



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Two More OCCA-Sponsored Nature Walks Set for This Month**

COOPERSTOWN – Otsego County Conservation Association has organized two more nature walks for the month of July. Terry Bliss leads a walk to Bear Swamp on Saturday, July 17 and on Sunday, July 25, Joe Homburger will head a hike up the Sleeping Lion Trail.

Those interested in Bear Swamp, which is located in the Cherry Valley State Forest, should meet at the Country Kitchen in Roseboom at 9 a.m. From there, they will proceed to the trailhead with Bliss. For more information, call (607) 547-4225.

The Sleeping Lion Trail, uphill and down through the forest at Glimmerglass State Park, affords peek-a-boo views of Otsego Lake while walking through majestic white pines, hemlocks and hardwoods. Participants should meet at the parking area next to the westerly pavilion at the base of the hill leading up to Hyde Hall. This moderately difficult 2-1/2 mile hike, led by Homburger, is jointly sponsored by OCCA and Friends of Glimmerglass State Park. For more information, call (607) 547-8662.

Since 2001, OCCA has organized nature walks on local trails. This year's schedule is comprised of nine trails throughout Otsego County – including four state parks – several of which are featured in the OCCA publication "Otsego Walks & Paddles." Other dates, venues and hike leaders for 2010 are: August 7, Summer Birds and Neo-tropics at Milford State Forest with Dave Kiehm; August 15, A Walk in the Clouds at Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park with Joe Ritton; September 11, Nature Walk at Lordsland Preserve with former OCCA Board member Dick deRosa; and October 24, Robert V. Riddell State Park Hike to Mud Lake with Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent. For complete details on each of the walks, including start times and directions, visit [http://occainfo.org/documents/NatureWalksposter2010\\_000.pdf](http://occainfo.org/documents/NatureWalksposter2010_000.pdf). For more information, e-mail [admin@occainfo.org](mailto:admin@occainfo.org).

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