

The Catskill Fire Tower Project would like to pass along some important information regarding trail head parking when visiting the fire towers. We greatly appreciate all of you that are coming to visit these historic structures and the volunteers who man them on summer weekends. However, it seems we are often seeing hiker parking reach it's limit and overflow onto adjacent road ways. This causes safety concerns that we are working hard to address.

Some of those concerns are access to the road way and or trail head for emergency vehicles. If a hiker is injured, if an adjacent home has an occupant with a medical emergency or if an adjacent home has a fire, can the emergency vehicles pass through the roadway safely? During snowy weather, can the snow plow truck pass through the roadway safely?

Some of the concerns we have are about limited sight distance. Is there room for your hiking party to walk safely on the roadway and allow cars to pass at the same time?

We would appreciate your cooperation and assistance in helping us correct these safety concerns by adhering to the following:

A - Car Pool whenever possible with any family or friends you may be hiking with.

B – Arrive early to the trail head.

C – Is there another way to access the particular location you are planning on visiting?

D – Have an alternative hiking plan if the lot is already full.

E - Inform yourself of the parking regulations in the area you are visiting (some municipalities do not allow parking on the side of the road, during snow emergencies, etc.). You can contact the local municipality for the most accurate information about these regulations.

\*\*In addition to safety concerns when parking on a roadway, it may also be illegal to do so. You risk receiving a parking ticket and/or being towed. Nothing spoils a great hike faster than your car not being there when you return or a hefty traffic fine awaiting your return!

Thanks so much to all of you for your assistance in helping to alleviate the overcrowded parking while we work on alternative solutions. Thanks so much for visiting our fire towers. Enjoy your visit.

Catskill Fire Tower Project Volunteer Coordinators