Education and Outreach

Education and Outreach at the Newcomb Campus meets state standards and Common Core benchmarks. Customized educational programs are offered year-round and our professional staff of educators and researchers infuse hands-on experiential learning with the knowledge and research findings of the nation’s oldest stand-alone institution dedicated to the study of our environment. Plan a day-trip or take advantage of our housing and dining facilities for a multi-day experience.

Sample programs include:

- Wildlife Ecology
- Forest Ecology and Management
- Natural History of Literature
- Natural History of Fly Fishing*
- Ecology of Adirondack Lakes*
- Natural and Human History of Rich Lake*

*Programs utilize canoes and historic guide boats

Unplug and Reconnect

There is a fundamental societal shift toward increasing children’s exposure to nature. From educational programs to unstructured outdoor play time, the positive effects of getting kids outdoors are being recognized in improved physical, emotional and psychological health, academic performance and quality of life.

Unplug and Reconnect

Adirondack Interpretive Center

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What is ESF?

Founded in 1911, the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) is the top-ranked environmental college in the country. ESF is a doctoral degree-granting research institution, where students pursue studies in diverse fields of environmental science, engineering, design and management.

In addition to our 12-acre Syracuse campus, ESF operates a network of field stations, experimental forests and study sites occupying 25,000 acres across New York state, including locations in the Thousand Islands and the Adirondacks. ESF inspires tomorrow’s environmental leaders, creates knowledge and options for innovative solutions, and seeks societal consensus on the great environmental challenges of our time.
AIC Trails
The AIC features four hiking and running trails that wind 3.6 miles through its 236-acre property, along the shoreline of Rich Lake and Rich Lake Outlet. Trailheads are located at the Adirondack Interpretive Center building.

• R.W. Sage Jr. Memorial Trail: This 1.1-mile loop along the shoreline of Belden Lake passes through a mixed forest of coniferous and deciduous trees
• Rich Lake Trail: This 0.6-mile trail offers views of Rich Lake and Goodnow Mountain
• Peninsula Trail: Travel through old-growth hemlocks and admire the beauty of Rich Lake on this 0.9-mile loop
• Sucker Brook Trail: This 1.0-mile trail along Rich Lake travels parallel to the route logs took during the Hudson River log-driving days. This is a great trail to spot wildlife.

Surrounded By Adventure
While staying on the Newcomb Campus you are only a short walk or drive from incredible recreational opportunities including:

• 3.6-miles of public nature, walking and running trails at the Adirondack Interpretive Center
• Goodnow Mountain trail to summit fire tower
• Car-top canoe/kayak launch at Rich Lake (motor-less boating only)
• Great Camp Santanoni
• Hudson River rafting
• High Peaks Golf Course
• Essex Chain Wilderness and Wild Forest
• Upper Works historic area and access to the High Peaks Wilderness

Support the AIC
Each May, the AIC hosts the world’s only Rubber Loon Race along the Rich Lake Outlet. To sponsor a loon, or buy your own, visit esf.edu/aic/.