



## LIMIT ACCESS AND STRESS IN THE HIGH PEAKS



A crowded day on Cascade Mountain. Photo by Dan Plumley

Thank you, DEC, for discussing Permit Reservation Systems in your High Peaks Wilderness Stakeholder Meeting in Keene Valley. It's high time.

A Permit Reservation or Limited Entry system for hiking and camping in overcrowded parts of the High Peaks Wilderness will benefit the hiker experience and the wilderness resource, and can also provide dedicated funds for Forest Rangers and trail upkeep.

Maine's Baxter State Park explains why it limits access to its wilderness through parking reservations and permits for overnight camping:

**“Why do we do this?”**

**We limit access to Katahdin to preserve the fragile alpine ecosystem and your experience as a visitor. Remember...we are charged with doing this in perpetuity, which is a very long time.”**

Sound familiar? Article XIV of our NY State Constitution and the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan give DEC the same wilderness protection mandate as Baxter State Park.

DEC can and must do this and as well as Baxter State Park – maybe even better.

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