8. Reservations will be made in order of receipt.

